

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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



"To be the Best Catholic Primary School that we can be.

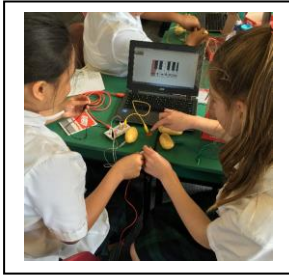
From 2017 our school will be participating in **Mathletics** which is an online tool that can be used at home and school. Rooms 6 and 7 have been trialling Mathletics and have found it very successful. Student log-ins have been set up and students will be able to access their account this year. Get your child to show you the Mathletics site. It will be a great opportunity to consolidate mathematical learning over the summer break. We will be having a Parent session early in 2017 – so you can maximize what Mathletics can offer at home.

'Making Things' Unit: Yr 7/8 students participating in the 'Making Things' unit, run through Victoria University. This involves electricity and circuits. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to **Alex Potanin** for setting up this unique learning opportunity.

"It has been really cool being able to try something different that we have never done before" Emily R10

"It has been cool to try new things that that we can't do in our usual classes." Louise R8

"I enjoy learning new things and am impressed how we can use everyday things like potatoes for electronics." Kieran R9



Congratulations to George Rm 8 who was selected to take part in the Inter-regional In-line Hockey tournament in Wanganui last Friday.

Netsafe Evening: A reminder that this event for parents will be held at the school, on **Thursday 27 Oct** starting at 5pm in Room 9. This will be led by **Karen** Spencer, Director of Education 'Netsafe' and she will be talking about how to keep your child safe online. I look forward to seeing you there.

EPRO8: Earlier this week, four Sacred Heart students went to the EPRO8 challenge in Khandallah School. This challenge involved a mix of engineering, mechanics and technology. The challenges this year was making an animatronic guard dog (robotic dog), theme park ride, a laser and a bridge. It was two and a half hours long, along with an additional hour packing up all the gear. The gear included aluminium rods, 3D printed connectors, four wheels, tons of nuts and bolts, and a bunch of electronic equipment.

The Sacred Heart team came 9th out of 12 in the competition, but despite this, they really enjoyed the competition.

The team that took part in this challenge included Nevan Rm9, Daniel Rm 9, Matthew Rm 8 and Benedict Rm 8.

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

Coming Events

26 Oct: New furniture arriving for Rms 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10.

27 Oct: Market Day **10.30-12 Mufti Day Netsafe evening** for parents **5 pm** led by Karen Spencer Director of Education "Netsafe"
-The purpose of this evening is to explore ways so that your child is a responsible digital citizen.
-Learn strategies to keep your child safe online.

- **Mum's Night out 6.30pm** at the Thistle Inn.

28 Oct: St Pat's College Art Exhibition – Contact Antonella for tickets: aspells@xtra.co.nz

29 Oct: Snr syn to ASB Sports Centre 9am-12noon

31 October – Pasifika Achievement Evening 5.30pm

2 Nov – All Souls' Mass 9.15- 10.30am

4 Nov – Central Zone Athletics 9am-2.30pm at Newtown Park

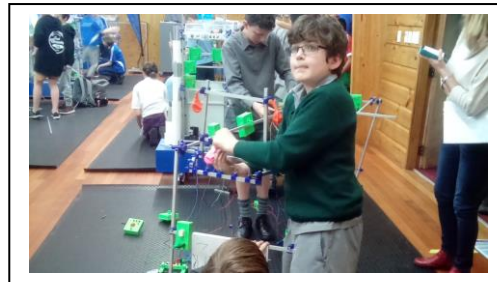
Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Ethan in Rm 1 who started at our school yesterday. We hope you enjoy your time at our school.

Stewardship in action. The Vespers sing at lunchtime Mass at The Cathedral. Boys who give their lunchtime to sing for the congregation.



Photos from EPRO8 Challenge



Arohanui
Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

Mum's Night Out – Thursday 27 Oct 6.30pm: *An open invitation to all Mums to join together at **The Thistle Inn** on Thursday 27th October from 6.30pm (after the Netsafe evening). All welcome, including our hardworking teachers! Join us for a cup of tea, a glass of wine and/or dessert, whatever suits you.*

Mission Day/Mufti Day - Thursday 27th October 10-30am-12.30pm: Parents are welcome to join us. The money raised will be gifted to the Cathedral. We are collecting toys, books and games for our Mission Day. Liturgy leaders will come to your classroom each day at 9.00am to collect your items. We would appreciate parents' help by baking treats like cookies, cupcakes, fruit kebabs etc. to sell on the day. Could baking etc. please be brought in on the day or the day before. We would appreciate students having small change for the day. It will also be a **free mufti day** (no uniform).

List of prices for items on sale to give you an idea: Sausages \$1.50, Candy Floss 50c, Face Painting 50c-\$1, Children's crafts \$1-\$8, Games 20c per game, Toys, books and games 20c-\$1, Cakes from 20c.

Lost: **Maia** Rm 3, has lost her jersey and sunhat, both named. **Annabelle** Rm 6, has lost her named black raincoat – it has a reflective strip at the back of the coat. Please check your child's uniform and if any of these items are found, please return them to the respective rooms. Thank you.

Tom B Rm 6 working at his school desk at home.



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Fr James

This month the Catholic Church in New Zealand is honouring the memory of Suzanne Aubert, praying that she might soon be formally recognised as a saint.

Suzanne was a teenager when she came to New Zealand in the 1850s from France and set about helping the first missionaries among Maori. She became a fluent Maori speaker and helped many with nursing and healing skills. Later she founded a new Catholic religious order, known today as the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion, caring for orphans, the sick, elderly and dying.

She established New Zealand's first soup kitchen in Wellington that still serves up to 40,000 meals a year. When she died, in 1926, Suzanne was accorded the largest funerals ever in NZ for a woman. The whole of Wellington stopped in respect and acknowledgement of a truly remarkable woman.

This month marks the 90th anniversary of her death. Her strong faith and generosity of spirit call to us today where, despite much social progress, life is still a huge struggle for many. May the holiness of Suzanne Aubert inspire us.