



# 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."**

Samoa language week / Vaiaso o le gagana Sāmoa takes place this year between 28 May and 3 June. The theme for this year is *Ma'au i lou ofaga; maua'a lou fa'asinomaga, Keep your identity alive, to thrive. We have a special assembly on Friday 1.30-2.30pm - you are most welcome to join us in Connolly Hall.*

**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](mailto:amandagregan@hotmail.com) \$10 per person and all money raised goes to our new junior playground.

### St Catherine's visit:



The Principal of St Catherine's, Mary Curran visited our Year 8 girls on yesterday along with several ex-Sacred Heart students: Helena, Angelica, Catharina and Farren.

**Photos:** The photographers will email a link through to the school once the photos have been uploaded and ready for viewing on their online gallery. The link will be emailed out to everyone as soon as we receive it. It will also be on the school website. Parents will be able to purchase the photos online at the early bird prices which apply for the first two weeks once the online gallery is open. Photos purchased on the early bird offer will be delivered to the school. After 2 weeks, standard prices apply and you will need to either collect the photos from the studio or pay for postage.

**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 4 Term 2 95% of Sacred heart Cathedral School students were at school – fantastic There were 39 students over the course of the week who were late – well done this is a massive improvement from last week.

### Sacred Heart Young St Vinnie's:



**Special thanks** to our Vinnies who collected for the Soup kitchen on Friday outside New World.

**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**.

**Interim Reporting on student progress:** Monday 3 July 3.00-7.00pm or Wednesday 5 July 3.00-5.00pm. Book a 10 minute slot to meet your child's teacher for an interim report on your child's progress, by going to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and entering the code: sxfuj.

**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.

## Coming Events

- Fri 2 June: – Samoan Language Week Assembly - All welcome
- Mon 5 June: - Queen's birthday – Public Holiday
- Tue 6 June: - Zone Cross country ,Jnr Syn ASB Sports Centre 12.00-2.30pm
- Thu 8 June - Parents and Friends Quiz Evening at Shepherd's Arms Hotel, 7pm for 7.30pm start.
- Fri 9 June – Senior Technicraft
- Wed 14 June – Junior Syn Trip to the zoo
- Fri 16 June -Senior Technicraft
- Wed 21 June: - "What now – school take over" TV show onsite.  
- Celebrating Matariki visiting the Glow worms 5.30 pm
- 29 June: - Jnr Syn Celebration of Learning Parents welcome in Rms 1, 2 & 3 from 2.00-2.40pm.
- 30 June: - Feast of the Sacred Heart school activity day

**Lost:** Black merino cardigan belonging to Alison, our teacher aide. Please hand into the office if found.

**Thanks** to the Harland family for making crosses for Samoan Language week.



### Students teaching teachers Samoan colours at the staff meeting on Monday



"I was really nervous teaching the teachers because it seemed strange. The teachers were really excited especially when they got the kahoot answer right." Sabrina

"When we were teaching the teachers we got them to say the Samoan word first and then showed them a picture. Then we played a game to see if they could remember". Halia

"This was a very different experience – it was fun teaching teachers." Eden

**Filipino consultation:** We were very fortunate to have Ambassador Domingo and Sean O' Connor from Asia New Zealand speak to our Filipino parents on Tuesday evening. Thanks to Joseph Mino and Frances Galan who coordinated the evening, I am extremely grateful to our teaching staff, Father James and Frank our Board Chair who supported me in this consultation. This is another example of our vibrant Catholic community in action.



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

Arohanui –

Bernadette Murfitt  
Principal

**Marrzipan:** Good news! It's not too late to join Marrzipan! Marrzipan is a revolutionary self-confidence programme aimed at bringing out the absolute best in students. We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will perform for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a no-obligation Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website [www.marrzipan.com](http://www.marrzipan.com) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

**Philippine Festival 2017:** Saturday 3 June 2017 10.00am Walter Nash Stadium, 20/22 Taine Street, Lower Hutt. FREE ENTRY.

*TASTE OF HOME: Traditional Filipino food at its best. Discover new takes on the classics and enjoy old favourites through featurettes and food stalls.*

*PANAMA & KULTURE: Explore the rich heritage and culture of the Philippines through dance, dress and mythology. Set amongst quaint scenes and fascinating stories. Find "Philippine Festival 2017" on Facebook for more details or contact Dinna 021 473 039 or Judith 027 556 0800.*

## Fr James

**The Christian calendar traditionally honours** today as The Visitation of Mary, the time when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visits her cousin, Elizabeth, herself pregnant with John (the Baptist). There is much in this story for our benefit.

While admiring Mary's determination and courage in undertaking a journey through difficult terrain (the hill country of Juda), we can examine our own response when we sense a need to put ourselves out to help. How immediate? How generous? Then, Elizabeth is quick to recognise Mary's privilege and praises her – *blessed are you among women!* How ready are we to see the goodness in others and to compliment, praise, honour?

The two women support each other on their journey to motherhood. It is not an easy road. Being a bearer of life brings enormous responsibilities. Think of a critical time in your life when you have been supported, or did not find support. What part has this experience played in helping you to offer support?

Pray the *Hail Mary* for women alone or afraid. This prayer includes Elizabeth's greeting to Mary.

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