

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.”

We had a beautiful welcome back liturgy for our students today. Special thanks to Father James, Miss Regan, Michael and the liturgy leaders who put in a great deal of thought to make this occasion special for everyone.

As we enter our new school year, we take a moment to remember how Jesus teaches us to live a happy and fulfilling life.



Beach Trip: Fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us on Friday as our school heads to Oriental Bay for our school 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. Please feel free to join us at any stage of the day. If the event has to be cancelled you will be notified by text message, email and there will be an update on the school website.



Welcome to: Chay Huan Leow who is visiting us from Radin Mas Primary School in Singapore for the next two weeks. This is a great opportunity for us to share successful methods of teaching as well as learn from a practitioner who works in a country with a very high standard of education. We hope you enjoy your time with us Chay Huan.

Junior School News- mark the date – **Tuesday 28 March**

As mentioned in the junior newsletter, we will be visiting Zealandia and now have the confirmed date. The visit will be March 28th from 9.10 to 1pm. We will need parent help. A letter will come home closer to this time.

**SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2017: Wellington Central Pastoral Area
Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

(Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish; St Mary of the Angels; St Teresa's, Karori and St Thomas More, Wilton)

Registration forms can be picked up from Sacred Heart Cathedral School or the Cathedral Parish Office. To be eligible your child should be 8+ years of age before 1 November 2017 (see below) and already be baptised. The deadline for enrolment is **Friday 3 March 2017.**

What is the correct age for receiving the sacraments? There is no correct age. In this diocese sacramental preparation programmes have been traditionally offered to children from the age of 7 – 8 onwards. Parents are the best judge of whether their child is mature enough to receive a sacrament. It is not easy to determine whether your child understands what it is they are doing. Remember understanding develops over a long period of time. The Sacramental Team can advise you if you wish to discuss readiness for the programme. No one is too old to receive sacraments. With the appropriate preparation, any person can receive the sacraments at any age.

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

Coming Events

8 Feb: Board of Trustees meeting
7.30pm, staffroom.

9 Feb: Kapa Haka begins.

Middle school swimming starts.

10 Feb: Beach Day – Oriental Bay, all welcome.

14-17 Feb: Seniors EOTC week.

15 February Junior Swimming starts.

17 February Junior Wheels Night.
5.30-7pm.

6 March: Advance warning: Goal setting 3-7pm.

8 March: Goal setting, 3-5pm.

17 March: St Patrick's Green Mufti Day –we would love it if you could bring an Easter egg or bunny for our Parents and Friends Easter raffle.

22 March – Pasifika Fono 5-6.30pm.

28 March – Junior School at Zealandia.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to **Noah** who started in Room 1 today.

Impressions from some of our new students:

“I have enjoyed getting to know my teacher and the children in my class.” **Hazel** Rm 9

“I love reading books from the book case in Room 3.” **Joseph** Rm 3

“I have made lots of new friends in my class.” **Michael** Rm 3

“Everyone at Sacred Heart has been friendly and welcoming.” **Daniel** Rm 10

“I enjoyed the special Welcome to Sacred Heart Cathedral School Liturgy. I have been made to feel happy and special”. **Madi** Rm 10

Class Treaty: The students all signed a class treaty- these were presented in Assembly. The Treaty honours and respects each member of the class. The children are aware that a Treaty is about a promise while building positive relationships. Our responsibilities require us to work together so we are all people of God in thought and action.



Staffing update: During the holiday period Mrs Walker tripped and broke her hip. We wish Mrs Walker a speedy recovery and look forward to her returning to us this term.

Wanted: If you are upgrading your BBQ the school would greatly appreciate your old one if it is in good working order.

I will leave you with a special Prayer that was said at the Liturgy this morning.

“We thank you for our school community. Help us to make it a place filled with faith, hope and love.”

Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

Update from Parents and Friends: Wheels Night for Junior and Middle Syndicates.

The much loved Sacred Heart Wheels Night is back again in 2017. Bring your choice of takeaway dinner, the whole family and your ride (don't forget your helmet!). The Friends of Sacred Heart will provide the tomato sauce, hot drinks and ice blocks for the children. Friday 17th Feb 5.30-7pm for juniors and Friday 24th Feb 5.30-7pm for middles. We look forward to seeing you there.

Summer Soccer:

Year 8 summer soccer results: Sacred Heart Smashers played 2 games this week. They drew 0:0 against Otari Leopards and won 9:0 against Raptors. **Edie** was player of the day.

Year 6 Speedsters: lost to Orcas and **Ella** was Player of the Day.

Year 6/7 Squirrels: drew with Falcons and **Tom B** was Player of the Day.

Lost: **Danielle** Room 3 has lost her named jersey. Please check your child's jersey.

Subway Lunch Programme 2017:

Subway will introduce online programme for ordering (and paying for) school lunches which will be launched before the end of February. In the interim we will use paper order forms and this will continue as an optional ordering method for the first term of school. Please note there has been menu changes so please throw out any old order forms you may have at home. Salami has been removed as a sandwich option and replaced with Chicken Strips sandwiches. Cookies and the Juice box have been replaced on the menu by Bag of Sliced Apples and /or Strawberry Fruit Crush-Up. Both new options contain no artificial colours, flavours or added sugars or preservatives.

Fr James

Waitangi Day coming close to school reopening, makes it difficult for specific celebrations. This can be a good thing, because we should not allow ourselves to focus race relations and national unity on just one day. Waitangi is where the Treaty was signed between Maori and the Crown. That makes the day (6 February) and the place highly significant in the history of Aotearoa-New Zealand. But, what is more important is day-to-day living the Treaty.

Enshrined in the Treaty of Waitangi is the blessing of welcome: “strangers” coming together, accepting one another, desiring to live and work as one people in a gifted land. This is meant to flow into all our relationships and the nation is to continue its progress towards being a place where everyone feels at home, with no one excluded.

Our school provides leadership in this goal, a multi-racial community, celebrating differences, learning from one another. The introduction of Te Reo in class and in faith programmes, as well as Sign Language and respect for other “first” languages among students, are helping us all to “live Waitangi” every day.