



Sacred Heart Cathedral School

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NEWSLETTER

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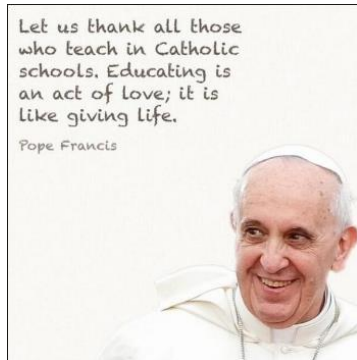
Dear Parents/Caregivers

14 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, Dzien/dobry, Nee how, Shalom, Dia duit, Mauri, Halo, Privet/Zdravstvuite.



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



Speech competition: Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school at the Central Zone Speech competition:

Yasha Year 5, Rm 7: *'Why 'Fortnite' is ruining schools throughout the World.'*

Maria Year 6, Rm 6: *'Why we should appreciate the small things in life.'*

Annabelle Year 7, Rm 10: *'Do we need the Royal family?'*

Emma Year 8, Rm 10: *'Ban the quota for women on Boards before it starts.'*

You delivered your speech in such a convincing way it was a real credit to you. Your level of detail within your speech clearly showed the level of thinking you gave to your topic.

I would like to congratulate all children who entered our internal speech competition. The standard was so incredibly high. The topics covered a wide range of interesting topics, (pollution, being eco-friendly, zoos, animal cruelty and even how to choose a secondary school) which really held the interest and attention of your audience.

Sacred Heart Cathedral School will close on TOMORROW August 15th 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.

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

Coming Events

Wed 15 Aug – Strike Day

Thursday 16 Cultural Performance at Holy Cross School Mirimar

Monday 20 Aug – launch of our Pasifika week Interzone swimming

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

Lynda and Declan Yr 6, Rm 6: *"At the moment we are learning about Ancient Civilisations and I like how we can choose the topics we learn about. I really like how each of us get help according to the level we are at in our learning."*

Lynda

"I like learning about cubic metres in Maths! I'm really looking forward to playing on the new playground. They have the main posts up and are pouring concrete. This will be covered by artificial turf. The playground has arrived but not put up yet!"

Declan



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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who may be stuck with childcare that day. Should you wish to drop your child for a play date in your area please contact (email address is written in full for our parents with xtra.co.nz email addresses – 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!

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 an action packed week of cultural learning. We are appreciative of the generosity of our community ensuring there is a cultural richness.

On Thursday 23rd August we would like children to come dressed in something that represents any Pacific Island- this could be as simple as a lei, t shirt, hat or a traditional costume.

Sacred Heart’s Pasifika week is next week from Monday 20 – Monday 27 August. All are welcome to the following events:

- Mon 20 Aug: Opening of Pasifika week, 1pm at St Mary’s College Hall
- Thu 23 Aug: Pasifika Food Festival and Cultural Dress, 12noon on School Courtyard or classrooms if raining
- Mon 27 Aug: Pasifika Students at Sacred Heart, 1.15pm at Loaves and Fishes Café

Netball Results:

Year 5 Turtles played Holy Cross and lost. Player of the day was awarded to *Taylah* Rm 7.

Year 6 Ferns played Lyall Bay and won 21:2. Player of the day was awarded to *Alice* Rm 7.

Year 7/8 Emeralds played St Francis de Sales and lost. Player of the day was awarded to *Talikka* Rm 10.

Year 7/8 Emeralds played SWIS and won. Player of the day was awarded to *Amelia* Rm 10. (Yes, the Emeralds played 2 games!)

Year 7/8 Jade played Seatoun Steel and won 23: 5. Player of the day was awarded to *Estella* Rm 9.

Year 7/8 Grenades played EBIS A team and lost 16:5. Player of the day was awarded to *Keira* Rm 8.

REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL WITH MOTU KAIRANGI: Congratulations to *Eden L* Rm 10, for getting the **Best Attacker trophy** for the MK Year 8 Rep team and *Keira* Rm 8, for getting the **Best Defender trophy** for the MK Year 8 Dev team. *Well done girls.*

Playground update: we are looking forward to actual arrival of the turf and the playground this week which is super exciting this project has been a real community effort and we are thankful and grateful for all your financial support.

Special thanks for your ongoing support in relations to your child’s learning. The special relationship between home and school creates a great platform for learning to flourish.

Arohanui –

Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

PHOTO GALLERY

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a *Gold Certificate* in Mathletics:



Alyssa from Rm 3

Enrico from Rm 2

Fr James

The Assumption of Mary (15 August) is a big day on our Catholic calendar. Throughout the Church it acclaims the most significant human being, Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Our bishops chose this day to honour Mary as a national patron, praying today for her guidance and protection from all that would keep us from Jesus.

That Mary was “assumed” into heaven means that the one who was chosen to bear the Christ, the Chosen One of God, into our world, did not decay in death. Her commitment was so total and her dignity so profound that, when her life on earth ended, she was immediately blessed “body and soul” with the full and complete vision of God.

While this is one of the mysteries within our faith, it also gives us great hope. Mary is not a god; she is truly one of us. She teaches us what God can do when a person answers the divine call to serve with generosity and trust.

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