

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.

What a week we have had! The students were just superb in the way they coped with the challenges nature thrust upon us in an extraordinary way. The resilience shown by our students has been very special to observe. The wonderful news for our school was the safety of the building and the way it stood up to the force of the earthquake. If you didn't receive an email or text from the school about the school being closed we don't have your latest contact details can you please advise Cathy ASAP.

<http://www.getprepared.org.nz/status/region> this is a great website for keeping up to date with what is happening throughout our region re road closures etc.

A reminder to all parents and students that Molesworth Street is closed between Hill Street and Hawkestone Street.

The Cathedral and Connolly Hall have passed a visual inspection by the engineer and are safe to use.

We look forward to having the Grandparents Liturgy on Friday. There will be parking available in the school for parents and grandparents.

Book Launch: "There is a time for...A Family Companion for Every Season" compiled and edited by Fr James Lyons. You are invited to join Cardinal John Dew for a unique book launch at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington on Saturday 10 December at 7pm. 'This book follows the Ecclesiasticus message that there is a season for everything (3:1-9) and offers original prayers and reflections on family life situations by New Zealanders.'
RSVP: Cathedral Parish Office, email cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone: 4961700

Combined School and Parish Carol Service: Please note this event in your diaries. **Monday 28 November, 6.00-7.30pm in the Cathedral.** All classes will be singing.

Rm 2 hosting afternoon tea for Rm 1 parents: On Thursday 1 December at 2.40pm the families of Room 2 will host afternoon tea to welcome the families of Room 1 to our school community. Caffe L'affaire has kindly donated coffee and we have rustled up some home baking! YUM!
Nicola Nation is looking for Room 2 families to help with hosting. If you can assist (on the day or by providing a plate), please email nicola.nation@trustproperties.co.nz

Disco: The Parents & Friends Group run the Disco which is on Friday 25 Nov. The Student Council choose the theme, decorate the hall and sell tickets at \$5.00 each. These will be on sale from Monday 14 Nov. The theme is **'A Blast from the Past – '60's & 70's'**. Times are as follows:

Juniors (Rooms 1, 2 & 3): 6.30-7.15pm

Middles (Rooms 5, 6 & 7): 7.30-8.30pm

Seniors (Rooms 8, 9 & 10): 8.00-9.00pm

Parent help is needed for each age group – a parent at the door and a couple of parents mixing and serving drinks. The Seniors need parents to help at the end cleaning up. **It is important that the Juniors and Middles leave at the designated times please.**

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

Coming Events

17 Nov – Mid Syn Technicraft
8.40am-12.40pm

18 Nov – Grandparents Liturgy
1.30-2.30pm in the Cathedral

20 Nov First Holy Communion at the Cathedral

23 Nov BOT meeting

25 Nov – School Disco 6.30-9pm

28 Nov – Combined School and Parish Carol Service 6.00-7.30pm in the Cathedral

29 Nov Thank you morning tea -10.30am – **all parents/caregivers welcome**

30 November 7-8 Connolly Hall Evening of entertainment for parents to enjoy from the children in the Sacred heart Orchestra, Ukulele and singing groups



Be in to win!!

Thanks to the generosity of school families we have 3 large and 10 smaller hampers to be won in our raffle.

Just \$2 a ticket

Winners of the draw will be announced in the school newsletter on Wednesday,

30 November 2016

Tickets to purchase or to sell are available at the school office.



Discover China Brush painting and Calligraphy workshop – yesterday some of the year 7 and 8 students learnt a variety of brush strokes and calligraphy techniques to create beautiful Chinese artworks from Chinese artist Stan Chan.



"This is my second time doing this and it is a good opportunity to get better. I enjoy learning about Chinese art." Angelica Rm 10
"This was a great experience to use ink in a different way." Wilson Rm 8

Parents and Friends Playground raffle

Special thanks to the generosity of the Sacred Heart Cathedral School families who donated beautiful items for the raffle. **Thanks** to *Suzanne, Amanda, Nicola, Lucy* and *Magdalene* who created beautiful gift baskets for the Parents and Friends playground raffle on a very wet and windy Saturday afternoon. This was a great team effort

2017 Sacred Heart Cathedral Team

I am pleased to confirm the following teachers for next year.

Room 1 Sue Cranney

Room 2 Sarah Maresca

Room 3 Denise Kerr Term 1, Angel Moore returning from Maternity leave from Term 2

Room 5 Clare Smyth

Room 6 Eli Scarlett

Room 7 John Grevatt

Room 8 Christine Geraghty

Room 9 Jane Regan

Room 10 Sue Harkins Term 1, Ann Stephen from Term 2

Take care and keep safe
Arohanui

Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

Touch Results:

Year 5/6 Mixed Sacred Heart **Knights** won their game 5-1.

Year 5/6 Mixed Sacred Heart **Warriors** lost to Nga mokopuna 3-5.

Year 7 Boys Sacred Heart **Eagles** won against Scots College 6-1.

Year 8 Girls Sacred Heart **Green Machine** won against Brooklyn 8-1.

Year 8 Boys Sacred Heart **Lions** won against SWIS 7-0.

For your convenience, school account number is: ASB 12-3140-0325505-00+

Fr James

Notice how much of the ministry of Jesus happened in the context of sharing a meal. Even his parables, his teaching method, were mostly connected to some kind of celebration and feast. The first miracle recorded in John's gospel occurs during a wedding reception, and his last gathering with his friends the night before he died was at table celebrating the Passover meal.

His "Do this in memory of me" as he shared the bread and the cup that same evening, signalled his desire that his followers would honour his presence in a similar way. The Eucharist, or Mass, is our principal form of worship. At its heart is the meal that is the life-force for the body of God's People. Our coming together is crucial for our identity, our mutual support and for the strengthening of the life of the body – the body of Christ.

Discover more about the wonderful gift of Eucharist. There are many study guides available to assist, on line or through the archdiocese. If it's a while since you had much to do with the Mass, make this a time to reconnect. Perhaps especially make this a time for family meals to be, as they were for Jesus, occasions of celebration and thanksgiving.