



Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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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

16 August 2017 Week 4 Term 3

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.”

Letter from Father James to Bernadette, staff, students & Board of Trustees:

“The Mass you planned and celebrated with and for me last Tuesday was magnificent. A truly wonderful and memorable way to honour my 50 years as a Priest. The occasion was great for several reasons:

- 1. Cardinal John was our presider.*
- 2. The student liturgy committee planned the Mass and met with Cardinal John during the planning.*
- 3. The music was especially prepared and rehearsed.*
- 4. Every class participated and wrote/spoke lovely things about me.*
- 5. Many parents came.*
- 6. It was an expression of faith that not only endorsed my priesthood but told me how truly worthwhile my life as a priest has been.*

In addition you gave me a generous gift, 200 Euros, which will make my coming holiday ever more enjoyable.

My thanks to you all for your love and respect, so beautifully expressed. I am proud to be among you and look forward to more celebrations with you.

Someone asked me if I was coming back to Sacred Heart after my holiday. That is certainly my intention. You will not get rid of me so easily!!

With great affection and blessings,

Father James Lyons”

Assumption Mass



We had a beautiful Mass yesterday to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This Mass was led by the Junior Syndicate, Thanks to Sue Cranney, Sarah Maresca, Angel Moore and Adrienne Wood, who together planned a Mass to mark the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of New Zealand. Special mention must go to Mr and Mrs Maresca who designed and made the beautiful altar cloth. The spirituality of our children was clearly evident throughout their participation in the Mass.

Sacred Heart Care Group: The Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral school would like to start up a “care group” for the purpose of providing baking to school families to support them in times of need. For example, this could be for the birth of a baby, sickness or bereavement in the family.

Please let us know if you would like to go on a roster to provide baking to a school family. We envisage that you will only be called on to bake once or twice a year. Baking would need to be dropped to school and Cathy will distribute it to the child at school.

Please email foshcs@gmail.com with your name, child’s name and class number and your mobile phone number. We will then send out more detailed information. Please let us know if you have any questions. Amanda, Suzanne and Nicola (for the Friends of Sacred Heart) (amandagregan@hotmail.com, suzanneadair@hotmail.com, nicola.nation@gmail.com)

Speech Competition: Special thanks to all students who participated in the school speech competition. The standard of speeches was outstanding. It was wonderful to see our students develop their knowledge on a topic and present it to an

Coming Events

- 22 Aug: ASB middles
- 23 Aug: Senior Swimming
- 24 Aug: Central Zone swimming
- 25 Aug: Visit from Filipino Ambassador Domingo
- 30 Aug: New date for What Now - Pasifika Fono 5pm.
- 1 Sept: Fathers’ Day Liturgy
- 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.
- 17 Nov: 1.30 Grandparents Liturgy.

A WARM WELCOME TO **Thomas** in Room 4 who started at our school on Monday.

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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.

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audience in such a convincing manner. Congratulations to all who participated.

Sacred Heart Speech competition winners:



Year 5: **Maria** Rm 7 'Why having a sibling is good for you.'

Year 6: **Annabelle** Rm 7 'Why Reality TV is ruining society.'

Year 7: **Emma** Rm 8 'Why we need to take action now, for the sake of a better future.'

Year 8: **Oliver** Rm 10 'Is this the end of Paper?'

Congratulations to the above children who won the school speech competition in their respective year levels. They will now go on and compete in the Central Zone Speech Competition tonight, held at Mt Cook School, 7pm. Special thanks to Dame Therese Walsh (an ex-student of Sacred Heart Cathedral School) who spent time with our four winners on Monday afternoon ensuring they are well prepared for upcoming Central Zone event. Good luck.

Wanted – any *swimming goggles* that are no longer required please donate to the office so we can lend out on swimming days.

Lost: Amanda (Rm 6) has lost her school tie – un-named. She left it in the girls' changing room upstairs. If found please hand it into the office. Thank you.

Election Quiz: Later on in the month we will be sending home a sponsored Election Quiz. Participation in the activity is optional. Funds raised will go straight to Parents and Friends towards our playground.

Orchestra in action



e-learning in Room 1



Beautiful Pasifika art



We are thankful for all of our students who have impacted on our lives and for the privilege of having an impact on their lives.

Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

A weekend you deserve!

Who doesn't want the best for their children? The strength of your relationship as parents in love is one of the best gifts you can give to your children. So why not take time out for just the two of you to enrich your relationship. Our next weekend is at Silverstream Retreat on the weekend of 6-8 October. For more details and bookings, please phone Angela or David on [0800 362 686](tel:0800362686). **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**. Information brochures available from the school office.

Fr James

Years in pastoral ministry convince me that every life is a "good life". I have this reinforced every time I visit a family or classroom, celebrate a baptism or funeral or carry Communion to the sick or aged. Each life carries a person through experiences and relationships that profoundly affect themselves and their environment. I see uniqueness. And even where there is obvious struggle or imperfection, I see goodness.

It is certainly not age that determines whether a life is good or not. Life comes from God, each holding a kernel of goodness that can never be matched. We are, each of us, a "word made flesh". God speaks through love, and life is born. Age is irrelevant where goodness is concerned.

The "new commandment" Jesus gave his followers: *Love one another as I have loved you* [John 15:12] calls us to see the goodness in others more than their faults. Though betrayed, physically and emotionally thrashed and nailed to a cross, Jesus refused to believe the worst of his torturers and would-be friends, and died with forgiveness on his lips. To follow him we can do no less.

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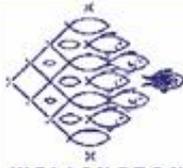
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