

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."

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 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.



Mathletics – we had a superb community session on Monday evening. We have also sent out key information via email on Tuesday recapping key Mathletics information. If you need a hard copy of this please contact Cathy. If you have any issues with your child's Mathletics account please liaise with the classroom teacher.

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 Room 1 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.

Subway Lunch Online ordering: We are hoping to begin this on Wednesday 22 March. You will need to register first – please follow the instructions attached and note the following additional points:

- Our school is set up for a Wednesday lunch day and orders will have to be placed before 9am on that day.
- Parents will have to create an account unless they are already a user of Subway's online ordering.
- Credit card payment only is accepted.
- If placing multiple orders for multiple children the first order needs to be completed and paid for before placing any subsequent orders.
- If parents use the option to save orders as favourites it will streamline the process of ordering in subsequent weeks.

Paper orders will still be accepted this term but we will be switching over to online ordering only from Term 2.

Swimming: Thank you to all the parents who came and cheered on the students at Karori Pool yesterday. The standard of swimming was very impressive. Special thanks to Sue Harkins and the team here at school who organized this event for our students. Thank you Father James – you were a very consistent fair judge. Photos on next page.

Middle Syndicate Bake sale fundraiser: *Ainë Rm 6, Charlize Rm 6, Maria Rm 7 and Sophia Rm 6* will be selling biscuits tomorrow to the Senior and Junior syndicates. Anzac, afghan and chocolate chip cookies - \$1.00 per cookie. Money raised from this will go towards purchasing blankets for the Homeless Shelter.

Rm 3 classroom furniture: The new furniture for Rm 3 has been delivered. We do have old 'twin desks and chairs' available – these are under the outside stairway – please feel free to help yourself.

Special thanks for the way you support our school. Throughout the week we have so many adults who pop in to help out. School trips, parent help, library work, fundraising, reading tutors or supporting me in how I am leading our school.

Kia tupu ai enei kakano, hei rakau nui
May these tender seedlings grow into might trees

Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

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

Coming Events

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.

BOT meeting 7.30 in the staffroom

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.

Pope Francis Lenten message

The word is a gift. Other persons are a gift

Assembly: Alysse Rm 9, performing a cultural dance at the school assembly on Monday.



WELCOME

Welcome to Dion Rm 5 and Noah T Rm 1 who both started at our school on Monday. We hope you enjoy your time at Sacred Heart Cathedral School.

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

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2017. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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ASB School donation/referral voucher

ASB have paid over \$277,000 to schools in the last 2 financial years. If you draw down a home loan of \$250,000 or more with ASB they will donate \$500 to our school. The loan must be processed through an ASB Branch, Contact Centre or Mobile Lending Manager. The clients must ask their ASB staff member for the donation to be paid to their ASB school.

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.

St Francis de Sales 2 yearly FAIR: 'A Festival of Food and Fun.'

WHERE: St Francis de Sales School, 11 Mersey St, Island Bay.

WHEN: Sunday 26 March, 11am-2pm

WHAT: Children's Activities, cakes, games, pickles & preserves, toys, clothing, crafts, white elephant, books, jewellery, rapid raffle, café
And much more.



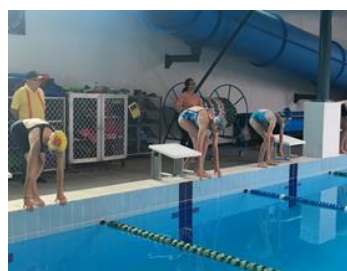
Maranui Water Polo club is looking to rebuild our Under 12 Squad. We would like to extend an invitation to all competent swimmers or water polo players. Training times for the Under 12's is **Sunday's from 4pm - 5pm at WRAC commencing 12/03/17**. The U12's do not train during the school holidays or long weekends. If you are interested please email maranuiwaterpolo@xtra.co.nz

Swimming sports

Finally the day we were waiting for had arrived! Today we were doing swimming sports. In the early morning the playground was a buzz with excitement. Everyone was in a house colours, it was a sea of greens, blues, reds and yellows. Then the bell rang. Its shrill call echoed across the school grounds. Then we were herded into the buses. Everyone chatted like they always did but as we drew closer to the swimming pool the noise slowly abated and the atmosphere that was before filled with chatter was now filled with nerves and anticipation. We thanked the bus driver and walked across the empty carpark towards the pool. The seniors then waited for the middles to arrive the holdup didn't help as it felt like a family of butterflies' were living in our stomachs. Due to the fact we were late starting the house chants were postponed till will we got back to school. Therefore we were straight in to the pool. We slowly worked our way through the tall stack of races we had to do. The houses were in furious competition and the pool was like a battleground. After a long morning we were up to the final race, the relay. All the houses had some success in the previous races, now it all came down to this one race. "ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GOOOOO!" all of the first swimmers took off. It was a close race but Kingfisher won. We then made it back to the buses and back to school. We sat down in the playground and sang the chants one by one (thank you to Father James for being the judge). Fantail won the chants. A long fun morning had finally come to an end and it was time rest.

We would like to say thank you to all the parents who were able to spend time at the pool with us.

By Oliver R 10 & Nevan Rm 8



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

Two feasts stand out on our Catholic calendar this month: St Patrick (17th) and St Joseph (19th). Patrick links us to Ireland from where large numbers of people came to help settle and build communities in lands far from home. Many of our priests, following the French Marists, were also from Ireland and helped create a feeling of identity between New Zealand and the "Emerald Isle". This cultural stream runs deep.

St Joseph, while having a more universal appeal as husband and guardian of Mary and Jesus, is also localised through the naming of schools and parishes after him. There is affection for Joseph as protector and the one closest to Mary and Jesus. He's admired for his ability to trust and to accept what he couldn't understand when faced with Mary's pregnancy. His integrity and sense of justice are outstanding.

St Patrick and St Joseph are models of faith that have inspired so many to live faithfully. May we learn from them to be grateful, and faithful.