



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

29 November 2017 Week 07 Term 4

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."

Xmas hamper – A **BIG THANK YOU** for your generosity in donating items to our Xmas hampers – we have 9 small hampers and 2 large hampers to raffle off! Raffle tickets were sent home on Monday and need to be returned by Friday 8 December. Raffle tickets are \$2 each. drawn on Monday 11 December. This is another superb fundraiser for our playground.



Xmas Hampers

Students at Caritas



Students fundraising for Caritas:

Talikha Rm 6, Makenzie Rm 7, Sophia Rm 6, Gabrielle Rm 9 and Kathryn Rm 8 visited Caritas last week to hand over money they had raised through selling baking, necklaces and bracelets. The money they raised will go to a school in Fiji.



Staff with John at his graduation

Congratulations to John Grevatt who is now a fully registered teacher. John has just completed 2 years of teaching. John is also the recipient of a New Zealand Catholic Education Office Scholarship. John intends to start his Masters in 2018.

Congratulations to the following students who made their First Holy Communion in the Cathedral on Sunday: *Aaryn, Anika, Claudia, Daniel, Elliot, Marsy, Victoria, Rupert, Sabina, Sasha R, Taylah, Yasha and Zymone* all from Room 5 and *Zach* from Room 7.

"At Mass we are called to be like Jesus by loving and serving one another in the world."



Sophie and Jacinda

Congratulations to Sophie Rm 10, who took part in the Auckland Junior Swimming Champs where she achieved some good personal best times. It was a great experience competing against some of the tough Auckland swimming clubs and she was the only one from her swimming club to attend the meet. On her flight up she was sitting behind the Prime Minister and got a chance to have her photo taken with her!

Special thanks to the *Engineering group of students* who have worked with *Miss Regan* and two Engineers from *BECA (Victoria and Sara)* and have researched, planned and provided detailed costings to enhance quite a large corner of our school that has been under-utilised. This area will be known as "Our Community Garden". Thanks to *Paul Duignan* who used a brainstorming tool to really focus on what was important throughout the process and to *Suzanne Adair* from our Board who has ensured the children's ideas have become a reality.

Engineering Group presented with \$750 cheque for getting a "Merit" award for their project.



Futureintech Ambassadors visited our school to teach some of our students how to make electronic Christmas trees.



Coming Events

Wed 6 Dec:- Thank you morning tea- 10.30am all welcome

Mon 11 Dec: Xmas hamper raffle drawn.

Tue 12 Dec: Kapa Haka Day

Wed 13 Dec: Seniors to the Zoo 9.30am-1.15pm

Thu 14 Dec: Middle Syndicate at the 'Gardens'.
- End of Year Mass 6.15pm
Cathedral

Fri 15 Dec: School finishes at 1pm

Disco: A special thanks to the *Parents & Friends group, Mrs Geraghty* and the *Student Council* who organised the disco for our children.



Juniors jiving to the music



Sam B, Joshua, Zachary and Keiffer all from Rm 3 showing off some dance moves!

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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.

Farewell function for Yi our Mandarin Language Assistant at Victoria University on Monday evening. We have just heard from the Confucius Institute that Yi will be returning to our school next year – we are really excited about this and look forward to supporting Yi in 2018.



Yi at the Farewell function for MLAs.



Yi singing with 57 other Mandarin Language Assistants 2017

Please encourage your child to go on their Mathletics account. Thanks for your on-going support.

Arohanui
Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

CodeCamp Jan/Dec Holiday Programmes: Dates & Venues:

Samuel Marsden School: 18th–21st Dec, 8th–11th Jan, 15th–18th Jan, 23rd–26th Jan

Maranui SLSC, Lyall Bay - 8th–11th Jan, 15th–18th Jan, 23rd–26th Jan

Thorndon Primary School - 8th–11th Jan, 15th–18th Jan

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KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES: Pre- Christmas programmes will run at the following centres: *Kelly club Northland*; (Northland Memorial hall – [5 Woburn Road](#)) 18 Dec–22 Dec, *Kelly Club Island Bay*; 18 Dec–22 Dec, *Kelly Club Houghton Valley*; 20 Dec–22 Dec, *Kelly Club Westpark*; 21 Dec–22 Dec, *Kelly Club Churton Park*; 18 Dec–22 Dec, *Kelly Club Amesbury*; 15 Dec–22 Dec.

Activities include *Wet N Wild, Scavenger Hunt, Cup cake decorating, Sports, Christmas Activities games* and much more. January Holiday Programme starting from the 8th January 2018 at the following venues: *Kelly Club Wilton (wests rugby clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton), Westpark School, Churton Park School, Amesbury School, Island Bay School*. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 2018: Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. “Back to School Sports” (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesday 2.45pm – 3.45pm; Come and try **Football, Cricket, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball**. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. It’s a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability.

JANUARY FOOTBALL MORNING HOLIDAY WORKSHOP (Yrs 1–6) Wests Club Rooms, Wilton (all weather indoor surface). Improve technique by working on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling & shooting with head coach Martin. Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm (9th, 10th & 11th Jan/16th, 17th & 18th Jan/23rd, 24th & 25th Jan). For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Fr James

There is much concern about the state of our world. There is little faith in politics or politicians. There is disillusionment in the failure of institutions, like the Church or public companies, to live up to their own high standards or moral code. People feel powerless, caught in something out of control.

On 27 February 2013, the day before he surprised the world with his resignation, Pope Benedict XVI, spoke of these things as they affected his own ministry of eight years. He said, "The Lord has given us so many days of sun and light winds, days when the catch was abundant; there were also moments when the waters were rough and the winds against us, as throughout the Church's history, and the Lord seemed to be sleeping. But I have always known that the Lord is in that boat and...that the barque of the Church is not mine but his. Nor does the Lord let it sink... This has been, and is, a certainty, which nothing can shake. For this reason my heart today overflows with gratitude to God for he has never let his Church, or me personally, lack his consolation, his light, his love."

Can we make these remarkable words our own? Rough times, uncertain times, call for trust, to steady ourselves as instruments in the hands of the One who makes all things new.

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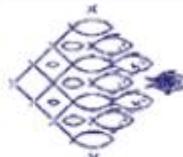
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