

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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



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

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

The costs listed above are **not** additional to the school related expenses sent home with the stationery list last year (enclosed with the end of year report). If you are unsure of what is owed please contact Cathy in the office. Thank you to all parents who have already paid.

Head Lice: We have had ongoing issues of head lice and would appreciate it if you could please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat when necessary.

Interim Reporting: Our staff over the next few weeks will be preparing for interim report writing. Some students in the Junior School will be receiving an anniversary report - this is in line with National Standards Reporting and will be an assessment against the standard. Most students will be receiving an interim report which is a summary of progress made against learning goals and progress towards achievement of National Standard. Interviews will be held on 4 and 6 July (last week of term). Next week you will be able to use our online booking system to make an appointment with your child's teacher. Details on how to do this will be in next week's newsletter. We encourage you to bring your child along to discuss their learning with their teacher.

Next week we will be celebrating **Samoan Language Week:** Theme: 'E felelei manu, ae ma'au i o latou ofaga' (**Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive**) This year's theme is about valuing identity, diversity, and the need to establish environments where students can thrive. This provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the quality of the learning services we provide for our students. Our senior students will be leading Samoan Language Week activities by sharing songs, traditions and legends from Samoa.

2017 Enrolments: We would appreciate any siblings of current students who will be turning 5 in 2017 to pre-enrol so we can determine roll numbers for next year. This is really helpful for future planning.

Te Papa visit: The Middle syndicate had a superb day at Te Papa yesterday – lots of rich learning and the weather was very kind to us.

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

Coming Events

Wednesday 25 May

- * Evening out for all Junior Syndicate Mums at the Thistle Inn, 7.30pm.
- * Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm start.

Friday 27 May

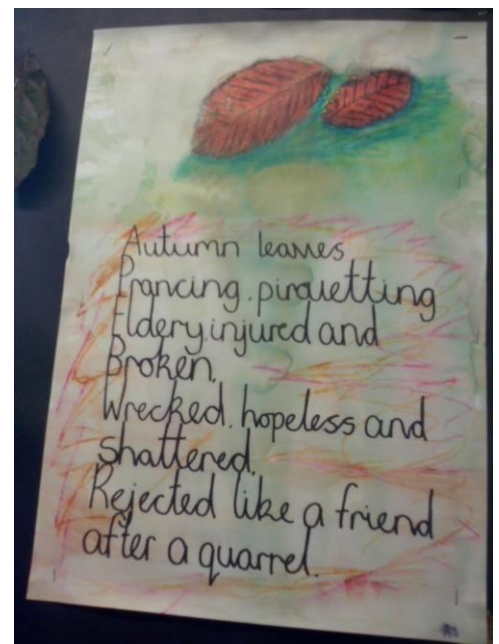
- * Technicraft begins for Snr Syn 8.45am-12.45pm @ Karori West Normal School

Sunday 29 May-Saturday 4 June

- * Samoan Language week

Tuesday 31 May

- * KiwiSport 10.40-11.20am Snr Syn @ St Mary's
- * St Catherine's College Open Day 10.40-11.20am, 7.30-8.30pm.



Autumn artwork by Annabelle

*"I loved the beautiful, complicated patterns and carvings that I saw at the marae". Dallas
"The video on blood, earth and fire explained really carefully about survival instincts." Alex*

Many thanks for all your ongoing support.
Have a great week.
Arohanui

Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Erinn** who has been selected to play in the *Motu Kairangi Year 8A* netball rep team. Well done Erinn!

2016 Board of Trustees Elections

Thank you to our 8 parents who have been nominated to stand for the 5 parent representatives positions in our up-coming Board elections. They are: Sera Tokakece, Kaye Stirling, Joseph Mina, Frank McLaughlin, Keira Kennedy, Nigel Ingram, Rosalyn Braganza and Dan Bolger. You should all receive voting papers in the post soon. You can either drop off your voting paper at the school office – there will be a ballot box or you can post the voting forms back to the school – you will need to place a postage stamp on the envelope if you are posting it. Please note that either way, the voting forms are only valid if returned in the envelope that was enclosed with the voting papers. All voting papers must be received by the school by 12 noon on Friday 3 June.

Wanted: Clean 1 ltr plastic bottles with lids: Miss Smyth (Rm 3) needs about 50 clean 1 litre plastic bottles with lids for a 'kitchen science experiment' which will be one of the Sacred Heart Feast day fun activities. Please drop these off to Miss Smyth in Room 3, thanks.

Netball: Yr 5 Lightning played St Anthony's and won 18:8. **Amanda** was awarded player of the day. Yr 6 played Island Bay and lost 7:8. **Keira** was awarded player of the day. Yr 7/8 Emerald played Te Moka Puna and lost 5:37. **Ciara** was awarded player of the day. Yr 7/8 Jade played EBIS and lost 8:20. **Eilish** was awarded player of the day. Yr 7/8 Ferns played Clyde Quay and lost 12:19. **Anastasia** was awarded of the day.

Basketball: The Sacred Heart **Titans** played Seatoun and won 50:12.

Quiz Evening – Thursday 16 June: School yourself up on some general knowledge and join us for a really fun night in mid June. You can organise your own team (which is around 6) or come along and join a team. It's always a fun night and it's a great little school to support.

Shepherds Arms, Tinakori Road, Thorndon
Thursday, 16 June 7pm for 7.30pm start Cost \$10 per person

From Father James

Continuing to learn from Pope Francis' The Joy of Love:

Love is not jealous: Jealousy or envy, Pope Francis writes, *is a form of sadness provoked by another's prosperity; it shows that we are not concerned for the happiness of others but only with our own well-being... True love values the other person's achievements. It does not see him or her as a threat... It recognises that everyone has different gifts and a unique part in life. So it strives to discover its own road to happiness, while allowing others to find theirs.*

The Pope encourages us to understand love as inspiring us to value every human being; to see everyone *with the eyes of God*. Doing this, he says, will bring us a *deep sense of happiness and peace*.

This same deeply rooted love also leads me to reject the injustice whereby some possess too much and others too little. It moves me to find ways of helping society's outcasts to find a modicum of joy. This is not envy but the desire for equality. [par 95-96]