

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."*

Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday we look forward to the start of lent as we prepare for the Holy Season

**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. We encourage you to bring your child with you so they can share with you the direction their learning is going this year. The purpose of these goal setting sessions is an opportunity for school and home to work closely together for the good of your child. **There will be some parking available on the court while After School Care is running for this key school event.**

**New books donated to our library.**



Thanks to *Asia NZ Foundation* and *National Library* who donated beautiful books to our library.

**SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2017:** Wellington Central Pastoral Area Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion: **The deadline for enrolment is Friday 3 March 2017.** Please return completed forms to the office.

**Congratulations to *Micole Marquez*** who has been awarded the St Mary's College Entrance Scholarship for Mathematics for 2017.

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Congratulations to this year's Student Council: *Wilson-Jack Rm 10, Antonia Rm 9, Anthony Rm 10, Oliver Rm 10, Toby Rm 8, Katie Rm 8, Emily Rm 8, Grace Rm 9, Anna Rm 10 and Kaelin Rm 10.* Thank you to all the children who put themselves forward for it.

**Come along to our first parent information session for 2017 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.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS:** The children all gathered in their house groups and voted for their house captains. Congratulations to the following children who were elected: **Kingfisher Kotare:** *Joziah Rm 8, Eden Rm 8, Woodpigeon Kereru:* *Liam Rm 8, Esther Rm 10, Fantail Piwakawaka:* *Luc Rm 10, Hannah H Rm 8, White Heron Kotuku:* *Lesina Rm 10, Ethan Rm 8.*

**NETBALL:** Netball registration forms have gone home today please return back to school by **Wednesday 15 March.** We are looking for a small group of parents to oversee the netball at our school. The parents who have been in this role have now left our school and we would appreciate some new faces. Please contact the office: [cathy@sacred-heart.school.nz](mailto:cathy@sacred-heart.school.nz) if you are able to help with this.

**DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS:** Please park down on Hill/Molesworth Street and walk up into school during peak drop off and pick up times. We are very concerned about the number of vehicles driving up Guildford Terrace and some even driving on the footpath. This is creating an unsafe situation for our students and parents who are using the footpath.

**Fonterra Milk in Schools** – If your child is participating in the Fonterra Milk for Schools programme you do NOT need to fill in the form. This form is for children with allergies and children who do not wish to drink milk.

Arohanui –  
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

**Lost:** Gold crucifix pendant, of huge sentimental value was lost on Monday 27, between Hill St and Sacred Heart. If found, please hand it into the office.

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

### Coming Events

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

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

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

**8 March:** Goal setting, 3-5pm. **Children are encouraged to attend** (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.**

### Middle Syndicate Trip to Te Papa's Bug Lab:



It was really cool! I learnt so much. My favourite thing was learning about dragonflies' Makenzie Rm 7

I liked learning new things about bugs. I especially the interesting facts about the Japanese Honey Bees! Talikha Rm 6



**Update from Parents and Friends: Wheels Night for the Junior Syndicate.**

A reminder that the Junior Wheel's Night is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:elinor@sacred-heart.school.nz)

**Lost:** Aaryn Rm 5 has lost his new PE polo shirt which is named on the label. Please check your child's PE top.

**Children's Day Mass:** Challenge 2000 is running a **Children's day Mass** on Sunday 5 March, followed by some fun games to celebrate our children. Mass will be held at St Andrew's Church, Newlands and will begin at 10am. If you would like to know more or be part of the Mass, please contact Courtney on 027 7280174 or Keeley on 022 3445934.

**Staglands Wildlife Reserve celebrating Children's Day:** 'Children's Day – Te R? O Te Tamariki – provides New Zealanders with an opportunity to treasure our children.' Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be supporting National Children's Day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 with free entry into The Reserve for ALL CHILDREN. Visit their website to find out more: <http://www.staglands.co.nz/>

**PHOTOS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY:**



**WREMO Emergency Skills** course run by the Wellington Emergency Response Team. Families are more than welcome to come along and participate (all ages welcome). The easiest way to sign up for the course is by following this link: <http://wellington.govt.nz/about-wellington/emergency-management/personal-emergency-skills-training> This will lead you through to the registration form. Saturday March 18, Saturday May 20, Sunday June 18.

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**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 over \$145 of early bird offers! A **big thank you** to the parents who have already purchased a book!

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

**\$500**

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# Fr James

**HERE IT IS AGAIN – ASH WEDNESDAY!** Another Lent begins. Ash on foreheads, traced with the Sign of the Cross, tells us we are on a journey of hope. Yes, hope! While ash, as the leftovers from fire, might indicate death and decay, it is also presented as an opportunity to start over, to begin again. And the Cross, while a symbol of torture and cruelty, is for the Christian a tree of life. Hope flows as ash becomes a nutrient for new life. Lent need not be a joyless experience.

Use these 40 days of Lent to enjoy some quality family time. Make a point of eating or going out together. Set a time for family prayer. Select a social need and write prayers to address it. Follow the *Caritas* Lenten theme, "Your face, Lord, do I seek" and commit some of your time, talent and treasure to supporting the needs identified in the programme.

Let this Lent be different, become involved, and let it help you make a difference.