

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.***

**Evening of Entertainment:** Last Wednesday our students shared their musical talent with families in Connolly Hall. The Sacred Heart Cathedral School Orchestra, Ukulele and Singing Groups all performed. Thanks to Mrs Walker and Mrs Maresca who prepared the students for this. Mrs Walker even managed to extract talent from our audience.

**Congratulations to:**

... **Sabina** Rm 3, who was awarded merit for her Grade 1 ballet Royal Academy of Dance exam.

... **George** Rm 8, who has been selected to represent New Zealand in the U12 NZ Inline Hockey team – he'll be playing Australia next year.

**Volunteers for End of Year Mass-13 December 2016:** Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help with the Mass next Tuesday 13 December. You should have received an email assigning you a time slot and a job. Set up helpers will start at 5.30pm; BBQ cooks are needed from 6-7pm; Servers from 7-8pm and Clean up helpers from 8pm. Any queries contact Kaye Stirling at 021 328 183 or <[kayestirling@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kayestirling@xtra.co.nz)>

**Free** – we have a few bikes and rollerblades in a range of sizes that are free to a good home please see Cathy.

**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 or phone: 4961700

**Junior School Picnic:** The weather was kind on Tuesday and the Junior School enjoyed an action packed day at the Botanical Gardens. Special thanks to all our wonderful adult helpers who safeguarded our children while carrying out fun activities and exploring the gardens. Thanks to Sue, Sarah and Clare for all your detailed planning ensuring the day was a great success.

**Children's comments:** *I liked most of all my mum coming and having lunch with me.*

*Yasha Rm 3*

*I liked how we got to go on the scavenger hunt and we had to figure out the problems.*

*Claudia Rm 3*



**Reports and Class placements:** This Friday your child will bring home their school report and class placement letter for 2017. Next year is looking like another exciting year. Our staff are in the advanced stages of planning learning experiences and opportunities for our students.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday evening at our End of Year Mass. I will leave you with an excerpt from Father James' prayer book. **"Prayer is what we look forward to – it's not an imposition. Prayer is attention to the fact that God is with us."**

Arohanui – Have a great week.  
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

**Summer Soccer:** Last week our teams played two games of football. On Tuesday 29

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

**Coming Events**

- 7 Dec** - Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm
- 8 Dec** – Student Council Cultural Afternoon 1.00-2.30pm.
- 9 Dec** – Senior Syndicate End of year outing – 9am-2pm Wellington Indoor Sports Centre.
- 10 Dec** – Book Launch at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7pm. ***"There is a time for...A Family Companion for Every Season"*** compiled and edited by Fr James Lyons.
- 13 Dec** – End of Year Mass, 6.15pm in the Cathedral, children in uniform sitting with their class
- 16 Dec** – Last day of school – 1.00pm finish time.

**Second Hand Uniform wanted:** A

parent is wanting to buy a Size 10 girl's summer and winter uniform. If you have one that your child has grown out of, please text Narelle on 027 447 4566.

**Second Hand Uniform for Sale:** Girl's Summer and winter uniform for sale, size 6. Please contact Dana if you are interested on 021 170 7187.

Rm 1 parents afternoon tea hosted by Rm 2 parents.



St Teresa's School performed a sasa in front of the Cathedral for the students at our school.



Nov: Yr 5/6 Speedsters played the Cowgirls and **Ella Rm 7** was the Player of the Day. Yr 5/6 Squirrels played Ngaio Net Rippers and **Luc Rm 6** was Player of the Day. Yr 7 Sacred Heart Smashers lost 2-1 against the Cardinal Cougars. **Ben Rm 8** was Player of the Day. On Friday 2 December: Yr 5/6 Speedsters played the Lasers and **Julianne Rm 7** was Player of the Day. Yr 5/6 Squirrels played Unreal Madrid and **Jackson Rm 6** was Player of the Day. Yr 7 Sacred Heart Smashers drew 2-2 against the Makaroons. **Eddie Rm 10** was Player of the Day.

**Touch:** Today is the last round of touch rugby for the year. A **big thank you** to all the parents who have transported, coached and supported our players. We have had a great season and it has been great to see everyone enjoying themselves. Good luck to all our teams in the finals today.

**Touch Results:**

- Sacred Heart Warriors lost 5-2.
- Sacred Heart Knights won by default.
- Sacred Heart Lions won 5-4.
- Sacred Heart Eagles lost 12-1.
- Sacred Heart Green Machine won by default.

**Kelly Club Pre-Christmas Holiday Programme** – Kelly Club Northland will be offering a Pre-Christmas holiday programme from Mon 19 Dec-Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at Northland Memorial Hall, Woburn Road. The programme includes: baking, crafts, games, Christmas Science Day, Kiwiana Day and much more.

**Kelly Club January Holiday Programmes** – Kelly Club offers full time Holiday Programmes during the January school holidays at Wilton, Wests Rugby Club from 9<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 (plus a 2 day programme on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January at Northland Memorial Hall). Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. For full details and to enrol into our programmes. Visit [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) or email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

**Kelly Sports Term 1:** Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer children; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

**Multi Sports Afternoon Workshop:** (Yrs 1-6) Wests Club Rooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface) *Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Turbo Touch & Dodgeball*. Join in an afternoon of fun trying out the different sports! 1.00-4.00pm (Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan & Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jan).

**Football Morning Holiday Workshop:** (Yrs 1-6) Wests Club Rooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting with head coach Martin. Tues, Weds & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Jan./17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Jan/24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Jan).

**Summer Sports** (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesdays 2.45-3.45pm – Come and try *Football, Volleyball, Athletics and Touch Rugby*. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 9727201.

Photos from our school assembly this week:



**Specific donations 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, school account number is: ASB 12-3140-0325505-00



**The Immaculate Conception** is celebrated tomorrow. This festival has special significance for us. Each year the Archdiocese renews its consecration to Mary under this title, praying particularly for family life and that we will be kept safe from earthquakes. Wellington's first bishop, Philippe Viard sm, had a strong devotion to Mary and the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, just four years after the founding of our archdiocese, gave a new focus to Marian devotion. The Immaculate Conception reflects the belief that, at her own conception in her mother's womb, Mary, because of the dignity that would be hers as the mother of Jesus, and in anticipation of the redemption won by Jesus, was preserved from "Original Sin".

In consecrating the new diocese to the protection of Mary in 1858, three years after Wellington's strongest ever recorded earthquake, Bishop Viard included the plea that she would watch over the people here, especially against the destructive power of earthquakes. Tomorrow we pray that prayer again.