



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

22 August 2018 Week 5 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."

This week we are celebrating Pasifika language, culture and identity.



Thanks to Maria Lolo, teaching Rm 3 a Samoan song.



Pasifika artefacts on display – thanks to Sera Vatuloka & Lavinia Tuiketeki.



Room 6 children creating 'tapa cloths'.

Thank you parents for your support of our school's Board of Trustees decision to close the school. It was the first strike since 1994 and I thank you as parents for supporting our staff as we focus on your children's future and our working conditions.

Family Mass, 10:30am, 2 September

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, St Mary's Hall

Any children who can take part in this mass as readers or offertory presenters are welcome.

Please contact Bing Fernandes if you'd like to take part. Tel. 021 279 7474

Speech competition: Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at the **Central Zone Speech Competition** last night at Mt Cook School:

Year 5: Yasha Year 5, Rm 7: *'Why 'Fortnite' is ruining schools throughout the World.'* **Awarded 3rd place**

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?'*

Awarded 1st place

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



Emma, Maria, Yasha & Annabelle

Chromebooks: 3 extra Chromebooks have landed in Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Mrs Murfitt and the Board received a note of thanks from students in Room 10. Here are some excerpts from the letters:

"Thank you for the three extra chromebooks that were given to our class. The increase in devices will help our school in many ways. More people will be able to work at a time and groups can be reduced in size when sharing..."

Emma

"... It will also be easier for the class to do work on chromebooks because we can work in pairs or threes and not need to go get more chromebooks from other classes..."

Danielle

"We really appreciate your kindness and goodness towards the school and our classes..."

Aloalii

"... We will take care of the new Chromebooks."

Jericho

"... With these extra chromebooks, more people will be able to do their work faster, we can finish our inquiry sooner or we could be doing some mathletics..."

Francis

"... Three new chromebooks will give more students the opportunity to work through technology.

This means not as many students will have to work with a piece of paper and a pen or pencil. There may not be enough chromebooks for everyone to use at the same time, but having three more is definitely an improvement..."

Larissa

"... I'm also going to thank the Board for allowing us to have these new devices. I know Room 10 really appreciates them and I'm sure the rest of the school does too..."

Amelia

"... We will take extra care of the three new chromebooks. We can finally have more people working on the chromebooks so they can get work done..."

Marcus

"Thank you for the new chromebooks. I really appreciate the technology. These three chromebooks are going to come in handy in our work. People can have more time on chromebooks to finish their work instead of sharing or having days on and days off..."

Jacob

"... I'm sure the extra chromebooks will help us to work faster and work better..."

Vada

"... I am so very thankful that you gave us these, now it will be much easier to do speeches, presentations, inquiry projects and much more..."

Talikhia

"... Now we can do much more work on the chromebooks and that makes it much more fun for us kids. There will be no more racing to see who can get the chromebooks first and now we can do more mathletics, google slides and google docs..."

Annabelle

"... Learning will be easier because decision-making and dilemmas on which to choose will be solved much better and faster with groups of two rather than three. This will result with work being completed faster (but still to a high standard) and more work being done, ending in happier teachers and students which will improve class morale, which again will result in more learning and more achieved..."

Luke

Coming Events

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**

Sun 23 Sept Christopher Robin Movie Fundraiser for our school, organised by Friends of Sacred Heart committee – Penthouse theatre, 2.30pm for 3pm start. For further details see attached flyer.

Mon 24 Sept Grandparent's Liturgy 12.45- 1.30pm St Mary's Hall **please note date change due to a venue being available**

Last week our **Performance group** participated in the **Catholic Cultural festival at Holy Cross School**. This was a magnificent day for not only the children but for us as staff at Sacred Heart Cathedral School. Our children really did us proud – the performance was simply stunning. The singing and harmony was beautiful and the audience were captivated. This was a great opportunity for our school to show case our talent as well as being exposed to talent across our Catholic Schools.

Summer season soccer from 26 October:

Any children from year 2 - 4 interested in joining a team for summer soccer on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park, Wilton for Term 4 this year and Term 1 next year. Please contact Amanda Gregan on 027 9399 575. Season starts 26 October.



Quiz Night: Only 2 weeks away:
Thursday 6 Sept, 7.30pm. \$10 per person.

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"Thank you so much for the new chromebooks. I know that with more chromebooks it will be easier to learn new things and do research..."

Hazel

"... With the extra 3 chromebooks you have gifted us it will be a lot easier to do class activities like Kahoots and other things because we usually have to be in groups of up to 4 so we can do the activity at hand. Not only will it help for Kahoots, but with projects and inquiries too. With the extra three chromebooks, it will be a lot more efficient to do our class work. This makes things so much easier for the class and the whole school."

Thomas

"Today we were very blessed to see that we have three extra chromebooks. We are also very thankful for the amount of effort that you have put into making the school a better place..."

Halia

Sports Update:

Central Zone swimming – Special thanks to Ann Stephen, John Grevatt and all our amazing parent helpers who ensured the central zone swimming sports were a smooth operation. Ann and John organised this event on behalf of the cluster and did us all proud. **Congratulations to all of our swimmers** who showed so much resilience and skill in a very competitive environment. I was blown away with the quality of swimming from our students.

Netball: Due to the wet weather, only the senior 'A' teams played: **Sacred Heart Grenades** played Newtown Intermediate and lost 28-14. Player of the day was awarded to **Keira**, Rm 8.

JUNIOR NETBALL REGISTRATION for Years 1 – 4: Motu Kairangi are gearing up for Junior netball registrations for our players from Years 1 - 4 in term 4, 2018. The summer season begins on Saturday, 27 October for both year groups. To sign up with Sacred Heart, please complete the online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/Ot7d3Qb8B7zZzdzh2> by Friday 15 September. For more information, please email netball@sacred-heart.school.nz.

Inner Fit Education: The staff are receiving intensive professional development again this week with Cracker Jack kids on building skill, character and technique through games. Sue and Sam our facilitators have been modelling and co teaching with our staff.

Playground update: we are looking forward to actual arrival of the turf 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 our ongoing support in relations to your child's learning. The special relationship between home and school creates a great platform for learning to flourish.

Movie Fundraiser – Christopher Robin: Please support the school by purchasing tickets to 'Christopher Robin' on Sunday 23rd Sept at 2.30pm for a 3.00pm start at the Penthouse Theatre in Brooklyn. This fundraiser has been organised by the Friends of Sacred Heart. For further details see attached flyer. Tickets are selling now!

I would like to **thank all our Pasifika families** who have provided the most authentic learning opportunities for our students this week.

Faafetai, Vinaka Vinaka vaka levu, Fakafetai, Mālō, Meitaki.

Arohanui –

Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

PHOTO GALLERY



Artists in action: Sophia Rm 10, Ava Rm 9, Julianne Rm 8, Belle Rm 8.



Yasha Rm 7 with the speech competition judges



Speech competition finalists with supporters: Yasha, Maria, Alice, Emma, Annabelle & Elizabeth.



Cooper & William, Rm 9 with a book they wrote for their buddy class.

Kelly Sports Summer Series Football & Netball 2018/2019 - Get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Summer Football or the Summer Netball Series. Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Samuel Marsden and Vic Uni in Karori (Netball) beginning 26 October 2018. A great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months.

To register your team go to <http://www.getyourgameon.co.nz/kellysports>, for more information visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Fr James

Writing, earlier this year, on holiness in today's world, Pope Francis gave some guidelines which, as he put it, "in my opinion", would help us *understand the way of life to which the Lord calls us*. See *Rejoice and Exult, Ch.4:*

+We need to recognise and combat our aggressive and selfish inclinations, and not let them take root.... It is not good when we look down on others like heartless judges, lording it over them and always trying to teach them lessons.

+Far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the saints are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit...

+Look at Jesus. His deep compassion reached out to others. It did not make him hesitant, timid or self-conscious, as often happens with us...

+Like the prophet Jonah, we are constantly tempted to flee to a safe haven. It can have many names: individualism, spiritualism, living in a little world, addiction, intransigence, the rejection of new ideas and approaches, dogmatism, nostalgia, pessimism, hiding behind rules and regulations. We can resist leaving behind a familiar and easy way of doing things.

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