



# Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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## NEWSLETTER

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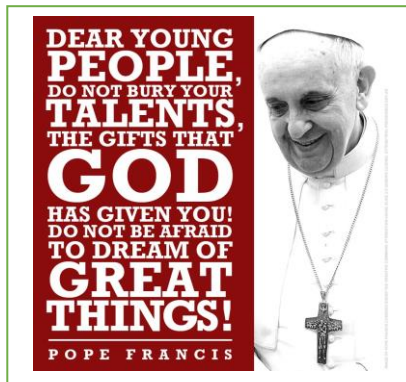
Dear Parents/Caregivers

8 August 2018 Week 3 Term 3

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.



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**Sacred Heart Cathedral School will close on August 15<sup>th</sup> due to the strike**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The NZEI has advised the Board that our Principal and teachers will be taking strike action from 7am to 7pm on Wednesday 15 August 2018. I attach some materials provided to the Board by the Staff which sets out the concerns that have informed the Staff's strike decision. (Flyer attached.)

The Board has considered whether an education service can be provided on August 15 -but given the absence of the Principal and teaching staff we have concluded that we cannot provide a teaching service during that period. As a result the School will be closed that day and no School related services (including after school care) will be provided and no staff will be at School on that day.

I know this will be inconvenient for many parents as, like our family, you will need to make alternative arrangements for care of your child or children on that day. I do note that this is the first day of industrial action taken by the staff of our School in 22 years, and hopefully a resolution to the underlying issues will be found that both the Government and NZEI can accommodate.

If you have any questions relating to this decision, please contact me.

Kind Regards  
Frank McLaughlin  
Board Chair  
Cell-0274 446 112

**Friends of Sacred Heart:** With the upcoming teachers strike on Wednesday 15th August, the Friends of Sacred Heart have offered to help facilitate a play-date roster to help families who may be stuck with childcare that day. Should you wish to drop your child for a play date in your area please contact [nicola@trustproperties.co.nz](mailto:nicola@trustproperties.co.nz), including the age and room number of your child, and where you live. Likewise if you can host a play date (it does not need to be all day) please email Nicola before Friday 10th August. Hopefully we can help!



**Donation** to go towards the Cathedral Roof repair: Student Councillors **Amy** and **Abbie** Rm 8, presented a cheque to **Debbie Matheson**, our Lay Pastoral leader for \$217.87, money raised from the Sausage Sizzle held late last term at our school assembly on Monday.

**Reading** – As parents we need to be encouraging our children to participate in recreational reading. Supportive and understanding parents are the key to developing a child's love of reading. This week I have been speaking to our students about the types of books they enjoy reading. It made me reflect and think about how both at school and home we need to be creating environments where our children see reading as a self-indulged form of relaxation.

**Pasifika Week:** Our staff and Pasifika families are putting together and action packed week of cultural learning. We are appreciative of the generosity of our community ensuring there is a cultural richness. On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August we would like children to come dressed in something that

## Coming Events

**Wed 15 Aug – Strike Day**

**Monday 20 Aug – launch of our Pasifika week**

**Thur 23 Aug Pasifika food and celebration day midday**  
Come dressed representing an Island of the Pacific.

**Mon 27 Aug – Pasifika celebration at Loaves and Fishes – 1.15pm**

**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**

**Thu 6 Sept Pub Quiz at Shepherd's Arms, Tinakori Rd, \$10 per person, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.**

**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**

**Student Corner: Roving Report** from *Lily A* and *Alice* both from Rm 7: From our 'Flip' (Financial Literacy) classes we learnt how to earn and save money when we are older. We also learnt about borrowing money and having to pay it back. We did quizzes and got rewards/stickers for getting correct answers – that was really fun. We were given a target amount of money which we had to earn and we came up with different ideas on how to earn this money, eg babysitting, walking dogs in the neighbourhood, doing chores around the house. We have really enjoyed these lessons.



**Advanced Notice:** Make a note in your diary – Quiz night: Thursday 6 September, 7.30pm see attached flyer!

**2019 School Term Dates:**

**Term 1:** Thu 31 Jan – Fri 12 April

**Term 2:** Mon 29 April – Fri 5 July

**Term 3:** Mon 22 July – Fri 27 Sept

**Term 4:** Mon 14 Oct – Mon 16 Dec

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represents any Pacific Island- this could be as simple as a lei, t shirt, hat or a traditional costume.

Special thanks for all your on-going support. Today I had the pleasure of listening to 15 talented students present their speeches to staff and peers on a range of topics. I was so impressed with the topic choices, the depth of detail all the students went into. The confidence from all 15 students was outstanding. **Congratulations to Emma and Annabelle.**

Arohanui –  
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

### Printmaking workshop and Artist's floor talk, Saturday 11 August, Home of Compassion, Island Bay

Everyone is invited to attend an afternoon floor talk and printmaking workshop as part of *The Sister & The Poet: Jersualem* art exhibition, inspired by Suzanne Aubert and James K Baxter. The event is on 11 August 2018. 1pm Artists' talk. 2-3pm Printmaking with native plants--suitable for all ages. Contact Deirdre Hanlon, [heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz](mailto:heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz) (04) 282 1953 for more information.



#### Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club runs introductory diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Young Adult training sessions). Try something new - visit our website and arrange to come along for a 30min Trial Lesson! After-school sessions available on Tues/Wed/Thursdays and we cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. For more information, please visit our website [www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

### PHOTO GALLERY



Fluent readers in Rm 1



FLIP in action thanks to the team from PWC who are teaching our students about good financial literacy practice.



Talented artist in Room 2



#### Senior Syndicate Speech

##### Competition Winners:

(L) **Emma** Rm 10, Yr 8: *"Ban the quota for women on boards before it starts."*

(R) **Annabelle** Rm 10, Yr 7: *"Do we need the Royal Family?"*



New multipurpose device from our library with chrome cast.

# Fr James

**Today is the feast of St Mary MacKillop.** Canonised in 2008, she is the first and only officially recognised saint for either Australia or New Zealand. Her charism was in teaching, especially the poorer children who would otherwise have found it extremely hard to get any formal education. Hers was not an easy journey. Criticised, ridiculed and even excluded by some of the church hierarchy, she nevertheless followed her dream which she believed was a call from God, attracting many young women to join her.

Today, her Sisters of St Joseph continue to work among the socially deprived. There are fewer of her community in New Zealand now, but their presence over the past century in many centres has left a lasting impression for good. As we continue to promote our own "holy woman", Mother Mary Aubert, to sainthood, we can expect St Mary MacKillop to support the cause. The saints want nothing more than for all of us to embrace the open secret to holiness: love one another.

St Mary MacKillop – Pray for us.

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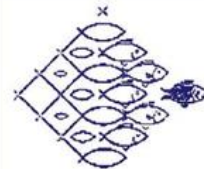


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