

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.

Sincere Thanks: I am in awe of the wonderful Parents and Grandparents associated with our school who come in on a regular basis to help out in classrooms This is greatly appreciated and is stewardship in action by sharing your time for the benefit of others.

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). We encourage you to bring your child along to discuss their learning with their teacher. Please go to

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter the code **qg5rp** which is unique to our school.

If you don't have access to the internet we are happy to book your times for you.

This week we have been celebrating **Samoa 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 Samoa Language Week activities by sharing songs, traditions and legends from Samoa.



in the stairwell between Rms 1 & 7



Mareta, Cynthia, Mya and Katerina singing Samoan songs at our school assembly.

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

Coming Events

Sunday 29 May-Saturday 4 June

* Samoan Language week



Friday 3 June – Sacred Heart Feast Day. Whole school visiting Sacred Heart School, Petone to join with them in celebrating our Feast Day. 9.00-11.30am.

Monday 6 June – Queen's birthday, Public holiday

Tuesday 7 June – Central Zone Cross Country 8.50am-2.00pm MacAlister Park, Newtown.

Monday 13 June – Rm 5 to Te Papa 11.00am-2.30pm.

Tuesday 14 June – Rm 6 & 7 to Te Papa, 11.00am-2.30pm.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to **Antonio** Room 1 who started at our school on Monday.



Mareta and Cynthia performing a Samoan dance at our school assembly.

Sacred Heart Feast Day – Friday 3 June: On Friday we will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart out at Sacred Heart School in Petone. We will all leave School at 9 am and will return to school at approximately at 11.30 am. The Juniors and Middles will be participating in fun science activities back at school while the Seniors will stay out in Petone and attend the Hutt Indoor Sports centre for a day of sporting action. The Seniors will be back at school by approximately 2 pm. Parents are most welcome to join us Mass starts at 9.30 am

Sacred Heart Feast Day Senior Syndicate: After we have celebrated Mass at Petone, we are going to the Hutt Valley Indoor Sports Centre by bus. Children need to bring PE gear to change into and a good lunch and a drink.

There will be a 'make up' Technicraft day on Thursday 9th June. Children will be back at school at the usual time of 12.45pm and have a late lunch until 1.30pm.

Sacred Heart Feast Day Junior Syndicate: Could the children please bring their morning tea and drink to school in a named plastic bag? We don't want to take bags with us.

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.

Update of details – If your contact details change please notify Cathy so we can update our electronic student management system

Many thanks for all your ongoing support.

Have a great week.

Arohanui

Bernadette Murfitt

Principal

2016 Board of Trustees Elections

It's been great to see a number of parents dropping their voting forms in the ballot box in the office. All voting papers must be received by the school by **12 noon this 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: Netball was cancelled due to the rain.

Basketball: The Sacred Heart **Titans** played Brooklyn and won 33-21. **Safi** and **Margaret** were awarded *players of the day.*

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

Lost: Ava Boeschstein from Room 5 lost her named school jersey from the classroom last Monday – it is labelled "Luc B". Please check your children's jerseys and bags as it is likely to have been gathered up by mistake. Ava would appreciate its early return as the weather has turned very cold. Thank you.

From Father James

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

Love is not boastful: the Greek word used by St Paul implies the need to be haughty, pedantic and somewhat pushy. Pope Francis writes, *Those who love not only refrain from speaking too much about themselves, but are focused on others; they do not need to be the centre of attention.... It also points to – an obsession with showing off and a loss of a sense of reality....*

What really makes us important is a love that understands, shows concern and embraces the weak.... It is important for Christians to show their love by the way they treat family members who are less knowledgeable about the faith, weak or less sure of their convictions. At times the opposite occurs: the supposedly mature believers within the family become unbearably arrogant. Love, on the other hand, is marked by humility; if we are to understand, forgive and serve others from the heart, our pride has to be healed and out humility must increase.