

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*



*"To be the Best Catholic Primary School that we can be.*

A very special warm welcome back to 2017. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following students who have joined the Sacred Heart Cathedral School. Community. We hope you and your family enjoy your time with us.

Room 1: *Daniel, Sophia, Carles, Chanelle, Caitlin, and Jorge.*

Room 2: *Nina.*

Room 3: *Joseph and Michael.*

Room 5: *Victoria.*

Room 6: *Aine.*

Room 8: *Joziyah, Francis, Jena, Leah, Vada and Xavier.*

Room 9: *Jotham, Amy, Hazel, Juliette, Phoebe, Alysse, and Caitlin.*

Room 10: *Lesina, Charlize, Constantine, Madison, Sabrina, Tea and Daniel.*

A warm welcome to Denise Mendez-Kerr who is in Room 3 for the term while Angel is on Maternity Leave. Denise worked in Room 1 and Room 9 throughout 2016.

**Staffing organisation for 2017:**

Bernadette Murfitt	Principal
Christine Geraghty	Deputy Principal Room 8
Sue Cranney	Assistant Principal Room 1
Jane Regan	Director of Religious Studies Room 9
Eli Scarlett	Senior Teacher Room 6
Sarah Maresca	Room 2
Sue Harkins	Room 10 term 1
Ann Stephen	Room 10 from term 2 2017
Denise Mendez-Kerr	Room 3 term 1
Angel Moore	Room 3 from term 2 2017
Clare Smyth	Room 5
John Grevatt	Room 7
Penny Walker	Classroom Release Teacher
Kate Woodbury	Literacy Intervention Teacher
Alison Jones	Teacher Aide
Rachel Sheldon	Teacher Aide
Ella Duncan	Teacher Aide
Frances Galan	Teacher Aide/Office Assistant
Juliet Smith	Reading Recovery Teacher
Cathy Lee	Office Manager
Robyn Jones	ASC Supervisor/Uniform co-ordinator
Robyn Lovell	Library

**Beach Day**

We are hoping we will be blessed with a windless day next Friday as we head to Oriental Bay for our full school annual beach day. The Junior School will be bussed to and from the beach leaving school at 9.25am and returning at 1.30pm. The rest of the school will walk to and from the beach leaving at about 9.15 and returning to school at about 1.30. Children will wear mufti with sensible walking shoes and sunhat. Please ensure your child has sunblock, a good lunch and a water bottle. **There will be no purchasing of food for children at the local shops.** Children can bring plastic buckets and spades to play with at the water's edge. There will be an opportunity for children to swim in a supervised area at the beach. The children will use toilets and changing rooms – these will be supervised by staff.

To educate our children within a Catholic environment to achieve their full spiritual, academic and personal potential.



**Coming Events**

6 February Waitangi Day

*We pray to the Lord and give thanks for his unification of us as one family in Aotearoa.*

8 February Welcome Liturgy- All welcome 9.00am in the Cathedral

10 February Beach Day – Oriental Bay, all welcome.

15 February Junior Swimming starts

17 February Junior Wheels Night. 5.30-7pm

**Student Voice: First Day Impressions**

*"I have really enjoyed catching up with my friends today"* Andre Rm 8  
*"I have enjoyed meeting new people in my class."* Adrian Rm 10  
*"I have really enjoyed Day 1 as a Senior."* Keira Rm 9  
*"It is great back at school learning again."* Safi Rm 10

**Student Prayer**

*Eternal & Gracious God,  
Help me to be curious  
about the world around me.*

*Help me be prepared  
for the challenges I face each day.*

*Help me be open  
to difficult tasks.*

*Help me to be determined  
to complete my work.*

*Help me to be responsible  
in all I do.*

*Help me to be accepting  
of people's differences.*

*Help me to be kind  
in my thoughts and words.*

*Help me to be aware  
of my talents.*

*Help me to be myself -  
to be the best that I can be.*

*Amen*

Special thanks to our Board of Trustees and Christine Geraghty who looked after our school over the holiday break. The team at Sacred Heart Cathedral School are looking forward to supporting your child throughout the 2017 year.

You are all invited to a Welcome Back Liturgy on 8 February at 9.00am in the Cathedral.

Arohanui –  
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

**Term Dates for 2017:**

Term 1:

Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 13 April

Term 2:

Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

Term 3:

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

Term 4:

Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

The staff attended a First Aid Course on Friday 27 Jan 2017



Staff took part in IT professional development Mon 30 Jan 2017



**SUNSHINE  
DRAMA.**

Sunshine Drama is all about growing confident communication & performance skills in children of all ages.

Classes are held Tuesday at the Karori Baptist Church Hall and Saturday's at the Karori Recreation Centre.

For information about our classes, enrolments or to arrange a free trial class, visit [www.sunshinedrama.co.nz](http://www.sunshinedrama.co.nz) or call Jenae Ryan 0274 380533.

**Fr James**

**Hot Cross Buns** made their appearance in supermarkets the first week in January. The Christmas decorations were still on display; the Nativity Scene was still in the cathedral. But, commercially, Easter was already here, with food traditionally associated with that special season baked and on sale! We were still talking about the speed with which last year disappeared, while witnessing the New Year being swallowed up before it even got into stride!

And now, here we are in February and school is on the agenda. Please do your best to slow things down. I find a good way to do this is to focus on “today” – not tomorrow or next week, but the day I woke up and am alive in: TODAY! Make yourself aware of what’s around you and who is in today with you. Look for something good to enjoy, laugh about and to take with you as a reassuring memory. Even if you’re carrying a problem don’t let it cloud your vision of life and its potential for joy and gladness. Live today and be blessed.