



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

8 November 2017 Week 04 Term 4

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."

All Souls Mass: We had a beautiful Mass to celebrate All Souls' Day last Thursday morning. Special thanks to all the parents who were able to join us as we remember those who have passed away.



Bee Healthy Mobile Dental van: I am very pleased to inform you that the Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service will bring their dental van onto the school playground next year. It will be parked at the school from Thursday 8 March until Monday 26 March.

Year 8 Leaver's Dinner: Special thanks to **Deirdre Hanlon** who organised a wonderful social event for our Year 8 students and their families. The following is a reflection from **Oliver** Rm 10:

"We have had a fabulous education at this school. We made great friends and have had many opportunities to develop who we are and be the best we can be. It is hard to believe that it was 8 years ago that we were all 5 years old. We knew a few letters of the alphabet, how to count to maybe 10 or even 20, some of us even knew our colours. Sometimes we needed reminding how to play nicely, share equipment, and be well behaved at church.

Father James, you would have seen us grow and mature over the years and see our learning and confidence grow.. Thank you Father James for all the time you have spent with us helping us to be better people. Look at us now! We are pretty comfortable in who we are. We are all operating at a level that the different colleges we go to will be able to develop further.

Thank you to our parents who have helped us on trips like the zoo, Te Papa, beach day, zone events, camp, EOTC week. Thank you for making sure we have the right uniform and for paying all the school fees and donations. We are all very grateful to our parents and families and really appreciate what you do for us.

Thank you to our teachers - you have taught us so much over the years. You have prepared us for the next stage in our educational journey. We've all loved this school we have friends all over Wellington. We know that we will continue to be friends even though we are going to different school.

Next year will be exciting as we start college life - I guess it will be a similar feeling as to how we felt as a 5 year old. We certainly won't forget the wonderful primary school we went to Sacred Heart Cathedral School."

Oliver Room 10

YEAR 8 CAKES MADE BY CATRIONA ANDERSON:



YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER IN CONNOLLY HALL



Xmas hamper - the Parents & Friends Group are organising a Xmas hamper to raffle off. A mufti day will be held on Friday 24 November - children will be asked to bring an item for the Xmas hamper.

Coming Events

- Thu 9 Nov:** Central Zone Athletics
- Wed 15 Nov:** Cultural Festival at Mt Cook School 12.30-2.15pm
- Thu 16 Nov:** Year 8 girls 2nd vaccination
- Fri 17 Nov:** Ball roll midday
Grandparents' Liturgy 1.30pm
- Wed 22 Nov:** Interzone Athletics
- Fri 24 Nov:** Mufti Day - please bring an item to go in our Xmas hamper.
School Disco
- Wed 29 Nov:** Juniors to Aotea Lagoon 9.30am-2.30pm
- Wed 6 Dec:** Advance notice - **Thank you morning tea** - 10.30am all welcome
- Tue 12 Dec:** Kapa Haka Day
- Wed 13 Dec:** Seniors to the Zoo 9.30am-1.15pm
- Thu 14 Dec:** End of Year Mass 6.15pm Cathedral
- Fri 15 Dec:** School finishes at 1pm for the year.

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



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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Engineering Group: Congratulations to our Engineering group: *Jasmine, Liam, Toby and Otis from Room 8, Gabrielle, Amy, Samuel, Tayla, Hannah v, George and Ryan from Room 9, and Anna, Lily, Oliver and Roman from Room 10* who were awarded **Merit** in the **2017 Transpower Neighbourhood Engineers Awards**. *Special thanks to Jane Regan* who created a vision with our students as to what is possible and supported with planning. The level of thinking this group demonstrated in terms of creativity and innovation was in my opinion quite superior. *Sarah and Victoria*, engineers from BECA were so impressed with our students and their approach to solving problems. *Paul Duignan* was instrumental in helping the students pull their collective thinking together in the form of a diagram. A grand effort by all.

iPods & Chromebooks: we have purchased more devices to go into every classroom. There has been intensive purchasing in this area for the past 18 months and we are delighted to say we have 8 quality devices per room.

BALL ROLL - YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AN iPad MINI: Purchase your balls for the ball roll **by Friday 10 November**. One lucky person will win an i-pad mini. The ball roll will take place at **12pm on Friday 17th November** at school. The first ball to make it down the slope wins the i-pad! To buy balls please return your form to the office including name and phone number. Balls cost \$5 each or buy all 5 balls for \$20. Parents & Friends Group

Lost: Vanessa Rm2 has lost her named, black North Face jacket. Please check your child's jacket and if found, please hand it in to Mrs Maresca in Rm 2. Thanks.

All students have a Mathletics login and password. The online resource is a great way to maintain and enhance mathematical learning.

Thanks for your on-going support.

Arohanui
Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

Piano - FREE to a good home: An upright wooden piano brand Beale in good condition, very heavy and will need to be collected. If you are interested please contact Ophelie on 027 5995252

Summer Football Players needed urgently: The Sacred Heart Stormers Summer Football team (a composite team of players from years 5,6 & 7) is urgently seeking 2 permanent players to join the current 5 players - **starting this Friday night**. Games are usually played at 6pm at Iain Galloway Park. Please call Nicky Jones 021 280 3205 or email nicky_jones@xtra.co.nz if you have a player keen to join or want to know more. There is usually a parent picking up at 5pm from ASC if transport is a problem.

Sanitarium TRYathlon: The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon will be held at Kilbirnie Park on 18 March 2018. It is designed for Kiwi kids aged 7-15 years to help them stay active and healthy through a programme of participation. Participants get to swim, cycle, and run their way around age appropriate courses, either as an individual or as part of a team of two. This year we had almost 20 Sacred Heart children participate so, for 2018, we have registered Sacred Heart Cathedral School. By registering as a school you receive a discount when registering and you go in the draw to win prizes for our school. If you are planning on registering your child for the 2018 TRYathlon, please register via our school group link using my details as the school coordinator (Suzanne Adair, suzanneadair@hotmail.com): <https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/29/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/d8ac34e7-d7c6-4ae8-9f2f-934b2687b1ba>

MARRZIPAN DRAMA CLASSES: Are you looking for a challenge? It's not too late to join Marrzipan! We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will be performing for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too. should you prefer to talk to a human!)

The logo for Fr James features the text 'Fr James' in a colorful, rounded font. The 'F' is purple, 'r' is pink, 'J' is orange, 'a' is yellow, 'm' is green, 'e' is blue, and 's' is purple. To the left of the text is a stylized graphic of a cross with a circle inside, also in purple.

Transformers had a run of great popularity a few years ago. Spawned by a couple of blockbuster movies, they became "must-have" toys. With some twisting and turning an ordinary looking truck would become a fearsome monster; a house would suddenly become a battleship; a sports car a prehistoric predator!

We are also capable of being transformed. Not in the sense of becoming someone else, rather becoming more of what we were created to be. None of us reaches our full potential in this life, but we can improve, develop our skills and discover inner strengths to help cope with disappointment, challenges and suffering.

The Gospel uses "transfiguration" to describe much the same thing. This was when three close friends were given a glimpse of the divine life that was his by nature. This "vision" would support them against times of doubt and persecution. If we take our own "transformation" seriously, we will let the image of God within us emerge into light. Imagine the difference for us, and for those who see it in you and in me.

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