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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

13 December 2017 Week 09 Term 4

Farewell and best wishes to our school leavers who are off to College next year. Thank you for all you have done for our school: *George, Wilson Jack, Riona, Samson, Anna, Immy, Ethan, Alexia, Antonia, Jacob, Hannah H, Martin, Katie, Edie, Liam, Kaelin, Toby, Matthew, Joziah, Tayla, Mihini, Nevan, Grace, Errol, Emily, Safi, Ryan, Jotham, Otis, Lydia, Oliver, Gabriel, Roman, Lesina, Lily, Hannah v, Anthony and Jasmine.* Best wishes to *Josephine and Aidan* who are also off to a new school. We wish you and your families all the very best.

Xmas hamper – Thanks very much for all your support - we raised approximately \$1650 for the Parents and Friends school playground project.

Winners were: Basket 1: Christine Paterson, Basket 2: Della Seamer, Basket 3: Sharon B, Basket 4: Zoe Rillstone, Basket 5: Napier Family, Basket 6: Zymone, Basket 7: Benny, Basket 8: P Barven, Basket 9: V Nagrampa, Basket 10: Gail Saipani, Basket 11: Thomas B. Frances has contacted all the winners on their mobiles.

Special thanks for all your financial donations you have made to our school over the year. As a result of your generosity we have been able renovate to the library, purchase more ergonomic furniture, iPads, chrome books and provide additional teaching hours for learning support. Some of your donations may be eligible for a tax credit.

Maths Achievements:

Problem Challenge Otago University: EXCELLENCE – *Elizabeth* Rm 8, *Gabrielle* Rm 9, *Ryan* Rm 9 and *Wilson-Jack* Rm 10.

MERIT: *Lily* Rm 10, *Andre* Rm 8, *Edie* Rm 8, *Grace* Rm 9, *Toby* Rm 8, *Oliver* Rm 10, *Matthew* Rm 9, *George* Rm 9, *Antonia* Rm 9, *Emma* Rm 8 and *Nevan* Rm 8.

Maths Olympiad – run out of Australia: TOP 10%: *Wilson-Jack* Rm 10, *Antonia* Rm 9, *Matthew* Rm 9 and *Ryan* Rm 9.

TOP 20%: *Edie* Rm 8, *Miguel* Rm 10, *Elizabeth* Rm 8, *Lydia* Rm 9.

TOP 25%: *Gabrielle* Rm 9, *Grace* Rm 9.

TOP 30%: *Toby* Rm 8.

Angelica Clarke speaking at school assembly

Joint Kapa Haka performance: St Theresa's Plimmerton & Sacred Heart Cathedral Schools



Ex-student Dux St Mary's College 2017



Touch: All of the Sacred Heart touch teams competed in the touch finals last Wednesday. The Yr 5/6 mixed touch team the **Sacred Heart Saints won the Division One A final 6-5 against the Kilbirnie Blues.** Player of the season was **Carlos** Rm 5 and **Most Valuable Player** went to **Annie** Rm 7. A big thank you too, to **Cataldo Iaccarino**, who generously coached them.

We had two Year 7/8 mixed team **Sacred Heart Green Machine lost narrowly in the Division One A final against the St Patricks Flyers.** Player of the Season was awarded to **Samson** Rm 9 and the **Most Valuable Player** went to **Oliver** Rm 10. The **Sacred Heart Warriors lost the B final in a close game against St Annes.** Player of the Season was **Toby** Rm 8 and **Most Improved** was jointly awarded to **Anna** Rm 10 and **Safi** Rm 10.

It was fantastic to see everyone enjoying themselves on the touch field. Thank you to all the parents who have transported and supported our teams.



St Catherine's Prizegiving: 2 ex- Sacred Heart students excelled in their first year at St Catherine's College – *congratulations* to **Angelica Silva** and **Helena**

Coming Events

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

Fri 15 Dec: Free mufti day.
School finishes at 1pm.

2018 Term Dates

Term 1: Wed 31 Jan-Fri 13 Apr

Term 2: Mon 30 Apr-Fri 6 July

Term 3: Mon 23 July-Fri 28 Sept

Term 4: Mon 15 Oct-Fri 14 Dec

School starts on Wednesday 31 Jan at the usual time of 8.40am.

2018 Uniform shop opening hrs:

Wed 24 Jan-Fri 26 Jan: 1.30-2pm

Mon 29 Jan -Tue 30 Jan: 1.30-2pm.

Farewell and Thank you to **Juliet Smith** our Reading Recovery Teacher who has served our school for 14 years. Best wishes Juliet as you enjoy time for yourself and your family. Thank you for developing the literacy skills of our students.



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Nagrampa who both came away with numerous academic awards.

Regional Zone Athletics: Congratulations to *Edie* Rm 8 1st 1500m Yr 8, *Eden* Rm 8 2nd shotput Yr 7, *Hannah* Rm 8 11th 100m Yr 8, *Sabrina* Rm 10 6th long jump, 5th 100 m Yr 7, *Lesina* Rm10, 6th shotput, Yr 7. Well done girls.

Congratulations to:

... ***Hannah H*** Rm 8, who has been a **Wellington Cricket rep** for the past 3 years and played for the **Wellington U13 Girls cricket team**. The first year that she was selected, she was the youngest and only Year 6 student. She has steadily improved and is now also playing in the **Wellington Premier Girls grade** for the Wellington Collegians club. Despite being one of the youngest in the grade (most players are at secondary school), she is currently ranked 11th. Fantastic work Hannah "*a white fern in the making*".

... ***Ryan*** Rm 9, has been selected to play for the **Wellington Year 8 Cricket development team** at the **North Island rep tournament**. He will be on the team representing Wellington in Hawkes Bay in late January.

... ***Sophie*** Rm 10, competed at the **Wellington Junior 12 & under Swimming Championships** over the weekend. She won a **Gold medal** in 200m breaststroke, **Silver** in 100m breaststroke and a **Bronze** medal in 50m breaststroke. She also gained five top ten placings in other strokes.

... ***Maisie*** Rm 7, also competed in the **Wellington Junior 12 & Under Swimming Championships** and got **Silver** in **100m Individual Medley**, **Bronze** in 50m Butterfly and 400m Freestyle and top ten placings in 4 other strokes - the result of a lot of hard work and determination.

... ***Edie*** Rm 8, **won Regional primary 1500m** at the track in Masterton last Tuesday managing to go sub 5mins for the first time with a 4.57 time. ***Edie*** also competed in the **Wellington Junior 12 & Under Swimming Championships** and won a **Bronze** in **12yr 200m Breaststroke**. She was also selected to play in the **Federation 2005 soccer girls team for the second year running** (equivalent of Wellington rep team). A multi-talented athlete - well done ***Edie!***

Please encourage your child to go on their Mathletics account over the holiday break. I have talked to all of the children about making sure they spend time reading over the holidays. We want the achievement gains of 2017 to be sustained for 2018.

Thank you for all your ongoing support throughout the 2017 school year. We have achieved so much as a school community and I am very grateful to you all for all your contributions that make our school such a great place to be associated with

Thanks:

- To the talented staff who have the interests of our children at the forefront.
- To Father James and Fiona with the special way you support the Parish school.
- To our wonderful group of trustees whose strategic direction ensure our school is innovative.
- To parents and friends who are very creative with fundraising.
- To our parent community who support all the learning activities we provide for our students.
- To our families who are leaving Sacred Heart Cathedral School - thanks for your time and commitment and the legacy you have left.
- Thank you to our Year 8 students who are off to spread their wings at College. Thanks for all you have done at our school and we wish you all the very best as you start the College adventure. We hope what you have learnt at Sacred Heart Cathedral School sets you up for a lifetime of learning.
- To those students who are leaving our school to go to overseas or a new school a school closer to home we hope you will continue to flourish with your learning.
- Most of all thank you to our gorgeous students who are the reason why we are all associated with Sacred Heart Cathedral School.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas. If you are travelling, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Meri Kirihimete.

Arohanui
Bernadette Murfitt
Principal



Fr James

2017 has marked 500 years since what became known as The Reformation splintered Christianity. Martin Luther has been credited as the spark that set alight a general discontent had been smouldering for decades and this month, November, recalls his action that challenged papal authority.

Around the world there have been commemorative services, exhibitions, lectures and drama productions concerning this critical historical period, encouraging renewed efforts to fully heal the Body of Christ. Note, we are "commemorating" not "celebrating". Christians of all denominations have little to celebrate when it comes to our treatment of one another. There were martyrs on all sides as we fought for our "rights", blinded by prejudice, hatred, national pride and greed for power.

Today, while there is great tolerance and acceptance of differences, the Body of Christ is still not reconciled and aches for that inner peace needed to bear proper witness. The prayer of Jesus that *they might all be one*, will not be realised until the world again acclaim: *See how these Christians love one another!* [Tertullian, 2nd century]

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