## 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 25 July 2018 Week 1 Term 3 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."



Catholic Educators #47 "At the heart of the Catholic character of a school are the Catholic hearts of those who work in the school...they are witness to the students of a mature faith, and an integration of faith with life."

Special thanks to the wonderful team here at Sacred Heart Cathedral School for the way you support our learners.

Welcome back to term 3 of 2018. We look forward to another action packed term. I hope you managed to spend quality time with family and friends over the holiday break. Special welcome to Sarah James who is teaching in Room 3 until the end of the year. We hope you enjoy your time with us Sarah. Room 3 are a delightful class and you also get to work alongside colleagues who think deeply about their students learning needs.



**Congratulations** to *Lily A* Rm 7, who was baptised on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, last term, by Father James at the Cathedral. Our apologies for missing Lily off our list last term. **Congratulations** to the following children who were confirmed over the holidays: Room 5: *Sam B, Felix, Therese, Keiffer, Joshua, Skyla, Tammy, Lily N, Myles, Sienna, Levi, Seth, Alex, Rocks* and *Jonfred* and from Room 6: *Harley* and *William*.

**Powhiri:** We had a beautiful powhiri to start the term to welcome our new students, Miss Sarah James in Room 3 and Debbie, our Lay Pastoral Leader.

**Playground:** We are really excited that our playground will be started this week. What an amazing community we are to have raised such a large amount of money in just over two years. So all the sausage



sizzles, quiz nights, grant applications, raffles, cake stalls, have all paid off. Thank you for all your generous financial contributions over the years. Phase 1 is the new

playground and artificial turf directly under the playground. Phase 2 which we will start fundraising for soon will be artificial turf on the rest of the field so it will become an allweather surface that we can use right throughout the year. As the playground goes into the ground I would like to acknowledge **Suzanne Adair**, who has extensively researched playgrounds and has worked with the design team and come up with a fabulous concept which has incorporated parent and student feedback, provides challenge for our students, all within our limited physical site.

**Parent /Teacher Learning conferences:** Thank you for your continued support of our staff, school and your child. The conferences in the last week of term saw a great turnout across the school. Thanks for contributing so much to your children's education and making our school the highly valued place it is.

Proposed strike day for teaching staff is 15 August. As soon as I know this has been confirmed I will let you know.

**Sacred Heart Care Group:** The Friends of Sacred Heart Cathedral school started up a care group in August 2017 to provide baking to school families to support them in times of need (for example, for the birth of a baby, sickness and bereavement in the family). So far we have provided baking and meals to 9 families.

If you hear of a school family that you think could be supported by the care group in this way, please contact us (email below) or Cathy in the office.

Please also let us know if you would like to go on a roster to provide baking to a school family. We envisage that you will only be called on to bake once or twice a year. Baking would need to be dropped to school and Cathy will distribute it to the child at school. Please email <u>suzanneadair@hotmail.com</u> with your name, child's name and class number and phone number. We will then send out a more detailed email.

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#### **Coming Events**

**Cook Islands Language Week 29 July** – **4 August** The Cook Islands are named after Captain James Cook, fifteen small islands make up the Cook Islands spread over 1,800,000 square kilometres. The capital Avarua is located on the island of Rarotonga. There are more Cook Islands Māori living in New Zealand than there are in all of the Cook Islands combined.

**Tue 31 July** – Friend of Sacred Heart meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm

- Wed 1 Aug 5-6pm Puberty information evening for Year 6-8 families.
  - BOT meeting 7 pm staffroom
- Thu 2 Aug ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENING 5pm-6.30pm
- Mon 6 Aug 5-6 pm Planning for upcoming Pasifika Week
- Tue 7 Aug Life Education classroom here
- Wed 15 Aug Proposed Strike Day
- Tue 28 Aug Father's Day Liturgy 12.45- 1.45 St Mary's Hall please note date change due to a venue being available
- Wed 12 Sept Social Justice liturgy 1.30-2.30pm St Mary's Hall please note date change due to a venue being available
- Mon 24 Sept Grandparent's Liturgy 12.45- 1.30pm St Mary's Hall please note date change due to a venue being available

A warm welcome to **Raphael** in Rm 1 and **Ana** in Rm 5, who both started at our school on Monday 23 July.

**Student Corner: Roving Report** from *Eden L* and *Elizabeth* Rm 10:

We have had a great start to the term.

We had a powhiri on Monday down on the court.

It is nice to see the sun after all the rain.

We are really excited about the new playground we are getting.

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Supporting success in your school.



Please let us know if you have any questions.

Amanda Gregan, Suzanne Adair and Nicola Nation (for the Friends of Sacred Heart)

The **Friends of Sacred Heart** are **meeting** on *Tuesday 31 July* at *7.30pm*, in the staff room. All welcome. If you are interested in joining us and would like some more information about what it is all about please contact <u>nicola.nation@trustproperties.co.nz</u>

"Thanks so much to Sacred Heart School for collecting household and children's items for a family in the June refugee intake - we are really grateful for your support. We had great feedback from the Red Cross about the quality of items brought for this household, and we are very grateful for all the work you did to make this happen. Can you please pass our thanks to the students, families and staff who worked to prepare the household and children's packs." Many thanks, Lisa

#### Lisa Beech

**Community Organiser and JPD Advisor** Catholic Social Services

**Congratulations** to *Noah A-K*, Rm 9, who played in the **Western Bay's Under 12's** rugby team that competed in the Wellington Intra Provincial Tournament during the school holidays. The **Western Bay** team went through the Tournament undefeated, which was well deserved after 5 weeks of intense training where they trained up to 4 to 5 times per week! *Well done Noah*!



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#### 2019 School Term Dates:

Term 1: Thursday 31 Jan – Friday 12 April
Term 2: Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4: Monday 14 October – Monday 16 December

PLEASE NOTE that there have been DATE CHANGES for the *Father's Day Liturgy* now on **Tuesday 28 August 12.45-**1.45pm, the *Social Justice Liturgy* now on **Wednesday 12 September 1.30-2.30pm** and the *Grandparent's Liturgy* now on **Monday 24 September 12.45-1.30pm**. All of these will take place in St Mary's Hall.

Father James is making a great recovery from his recent hip operation. We look forward to Father James visiting us at school.

**Special thanks** for your ongoing support if you have any queries around the progress your child is making please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher

Arohanui – Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

'Whare' artwork in Room 6



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Celebrating Matariki



## Fr James

**The Visitation of Mary.** The brief account in St Luke's gospel, tells that Mary, now pregnant, travelled through the hill country of Judea to visit her older cousin, Elizabeth, also expecting her first child. Elizabeth greets Mary as "the mother of my Lord" and Mary's song of gladness (The Magnificat) echoes her Hebrew faith of God's presence and action in our lives. Neither woman is absolutely certain of her mission in life nor what her child will turn out to be, but they are there for each other and they trust in their God.

There is much in this episode to ponder and imitate: the importance of company, friendship and hospitality; supporting one another as we work through personal concerns, worries and doubts; the gift of faith that can lead us confidently beyond what is clear and evident. Finding time to be with friends takes effort and is easily postponed or forgotten. Yet such contact can be a life-saver, a way to ease tension and make the road ahead walkable.

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