

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.”

Thank you for all your support during goal setting sessions - it is a great opportunity to map out learning for the upcoming year. My thanks to the families in Room 3 and 6 who were so understanding about having to re-schedule goal setting times. Thanks also for the great feedback we have received on the proposed playground revamp. There is a display in the office area and we welcome any comments.



Coding Workshop: “On Friday 3 March, 18 students from the senior syndicate attended a Coding workshop facilitated by Professor Tim Bell of Canterbury University. He taught us about bits (Binary digits) and how they were used in computers. We learnt through playing games and taking part in fun activities. We enjoyed the lesson because he integrated fun with learning.” - Gabrielle & George Rm 9”

“It was unexpected fun and exciting. It’s good to understand the way technology works for later in life.” – Jacob Rm 8
“The games were a great way of making us understand the Binary digits. I think coding was displayed in a very understandable way” – Nevan Rm 8
“The way bits were explained to us was very interactive and easy to understand.” – Otis Rm 8



Furniture: We have ordered new furniture for Room 3 so we will have some surplus desks and chairs to give away. The new delivery won’t happen until late March so once the new furniture arrives you will be most welcome to take a desk and chair. Please let Cathy or Bernadette know if you would like to reserve a desk and chair.



Stewardship in action: Thanks to **Maria** Rm 7 and **Aine** Rm 6 who baked and sold yummy “chocolate brownie” at a recent bake sale to raise funds for Caritas. They are hoping to also buy blankets to give to the Homeless Shelter.

Come along to our first information session for 2017 Athletics Parent session Monday 13 March – you are invited to a session with Tim from Athletics so your child can get the maximum benefit from Athletics 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.

NETBALL: Netball registration forms have gone home - please return back to school by Wednesday 15 March. Netball meeting – there will be a netball meeting for parents on **Tuesday 21 March 7pm** (at the school) as to how the Sacred Heart Cathedral School netball season will be run in 2017. We would like at least one parent of each child who has registered to play netball to attend this meeting. As mentioned our families who have previously run netball are longer at our school. This is a great opportunity to support our school and our children in the development of their netball skills. Your help would be greatly appreciated – roles include coaching, umpiring, managing a team, joining the committee.

Congratulations to:

... **Katie** (Rm 8) who has qualified for the NZ Age Group Swimming championships to be held in Wellington later this month. Wishing you all the best Katie.
... **Maisie** (Rm 7) came **4th** in the final for the board and one place off the finals in the diamond. Fantastic effort. She came 10th for flags (below), there were 903 kids at this event. If anyone is interested in joining training for Oceans starts in May! Oceans squad is for ages 10-14, must be 10 on the 1st Oct 2017 for next season. Ages under 10 can join nippers Contact Me at jacqs.ellis@gmail.com if keen;



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.

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

Coming Events

- 8 March:** Goal setting, 3-5pm. **Children are encouraged to attend** (You will be able to give feedback on playground options)
- 13 March – Athletics Parent session 5- 5.45 Room 5 (beside office) All welcome**
- 14 March** - Junior trip to Te Papa
- **School Swimming Sports: Yrs 4-8** Karori Pool.
- 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.
- 21 March-** Netball meeting 7 pm in the staffroom - **Easter competition entries due.**
- 22 March – Pasifika Fono 5-6.30pm.**
- 28 March** – Junior School at Zealandia.
- 12 April – Stations of the Cross** – at school, 1pm. Parents welcome.
- 13 April** – 1.30pm Connolly Hall – **Farewell assembly for Sue Harkins.** Parents welcome.

School Swimming Sports Yrs 4-8:

Next Tuesday, 14 March, the school swimming sports are being held at Karori Pool 9.30-11.30am. Children are encouraged to **bring** house colour clothes to change into – they come to school in uniform. No colour hair spray or face paint is allowed.
Woodpigeon: Green
Fantail: Blue
White Heron: Yellow
Kingfisher: Red

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CAR PARKING: Feedback has been given to me regarding parents using the carparks opposite the Catholic Centre in the mornings and after school. This is causing distress to the people who pay for the use of these carparks. We would appreciate it if parents would please park on Hill St or Molesworth St and walk up to the school. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

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.

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

Student Council News: The Student Council are running an **Easter Competition** this term. The Juniors will have a colouring activity; the Middles/Seniors will be decorating a boiled egg! These are due **Tuesday 21 March**. They also want to run a **Sausage Sizzle** on Tuesday 28 March to raise funds for the school's St Vinnies group. They need an adult to help them cook from 11-12 on that day. Please let **Mrs Geraghty** know if you can help.

Junior Wheels Night: It was lovely to see so many families at the Junior Wheels night last Friday. The children had so much fun and it was a great opportunity for our families to mix and mingle together. A **big thanks** to our **Parents & Friends group** who organised this event.



Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

Lost: A jersey with the name Mya on it has been lost from Rm 8. Please check your child's jersey and return it to the office if you find it.

Summer Soccer: Last week the **Sacred Heart Smashers** beat Tramp Nation 2:1. **Otis** was player of the day. This week, **Sacred Heart Smashers** lost 1:nil to the Makaroons. **Antonia** was player of the day. **Speedsters** won 3 nil against Wadestown Outlaws and **Sophie** was player of the Day. **Squirrels** lost to The Wookies and **Alex** was player of the Day.

Confident Eater: Parent Workshop – “Getting the Kids Eating” Mon 27th March, 7.00 – 8.00pm at Toi Poneke Arts Centre, 61-69 Abel Smith St, Te Aro, Wellington. Practical advice & how to increase nutrients, Techniques for feeding the fussiest eaters. To find out more visit www.theconfidenteater.com

CodeCamp April Holidays: When: April 18th – 21st & April 24th – 27th. Venue: Samuel Marsden School, Karori. Code camp allows boys & girls from the ages of 7-17 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems & collaboration. Create games, apps & work with robots and electronic building blocks. Book now at www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp

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.

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!

Fr James

Ralph Waldo Emerson, a 19th century American philosopher is attributed with many social observations. Here's one on friendship: *It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.*

Do you recognise that blessing in any of your relationships? It's a great feeling to know you can simply “hang out” with someone, talk and laugh and go for a walk and talk again, and not have to worry about saying the wrong thing or wearing the wrong clothes or being manipulated or used. Friendship is the gift that, I believe, surpasses anything else. It brings companionship, promotes honesty and contributes hugely towards a fulfilled, harmonious and joyful life.

Emerson's expression is close to another I picked up somewhere: *It takes a long time to grow a friendship.* That speaks to me of the importance of valuing friendships. Appreciating the patience, mutual sharing and time needed for true friendship to develop, helps to respect and honour the friends you have.

Old friends might be “old”, but they don't have to be. You'll know their “age” by what they mean to you.