

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Kon-nichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzień/dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo



“To be the Best Catholic Primary School that we can be.”

Additional activities and events for 2016 that will enhance the teaching and delivery of the New Zealand Curriculum

Trips (Jnrs):	\$60.00	Technicraft (Snr):	\$50.00
Trips (Mid/Snrs):	\$65.00	Read-It (Jnrs & R5)	\$5.00
ASB Sports:	\$20.00	Tissues (R1 only)	\$4.00
RE Digital Learning:	\$5.00	R1 Stationery	\$43.70
Photocopying:	\$10.00	<u>Voluntary</u> Donation	\$100.00 per child
Technicraft (Mid):	\$20.00	<u>Voluntary</u> Donation	\$200.00 per family

For your convenience you can pay directly into our Bank Account –
ASB 12-3140-0325505-00

Congratulations to: Our senior students **Louise, Micole, Amma** and **Helena** who wrote a superb article which has been published in the August issue of Welcom embracing the Year of Mercy by supporting a refugee family.

Special thanks to our **Student Liturgy Leaders** who organised a beautiful Mass in celebration of St Mary MacKillop and the Feast of the Assumption Our lady Mary Patroness of New Zealand. Thank you children for putting so much thought into making the Mass so meaningful for all the students at our school. The singing was outstanding – well done and you involved so many children throughout the Mass. Thank you to the readers, artists who made altar tablecloth, choir, altar servers and data projectionist. (See photos on next page.)

Life Education: The students have all benefited from having Charlotte and Harold sharing about looking after ourselves and being healthy. We are extremely grateful to the Parish who so willingly accommodated the Life Education trailer down in the carpark.



Fundraising for Cambodia through Caritas

Four of our Middle Syndicate students, Talikha, Sophia, Makenzie and Gabrielle spent their playtime and lunch times last term, making and selling loom bracelets. They had been learning about Cambodia in class and decided to do a fundraiser to help. They raised \$217.00 and presented this to Julianne Hickey, Director of Caritas.

We have produced the newsletter just for this week on Tuesday as Cathy is having the metal plate removed from her shoulder from her bike accident. Wishing you a speedy recovery Cathy.

Have a great week.
Arohanui

Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

To educate our children within a Catholic environment to achieve their full spiritual, academic and personal potential.

Coming Events

August

10 August – Juniors to ASB Sports Centre 11am-1.05pm. No Subway orders please.

19 August – Olympic Quiz testing day

24 August – Juniors to ASB Sports Centre 11am-1.05pm. No Subway orders please.

September

2 September 9 am Father’s Day Liturgy at the Cathedral

2017 Term Dates

Term 1: Wed 1 Feb – Thu 13 Apr
Term 2: Mon 1 May – Fri 7 July
Term 3: Mon 24 July – Fri 29 Sep
Term 4: Mon 16 Oct – Fri 15 Dec

Playground –The Board of Trustees and Parents and Friends would like to re-develop the playground area. As a community we are going to start this project off by having a **“Student Olympic Quiz”**.

On Monday your child brought home an Olympic Quiz Pack. This contains a series of questions to learn about the upcoming Olympic Games and a sponsorship form to collect sponsors from neighbours and friends. The students will be tested on Friday 19 August at school. Thank you for your support with this project - the children will have fun learning about the Olympic Games as well as contributing to the re-development of our playground.



Netball: Games were cancelled due to the weather.



The Mini Olympics in Room 6- by Luc'

This is probably one of the best things I've done in class, because it is creative and everyone has a chance to have fun and do their best. Some of the activities we did were "Cotton ball shotput", "Paper plate discus", "Straw Javelin" and "Virtual high jump".

The photo is of children taking part in the 'Cotton ball shotput'.

Photos taken from the **Mass** organised by the **Student Liturgy Group** – Celebrating **St Mary MacKillop** and the **Feast of the Assumption**:



Beautiful altar cloth designed by **Helena** and **Micole**.



Liturgy Choir sings Ka waiata

From Father James

For the joy in our hearts: that we might not block your gift of joy or deny its presence within us, but treasure it; may joy radiate through our conversation, our teaching and our every day. May the joy in our hearts heal what is hurting in us and around us.

For the joy in our world: that we might grow in awareness of the beauty that surrounds us; that we might cherish the earth and its resources; that we might see your joy in creation. In our living and in our teaching, strengthen our efforts to protect and honour all your gifts.

For the joy in our children: that those you entrust to us will grow and prosper in the joy of our teaching; that, as teachers, we will respect the uniqueness of each child; that the joy of their youth will resound throughout their lives.

For the treasure of joy: we give thanks for the joyfulness you plant within us; for its power to transform lives, to dispel sadness and fear. We praise you for this wonderful treasure. Help us to guard it, that it might remain our faithful guide as we follow your way.