



Sacred Heart Cathedral School

Te Kura Ahurewa o te Ngākau Tapu

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NEWSLETTER

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

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, Privet/Zdravstvuite.



"To be the Best Catholic Primary School that we can be."

Kahurangi theatre performance: On Monday our students had the privilege of participating in a dynamic cultural show based on Matariki. It was a superb opportunity for students to observe Maori song and dance at its very best. A very proud moment for staff was when our students sung a beautiful waiata to the performers.

"I really enjoyed the singing and the action songs using poi. The group told stories about the seven stars of Matariki." Grace

"I enjoyed the haka and seeing the energy and effort the performers put it into it." Dominic



Quiz Night Thursday 8

June at 7pm: The much anticipated Sacred Heart Quiz night is here! Come along and join parents and staff on Thursday 8 June at the Shepherd's Arms Hotel at 7pm, for a 7.30pm start. We are hoping to have a table from each classroom and you should receive an email about this! If you would like to join a room table you can email

Amanda Gregan on amandagregan@hotmail.com \$10 per person and all money raised goes to our new junior playground.

Middle Syndicate visit Prime Minister Bill English

Yesterday the middle syndicate went to parliament and spent some time talking with our Prime Minister. This was an amazing experience for the students to participate in. We are so lucky that the Prime Minister took time out of his busy schedule to meet with our students. Special thanks to Katie Greco who organised this superb experience.

"Mr English was a very good speaker and was interesting and informative." Aine

"I enjoyed asking our Prime Minister questions and learning more about him as a person." Sophia



School Photos: In about 2 weeks' time, the school will be emailed a link which will enable parents to view and purchase any of your children's photos online.

Enrolments: If you have a child you would like to enrol at our school in **2018**, please ensure that a completed enrolment form is lodged with the school before **31 July this year**. Our **2018 enrolments close on 31 July 2017**.

Attendance: The Board of Trustees has asked me to monitor student attendance carefully as in Term 1 there were some inconsistencies in attendance. For effective learning to take place your child needs to be at school every day unless they are genuinely sick. Each week I will give you an overall attendance rate.

Week 3 Term 2 94% of Sacred heart Cathedral School students were at school – fantastic
There were 70 students over the course of the week who were late – let's try and reduce this number

Coming Events

Wed 24 May: Mid/Snr syndicate cross country trials
- Jnr Syndicate ASB 12-2.30pm

Fri 26 May: St Vinnies collecting for the Soup Kitchen

Mon 29 May- Fri 2 June: Samoan Language Week

Tue 30 May: Filipino Consultation
5-6.30pm Connolly Hall please bring a plate for a shared meal

Fri 2 June – Samoan Language Week
Assembly - All welcome

Thu 8 June - Parents and Friends Quiz Evening at Shepherd's Arms Hotel, 7pm for 7.30pm start.
Tickets \$10 email

amandagregan@hotmail.com

21 June "What now – school take over"
TV show onsite.
- Celebrating Matariki visiting the Glow worms 5.30 pm

Welcome

Welcome to **Dominic** who started at our school on Monday, in Room 1. We hope you enjoy your time at our school.

Maisie and Remy confidently lead the school in karakia and waiata.



Pasifika Artwork created by Ava Rm 6



Middle Syndicate visit Prime Minister



St Mary's Principal visit our Year 8 girls



Catherine Ryan, Principal of St Mary's College visited our Year 8 girls and brought with her two of our ex-pupils, **Louise** and **Cynthia**, to speak to them about St Mary's College.

Basketball: Sacred Heart played EBIS Lakers and won 48-24 and **Roman** was awarded player of the day for the most 'steals'!

Wanted: Pillowcases and picture books: Our school St Vinnie's group are looking for any plain pillowcases and picture books in good condition for a project they are doing for children in need. If you have any of these items to donate please drop them into the school office.

Sacred Heart Young St Vinnie's: On Friday 26 May, the St Vinnies group from Sacred Heart Cathedral School will be taking part in a money collection at New World Thorndon for the Soup Kitchen. It would be great if some parents (their children do not have to be a part of the group) were able to help out with the collections and supervising as the children take their shifts. The shifts are:

- 8:40am - 9:40am
- 9:40am - 10:40am
- 10:40am - 11:40am
- 11:40am - 1:00pm
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm
- 2:00pm - 2:40pm/3:00pm (if the children are willing to stay longer).

We will be sending out notices about the collection and permission slips next week with the normal newsletters. If you are a parent willing to take part in the money collection, please contact Jane Regan at jane@sacred-heart.school.nz or Edie Kozyniak at edie.kozyniak@sacred-heart.school.nz. Thank you for your cooperation!

-Otis, Matthew and Ryan, St. Vinnies Committee.

Entertainment Books: Cathy is wanting to wrap this up. Please either return or purchase the book as soon as possible. The book or Digital copies can be purchased online at: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10428y2>

Cross Country –Fortunately the weather was fine enough on Wednesday morning for Year 7 & 8 students to run a “cross country” course around the school. Students have been training for this event since the start of the term and have built up fitness as well as endurance (even running through light rain conditions). The top five students from each year group will compete in the Central Zone completion on June 6th at McAllister Park in Newtown. Special thanks to Ann Stephen who organised a challenging, safe circuit for the students to run.



What Now TV show –21 June will be taking part in a “School take over” In the morning the students will be sharing what makes Sacred Heart Cathedral School special and unique. In the afternoon there will be inflatable games with relays staff vs students. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Have a great week – thanks for your on-going support.

Arohanui –

Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

Fr James

Leonardo Da Vince is credited with saying “Where the spirit does not work with the hand there is no art.” Perhaps he was just referring to his own gift as a designer and painter, but there is obviously a much wider application. Our individual gifts, talents, do not come to life on their own. They need inspiration and motivation to get them moving. This is the work of the spirit.

At our Cathedral School I see the spirit at work every day, and not just in art. In playing together, in classroom manners, in the caring way in which the juniors are “buddied”, there is a real “school spirit” encouraging, motivating and energising the whole school.

This is enhanced by the Christian faith that underpins school life. Belief in the Holy Spirit lifts us to another level where the Spirit is at work to build and unite communities. Those who live by the Spirit harvest an orchard of fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (*Galatians, 5:2*). With these in hand, masterpieces are assured.

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