

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.”

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 the following students for their achievements:

ICAS Writing Results:

Merit: *Anna R8, Edie R10, Otis R9.*

Credit: *Gabrielle R6, Miguel R6, George R8, Hannah H R9, Ben R8, Louise R8, Anastasia R10, Sabine R8, Annie Mae R9, Erinn R10.*

Distinction: *Xavier R5, Jayden R5, Kathryn R6, Elizabeth R6, Grace R8, Hannah v R10.*

High Distinction: *Maria R5.*

Congratulations to the following students who made their First

Reconciliation last weekend: *Dave Rm5, Jason Rm10, Nathan Rm5, Ava Rm5, Estella Rm6, Victor Rm5, Xavier Rm5, Guiseppe Rm5, Hugh Rm3, Jayden Rm5, Jack Rm5, Daniel Rm3, Blair Rm5, Owen Rm3, Declan Rm5, Harmony Rm3, Tifa Rm5, Clarissa Rm5, Alice Rm5.*

You are invited.....

Father James is turning 75 and to celebrate this we are having a special assembly on 12 October in the St Mary's College Hall. Parents are all welcome. The last day of term will be a gold coin mufti day. We will purchase a gift for Father James from Community at Sacred Heart Cathedral School as a small token of the wonderful work Father James does in our school.

My sincere thanks to

- Mrs Geraghty who prepared senior students to participate in the “Mathswell” competition last week at Plimmerton School. Our children were incredibly quick with the way they addressed problems.
- Mrs Maresca and Mrs Walker who have spent lunchtimes over the past couple of terms rehearsing for Art Splash – a superb concert last night at the Michael Fowler Centre.
- Mrs Harkins who organised the Central Zone Swimming event at the Aquatic Centre yesterday.
- The parent helpers who transported our students to the Aquatic Centre and helped out at the zone swimming – thank you for taking time out of your day for our children.

I have a beautiful brand new First Communion dress to give away to a family. Please contact the Office if you would like it.

The Junior School had a really enjoyable Olympic Day yesterday, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the weather was just stunning.

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

2 September 9 am **Father's Day**
Liturgy at the Cathedral

6 September – ***Paid Union meeting***

13 September – “*Maths made easy evening*” 5-5.30 *Pasifika Concert*, 5.30-6.30 *students sharing Maths learning with their parents*

13 September – Room 1 Art Gallery
14 September – Room 2 City Art Gallery
15 September – Room 3 City Art Gallery

20 September Maori Achievement Evening 5.30 in the staffroom.

- Dads' Night Out – The Lanes
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

21 September Board of Trustees Meeting

12 October Celebration of Father James' 75th birthday 2 pm St Marys College Hall (parents welcome)

27 October – Net safe evening for parents
5 pm

ARTSPLASH 2016



PAID UNION MEETING 12.30pm TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Staff will be attending a NZ Educational Institute Union Meeting at 1.30 at the Michael Fowler Centre. This meeting is for all union members and is the beginning of talks for how schools will be funded in the future. We have 2 teachers available to supervise our students. We ask that if possible children be picked up from school at 12.30 pm. Slips have been sent home to families who we haven't heard back from yet. Please return this to Cathy as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your help with this matter. Special thanks to those families who have already made alternative arrangements.

SPORTS RESULTS:

Central Zone Swimming Results: The following children are representing Central Zone at the InterZone swimming sports next Tuesday at the Kilbirnie Pool at 9.15am. These children came 1st or 2nd in their Central Zone competition yesterday.

Championship: *Luc Rm6, Sophie Rm7, Katie Rm9, Edie Rm10, Caelum Rm10, Atawhai Rm10, Millie Rm8, Lily Rm8, Matthew M Rm10.*

Relay: Year 7 Girls: *Safi Rm8, Edie Rm10, Antonia Rm10, Katie Rm10.*

Year 8 Girls: *Atawhai Rm10, Helena Rm8, Caitlin Rm10, Millie Rm8.*

Non-Championship: *Annabelle Rm6, Remy Rm6, Kaelin Rm9, Talikha Rm7, Darius Rm10 Emma R6..*

Netball Results – Due to games being cancelled 2 weeks in a row, 2 games were played on Saturday:

Game 1: Yr 5 Lightning played Hataitai and lost 2-8. **Estella** was awarded player of the day.

Yr 6 played St Mark's and lost 9-16. **Keira, Eden & Josephine** were awarded players of the day.

Yr 7/8 Emerald played SWIS and lost 21-27. **Amy** was awarded player of the day.

Yr 7/8 Jade played SWIS and lost 19-23.

Yr 7/8 Ferns played EBIS and won 27-9. **Alice** was awarded of the day.

Game 2: Yr 5 Lightning played Seatoun and won 8-7. **Talikha** was awarded player of the day.

Yr 6 played St Francis and lost 22-23. **Alice W** was awarded players of the day.

Yr 7/8 Emerald played EBIS and lost 12-31. **Katarina** was awarded player of the day.

Yr 7/8 Jade played Hataitai and won 21-14.

Yr 7/8 Ferns played Roseneath and won 13-9. **Alice** was awarded of the day.

Baking Sale: *Kathryn, Makenzie, Sophia and Talikha* are fundraising for Breast Cancer by selling baking and necklaces and bracelets. They will sell baking each Monday, 30cents per item. Please see roster below for when baking will be sold in your class and bring money on the day. Rooms 1 & 2: Monday 5 Sept, Rooms 3 & 5: Monday 12 Sept, Rooms 8, 9 & 10, Monday 19 Sept. Rooms 6 & 7 have already had their turn.

Dads' Night Out: The Lanes – 234/238 Wakefield Street – Tues 20 September - Booked for 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Make the most of this opportunity to meet up with other Dads from the school. Cost: \$25.00 for two games. See link for pricing <http://www.thelanes.co.nz/pricing> Playing is not compulsory, you are welcome to turn up, have a drink and chat. Please RSVP to Alex Potanin, (Parents & Friends committee) email address: potanin@gmail.com

Olympic Quiz Fundraising to re-develop the playground: **Thank you** to those families who have returned the quiz sponsorship money. We have had an outstanding response to date. This is a final reminder for returning sponsorship money to school by making an internet deposit into Parents and Friends 12-3140-0397242-000 or in an envelope to Cathy. We will have the grand total next week! **Thank you for your support with this project.**

Calling all keen Room 1 and 2 summer soccer players: Enrolments have opened for Kelly Sports summer soccer season 2016/17 and a few of our little ones from Room 1 are keen. We're looking for another few players to join us to make up a team (or two!). Games are usually from 3.30pm on Fridays from later in Oct. Details on start dates, location and times are at: <http://www.ksports.co.nz/westfootball.html> Anyone interested please call Amanda Gregan on 027 9399 575 or Suzanne Adair on 021 039 7558 by 18 Sept.

Wadestown Cubs: Scouts NZ - Wadestown Scouts are looking for new members for Cubs, if your child is between the ages of 8 and 11, they are able to join and we would love you to come along. We are at the very bottom of Hanover Street and meet on Mondays 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Please contact Helen Hurst - wadestown.cubs@gmail.com

From Father James

Here's something to ponder: There's an "app" IN happiness, but there's no "app" FOR happiness. Pope Francis made that observation when talking with young people a few months ago and it is really worth thinking about. We all want to be happy and advertisers assure us that *their* produce is going to do the trick. Much of our energy is spent positioning our lives to ensure we don't miss out on whatever happiness is around. But we certainly can't buy happiness. And no "App. Store" will ever have an "App." To do the job for us. Happiness is not "out there" waiting for us to find it. Happiness comes from within.

Yes, we are born to be happy. The seed or potential for happiness is already planted along with everything else designed to help us grow to be fully human. How important then to nurture that seed, to feed it with joy and safeguard it with experiences that delight and teach goodness, together with the value of belonging and sharing and being there for others.