

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."

Welcome to Yi our new Mandarin Language Assistant. Yi will be with us for the year and will be at our school on a Thursday and Friday. We share Yi with Thorndon School. Having a Mandarin Language Assistant adds so much richness to our school this opportunity is funded by the Confucius Institute and the Ministry of Education.

"Hi I have enjoyed meeting everyone last week . I am from South East China, Fujian Province which is very close to Taiwan. I am majoring in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages. I play the piano, like the outdoors and enjoy watching movies". Yi He



Maisie Rm 7 participated in the capital coast junior championships last weekend which is a regional championship. ***Maisie won*** the Diamond and the board race and got third in the swim and third in the run swim run.

She also came second in her age group for the season for points - this is her getting the medal for that. ***Well done Maisie!***

EOTC WEEK in the Senior Syndicate

Most classes have completed their activities. Rain on Friday meant the syndicate could not go to the Zoo. This is being rescheduled. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to ALL the **parents and caregivers who accompanied classes on their trips.** Without this support, we could not run programmes like this. I am very appreciative to the team here who all put so much work into planning and provided very exciting learning activities for our students.

Mathletics Parent session Monday 13 March – you are invited to a session with Tim from Mathletics so your child can get the maximum benefit from Mathletics at home. This is a short informative workshop that will give you plenty of practical ideas. From 5 pm until about 5.45 in Room 5.

SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2017: Wellington Central Pastoral Area

Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion

(Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish; St Mary of the Angels; St Teresa's, Karori and St Thomas More, Wilton)

Registration forms can be picked up from Sacred Heart Cathedral School or the Cathedral Parish Office. To be eligible your child should be 8+ years of age before 1 November 2017 (see below) and already be baptised. The deadline for enrolment is **Friday 3 March 2017.**

What is the correct age for receiving the sacraments? There is no correct age. In this diocese sacramental preparation programmes have been traditionally offered to children from the age of 7 – 8 onwards. Parents are the best judge of whether their child is mature enough to receive a sacrament. It is not easy to determine whether your child understands what it is they are doing. Remember understanding develops over a long period of time. The Sacramental Team can advise you if you wish to discuss readiness for the programme. No one is too old to receive sacraments. With the appropriate preparation, any person can receive the sacraments at any age.

Enquiries: Bede Clarke (St Mary of the Angels) bedeclarke@xtra.co.nz
Angela Helbano (Cathedral) angela.nzet@outlook.com

Congratulations to the following teachers who were presented with certificates from Cardinal John Dew last night at the Annual Commissioning Mass.

- RE Foundation level John Grevatt
- RE leadership Level Christine Geraghty, Sue Harkins
- Re leadership Endorsement – Susan Cranney Jane Regan

Goal Setting Sessions Monday 6 March 3-7pm or Wed 8 March 3-5pm: If you haven't already done so, please remember to book a time to meet with your child's teacher to set learning goals for 2017. To book a time go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> then enter school code **hv9sy** and follow the prompts or if you prefer, give the office a call on 4724047 and Cathy can help book in a time for you.

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

Coming Events

22 February – Visiting Principals from Hull England.

24 February: Mid syn wheels' night, 5.30-7pm.

2 March: Mums' catch up, at the Thistle, Starting at 7pm – all mums welcome – organised by the Parents & Friends group.

3 March: Jnr syn wheels' night, 5.30-7pm.

6 March: Advance warning: Goal setting 3-7pm. (You will be able to give feedback on playground options)

8 March: Goal setting, 3-5pm. (You will be able to give feedback on playground options)

13 March – Mathletics Parent session 5- 5.45 Room 5 (beside office) All welcome

14 March Junior trip to Te Papa

17 March: St Patrick's Green Mufti Day – we would love it if you could bring an Easter egg or bunny for our Parents and Friends Easter raffle.

22 March – Pasifika Fono 5-6.30pm.

28 March – Junior School at Zealandia.

Te Po continuing to work with students.



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Principals from Hull visit our school:

Our girls singing to the Principals from Hull.



It was a privilege to share teaching practice at Sacred Heart Cathedral school with the Principals from Hull in England. The Principals were very impressed with the engagement and motivational levels of our students. I will be spending the day with the Principals tomorrow at Wellington Girls' College.

Hull Principals interacting with our students,



Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

Update from Parents and Friends: Wheels Night for Junior and Middle Syndicates.

Thanks everyone for your understanding last Friday, when we postponed the Junior Wheel's Night. The FoSH have checked the long-range weather forecast and the confirmed dates for the 2017 Wheels Night are Middle Syndicate Friday 24th February 5.30pm – 7pm (no change), and Junior Syndicate Friday 3rd March at 5.30pm – 7pm. Bring the whole family, your choice of dinner, wheels to ride and of course helmets. Parking is available at the Catholic centre. There is no parking in the playground. The Friends of Sacred Heart look forward to seeing you there.

PARENT TUTOR READERS NEEDED: Parent reading tutors are still needed for Rooms 1 and 3 in the Junior syndicate and Rooms 8, 9 and 10 in the Senior Syndicate. If you are interested please email Elinor Scarlett: elinor@sacred-heart.school.nz

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2017/2018: The school will once again be selling Entertainment books. Cost for a book or digital version of the book this year is \$65.00 with the school receiving \$13.00 from every book sold. Money raised from this will go towards purchasing IT devices for our classrooms. Pre-orders can be made online now on <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10428y2> All pre-orders qualify for bonus vouchers.

Come to the original **"Big Dig" Treasure Hunt on Sunday 26 February, 11 am to 1.00pm at Freyberg Beach.** Courtenay Place Rotary regularly organises this event to give families a fun day out, and at the same time raise funds for local community charities. For a \$5 entry fee children get to dig in the sand for buried tokens. Each token earns a prize! Entrants will be given a wrist tag, which will be surrendered when a prize is claimed (but there's no reason why you can't get a second entry!)

Marrzipan drama class: Good news! We still have a couple of spaces in our Marrzipan Class! Marrzipan is a New Zealand renowned self-confidence programme aimed at bringing out the absolute best in students, and a great opportunity for your child to come and give it a go! If you would like your child to come along for a non-obligatory Trial Lesson and experience Marrzipan first, you can sign up directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

To register for Junior Rugby in 2017 at Marist St Pats

Register Online: <http://www.msprugby.co.nz/Site/Juniors/about/registration.aspx>

Or come to one of our registration days at the MSP indoor gym:

- Wednesday 22nd February – 5pm to 6:30pm
- Sunday 26th February – 12pm to 1:30pm

Wests Junior Rugby Club: Wests Junior Rugby Club would like to invite you to play rugby this season. Our rugby season starts on May 5/6 and you can register online and check or FAQ at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz> The Nursery Grade is for girls and boys aged 3 – 5, before they move on to Rippa Rugby at U6. Tackle Rugby starts at U8 and it is age and weight graded. The club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the 2nd (5:30 – 7:30pm) and 4th of March (1:00 – 3:00pm). At the Saturday session we will have the Rugby World Cup so kids and parents can get a photo with the greatest trophy in world rugby!

Fr James

Venerable is the Church's official word for someone recognised as on the road to sainthood. Late last year the title was given to Suzanne Aubert, one of New Zealand's great pioneer women and founder of the Daughters of Compassion. This recognition has brought much publicity to the life and work of this amazing woman and Catholics are asked to intentionally pray for her eventual canonisation which would make her our first saint.

Suzanne came to New Zealand from France in 1860, learned Maori before she was fluent in English, opened a home for orphans and the underprivileged in Jerusalem on the Wanganui River in 1885 and a similar home in Wellington in 1907. She founded a Religious Community in 1917 committed to the care of children and the poor regardless of ethnicity or religion.

Her death in 1926 was accorded the largest funeral ever held for a woman in New Zealand, with the *Evening Post* describing her as "one of the greatest women in public effort and loving self-sacrifice New Zealand has known." Her work continues as does her challenge to care for the vulnerable and neglected.