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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

2 August 2017 Week 2 Term 3

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Kon-nichiwa, Ni hao, Salam, 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."

This week we celebrate Cook Island Language Week

Ei rāvenga nāku i te tuatua i tōku reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani ka anoano au i te turuturu ā tōku ngutu `are tangata `ē te matakeinanga

An encouraging home and community environment is what I need to build my love and my confidence to speak my reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani. Cook Islands Language Week is a chance for all Kiwis to celebrate the rich language and culture of the Cook Islands.



Members welcomed to our community at our powhiri on Monday.



Powhiri; On Monday we had a powhiri to welcome Miss Wood and new students to our school. Our staff were very proud of the very special way our students showed leadership throughout the powhiri, it was a very moving experience. Special welcome to Xia Yan who is visiting our school this week from China. Xia Yan has been observing in all classes this week and has learnt a lot about how New Zealand students learn.

Cardinal John preparing Mass for Father James with liturgy leaders.



Father James 50 Years as a Priest: Mass for Father James to celebrate his Golden Anniversary as a Priest will be next Tuesday 8 August at 11 am. Cardinal John will work with our school liturgy leaders and then we will celebrate Mass as a school community to celebrate this wonderful achievement for Father James. We will also have a **Mufti Day** this **Friday 4 August**, children are encouraged to bring a gold coin so we can give Father James a gift to mark this special occasion.

Friends of Sacred Heart event: Mums' and Caregivers' Dinner: 6pm, Tuesday 15th August at Lotus Restaurant

Come and join other mums and female caregivers for dinner. This is a great opportunity to meet each other.

- Dinner is 6pm, Lotus Restaurant 12 Majoribanks Street, Mt Vic. The menu is at <http://www.thelotusrestaurant.co.nz/dinner>
- RSVP to foshcs@gmail.com or 021 0798290 with your name and the syndicate(s) your children are in by Friday 11 August.

I look forward to seeing you there. Deirdre Hanlon (Friends of Sacred Heart and Jacob & Thomas' mum)

Lost: Janelli (Rm 8) has lost a pair of earrings – blue dome shaped, with a bit of glitter. It has a flat back and has a post with butterfly lock. They may have fallen out of her pocket. Please hand into the office if found. Thank you.



Congratulations to Tammy (Rm 3) who was awarded a gold certificate in Mathematics. Well done Tammy!

Coming Events

- 2 Aug: BOT meeting staffroom.
- 4 Aug: Mufti Day gold coin for Father James's 50 years as a Priest gift.
- Tue 8 Aug: 11 am Cardinal John celebrates a special Mass for Father James who has been 50 years as a priest; all are welcome.
- Tue 15 Aug: FOSH Mums & Caregivers dinner. Lotus Restaurant 6pm
- 30 Aug: New date for What Now - Pasifika Fono 5pm.
- 13 Sept: Whanau group meeting 5pm
- 28 Sept: Literacy Made Easy & Literacy through the Arts. Classrooms open for students to share their learning followed by a concert in the Cathedral. 4.30-5.30 classrooms open. Soup and sausages available 5.45- 6.30pm concert in the Cathedral.

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where everyone gets a bargain

The Warehouse Tory Street **Bags for Good Neighbourhood at The Warehouse Tory Street:** When you shop at the **Tory Street Warehouse** store you can grab a token at the checkout and place your token in the voting unit for Sacred Heart Cathedral School from **August to January period.** Funds raised will go towards our playground. We are very appreciative to The Warehouse for making this fundraising activity possible.



"I am learning to use the Padlet app to summarise the main ideas from a text." This was a special lesson led by Katrina from Core Education.

We had a wonderful session in the Cathedral last night that gave families many practical ideas and strategies to employ as we raise our children.



Raising Happy, confident and resilient children:

Special thanks to our Friends of Sacred Heart committee who organised this wonderful presentation and created an opportunity to add to our parenting tool box. This great initiative raised \$1600 towards our Playground. Check out the Parenting Place website - there are numerous ideas and strategies for parents.

Friends of Sacred Heart: The Friends of Sacred Heart are looking for new members! We are a group of parents who support the school in social and fundraising activities for the benefit of the school community. We provide cups of tea after mass and help with the annual school disco. Meetings are once or twice a term, for around one hour. Our next meeting is Tuesday 8th August at 7.30pm in the staff room.

Feel free to join us or contact nicola.nation@gmail.com for more information.

Special thanks for all your ongoing support.

Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

Upcoming nutrition course for busy parents. Tips for fussy eaters, lunch box ideas, understanding food labels and more! Starts Thursday 17th August, limited places available. To book or for more information, go to <http://www.cecwellington.ac.nz/courses/1282-healthy-eating-for-your-family>.

Orchestra Wellington and The Circus Hub combine for a show extravaganza:



UNDER THE BIG TOP! Orchestra Wellington and The Circus Hub

DATE: Saturday 2nd September

TIME: 3pm

VENUE: Michael Fowler Center

See death-defying aerial performers, sensational stilt dancers, jugglers, tumblers and clowns when Orchestra Wellington combines with the Circus Hub for a spectacular family show.

Orchestra Wellington will be playing a selection of classics including Nutcracker, Carmen and other kids favourites, alongside the acrobats, clowns and performers INSIDE the Michael Fowler Center suspended from giant ribbons, and trapezes!

For further information go to:

<http://orchestrawellington.tumblr.com/post/163382011669/orchestra-wellington-and-the-circus-hub-present>

Fr James

Out of the horror and fear of famine, a Rwandan woman known as Doris writes this prayer: *May your love, O Lord, help us to value fully the signs of kindness and joy among human beings, in our world that is scarred by so many hardships and injustices.*

To write such a prayer, when your own life has been all but destroyed by natural disaster and inhuman behaviour, is witness to an undying faith. It is so easy to become inward looking and selfish, when you have been the victim of mistreatment or unfairness. Instead, Doris prays not to lose sight of the goodness, generosity and joyfulness that exists even in the midst of extreme poverty and pain.

The prayer expresses the human spirit's ability to overcome setbacks and to assist in time of need. We have seen that in our own communities affected by flooding and earthquakes. Valuing the *signs of kindness and joy* will encourage you to become such signs yourself.

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