Sacred Heart Cathedral School Te Kura Ahurewa o te Ngākau Tapu

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NEW/SLETTER

To educate our children within a Catholic environment to achieve their full spiritual, academic and personal potential. Dear Parents/Caregivers 14 March 2018 Week 7 Term 1 Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Ciao, Kia Orana, Ahalan, Kon-nichiwa, Ni hao, Selam, Xin chao, Bonjour, Bula, Dzien/dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Privet/Zdravstvuite.



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

Goal setting: Thank you for your attendance at these sessions. Our staff were very appreciative of the time given to focus on your child's learning for the year.

Paid Union Meeting 15 March: Tomorrow Teaching staff will be attending a Paid Union Meeting on the 15 March to discuss upcoming collective agreement negotiations. We would appreciate it if children could be picked up at 1 o'clock. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter. I will be supervising students until After School Care starts at 2.40 pm.

School Swimming sports Years 4-8: This was a huge success special thanks to Ann Stephen and the staff team who organised this event for our students. What amazed me was the ability level of our students and the skill and proficiency across a range of strokes. Special thanks to the parents who supported the children on the day and helped out marshalling. Very much appreciated.



Senior syndicate pool party: Unfortunately, it was far too cold on Friday for a swim at Thorndon Pool. We will aim to get a date later on in the year.

Camp – Our senior students head off to Forest Lakes Camp next week for an outdoor experience. Christine, Jane and Ann have put a lot of thought into the planning and activities. Special thanks again to those parents who are taking time out of their schedules to accompany the children to camp.

School Stations of the Cross: Thursday 29 March 1.10pm in the Cathedral. Parents/Caregivers are invited to join us.

Congratulations to *Lily* Rm 6 who competed at the Northern Wellington Dance Competition at the weekend and was placed 1st for her lyrical dance & 2nd for her duo. Lily also performed her Jazz Solo & jazz impromptu. Well done Lily!



Winter Uniform orders: Please remember winter uniform orders need to be in to Robyn by Friday 23 March.

Touch results: Both teams won their games by default!

Coming Events

- *Thu15 Mar:* Paid Union meeting If possible please pick your child up at 1 o'clock.
- Mon 19-22 Mar: Senior Syndicate Camp - Forest Lakes, Otaki.
- *Fri 23 Mar:* Last day for winter uniform orders.
- *Thu 29 Mar:* School Stations of the cross in the Cathedral, 1.10pm. Parents/caregivers are invited to join us.
- 9 May Mother day Liturgy

Term Dates for 2018: Term 1: Wed 31 Jan – Fri 13 Apr Term 2: Mon 30 Apr – Fri 6 Jul Term 3: Mon 23 Jul – Fri 28 Sep Term 4: Mon 15 Oct – Fri 14 Dec

Student Corner:

Our roving reporters this week are Keira Rm 8 and Halia Rm 10:

The Bee Healthy caravan has arrived to check the teeth of all the students at our school.

Our After School Room has had a re-vamp and some new storage facilities.

Netball trials are on today. The mornings are chilly but beautiful days and everyone is loving playing outside.

We are very excited about camp and we can't wait to participate in the activities.



Congratulations to our newly elected house captains:



House Captains 2018

From left to right: Elizabeth Rm 10 White Heron, Remy Rm 9 White Heron, Alysse Rm 10 Fantail, Jeremy Rm 8 Fantail, Eden Rm 10 Kingfisher, Sabrina Rm 9 Woodpigeon, Sam Rm 10 Kingfisher, Ashton Rm 8 Woodpigeon.

Deadline extended for gala responses!!

We are still waiting to hear from some of you regarding any **donations or help** you can offer the Friends and Parents for the **School Mini Gala** on 27 May from 11:30am. We're looking for both adult and children's books and games in good condition only please. Please keep your items at home for now and we'll let you know when we're accepting these. For now, just keep this in mind if you're doing any clean outs of unwanted items. Don't forget indicating any baking you might be able to do also! For our raffle, if you have a business, service, a talent or simply time to contribute, we'd like to hear from you. If you've misplaced your form and will still like to contribute please contact Amanda Gregan on 027 9399 575 or <u>amandagregan@hotmail.com</u>

The gala will be held inside Connolly Hall after 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, 27 May. If the weather is good we will spread ourselves out a bit more in the courtyard and of course the playground will be available for the children.

Arohanui – Bernadette Murfitt, Principal



In his now widely acclaimed 2016 letter on family life, *The Joy of Love,* Pope Francis has these words for adults: "We do well to remember that each of us is a son or daughter. Even if one becomes an adult, or an elderly person, even if one becomes a parent, if one occupies a position of responsibility, underneath all of this is still the identity of a child. We are all sons and daughters. And this always brings us back to the fact that we did not give ourselves life but we received it. The great gift of life is the first gift that we received." [AL 188]

By holding this reality, and by honouring this first of countless gifts, it is so much easier to fill our days with gratitude. And gratefulness brings the motivation to be better, to do better, and to think better of everyone. The ability to forgive, to help out, to serve more than myself, is strengthened by the realisation that I too have been forgiven, helped and served so many times.

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