



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

7 November 2018 Week 4 Term 4

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.



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

St Patrick's College Kilbirnie Year 8 Boys Entrance exam: Year 8 boys who will be attending St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie next year, have an entrance exam on Thursday 8th November. Parents will need to arrange for the boys to get there by 9am and for the boys to return to school after the exam. Boys will need to be in full Sacred Heart uniform.

Cricket: All the students participated in a cricket coaching session last Wednesday.

All of our students participated in Cricket awareness programme. Our trainers came from the University Cricket Club and this is part of a Wellington Cricket initiative to get more students playing the great game of cricket.

"I enjoyed actually learning how to play cricket. It was my first time playing cricket and I enjoyed it." Madi

"I play cricket on a Saturday. I learnt how to catch a ball coming at me higher than my shoulders by putting my thumbs together and then cup them together. If it is lower than my shoulders I put my pinkies together". Francis

The University Cricket club are on the lookout for girls in Years 5-8 to be part of their club. Please email Caitlin vuccdo@gmail.com



Performance Group – Mrs. Wood and myself were very proud of our performance group who entertained at the Home of Compassion last Thursday. The children sang beautifully and were a real credit to themselves. We are very lucky to have Te Po as our tutor who is very inspiring to our children.



"A kind heart is the joy of everyone who comes in contact with it." – Suzanne Aubert

Special thanks to Deidre Hanlon who organised our performance group to a gathering at the Home of Compassion.



Middle Syndicate visit to the 'Space Place':

Last week, Rooms 5, 6 and 7 went to visit Space Place in The Botanic Garden. Troy spoke to the students about our solar system and what life would be like if you were an astronaut.

Sunhats: During Terms 1 & 4, the school has a sunhat policy. Children need to wear a school sunhat when playing outside. These can be purchased through the school office for \$15.00. From Monday onwards, children without a sunhat will be asked to sit in the shade.

Art Calendars: Please note that we have decided this year to take a break from doing the art calendars, as doing it each year resulted in a drop in motivation, particularly with our older students. We will do art calendars again next year.

Ms Scarlett

Coming Events

- 8 Nov:** 9am: Year 8 boys St Pat's Entrance Exam
2pm **Chinese Tea Ceremony** in the staffroom
- 16 Nov:** **PROPOSED DATE for Wellington Teachers Strike**
- 21 Nov:** **MUFTI DAY** – please bring a Christmas item for our Christmas hamper raffle.
- 26 Nov:** **Education Review Office** visiting our school
- 28 Nov:** Thank you morning tea in the library all invited. Please RSVP to Frances – for details, see invitation below.
- 5 Dec:** **Junior picnic at Aotea Lagoon**
- 11 Dec:** **End of Year Mass, PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE & TIME:**
Wellington Cathedral of St Paul, 45 Molesworth St, starting at 6.00pm.

Thank You Morning Tea: all welcome.

Thank You

Sacred Heart Cathedral School staff would like to thank you for your assistance and support during the year. As a token of our appreciation, we warmly invite you to our morning tea at 10.30am on Wednesday 28 November, in the school library upstairs. RSVP to frances@sacred-heart.school.nz by Friday 16 November 2018.



Mufti Day Wed 21 Nov – Please bring a Christmas item to go in our Christmas hamper to be raffled off. Proceeds from this raffle will go towards Stage 2 of our playground development. We ask that all contributions be non-perishable and something you'd love to see in a hamper if you won.

Junior Syndicate: Something sweet – gourmet chocolate, fancy biscuits, Xmas mince pies, puddings or mini xmas cakes.

Middle Syndicate: Something savoury – olives, crackers, pesto, dried tomatoes, chutneys, salsa.

Senior Syndicate: Something Christmassy – xmas decorations, xmas crackers, xmas cards, ribbon. Something for the nativity.

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Visiting speaker at our school assembly: *Elisha Watson*, an ex-pupil of Sacred Heart, spoke at our school assembly on Monday. She studied commercial law at Otago and worked as a lawyer for a while. She was involved with the Red Cross and noticed refugees had problems getting jobs. She left her job and set up a social enterprise called Nisa, employing 3 refugee women to sew underwear, because everyone needs it! She was interesting and inspirational to listen to and she supported our current virtue of kindness perfectly.

Gabrielle R8: "It was cool to learn about how she set up her business and helps refugees."
Special thanks to Mrs Geraghty for organising this for us all.

EPro8 Challenge: Special thanks to *Jane Regan* and *Dr Paul Duignan* who prepared a winning team for this problem solving event. Thank you for teaching our students to work collaboratively together in a team to solve problems.

On Thursday the first of November, we, along with *Noah* and *Daniel*, participated in the Epro8 challenge. Even though it was stressful we still had lots of fun and it was a wonderful experience. Throughout the 2½ hours, we completed around 8 challenges including building structures out of aluminum poles and working on math problems. For the first half hour, we were near the bottom of the leader board, but we persevered and climbed our way up to 1st. We can't wait to attend the semi finals and see what we can learn there. We are also very proud to deliver our first academic trophy to our trophy cabinet :). A big thank you to Dr Duignan our coach. **Cara & Eva**



Congratulations to our Central Zone athletes who participated in events at Newtown Park yesterday. As a school we were extremely competitive. **Special thanks** to *Ann Stephen*, *John Grevatt* and *Clare Smyth* for their co-ordination and leadership of this event and to our wonderful parent volunteers who helped us on the day.

Lost: *Maia M* Rm 7 has lost her named jersey and sunhat. Please check your child's jersey and sunhat.

Library Stocktake: Please return ALL school library books by **Friday 30 November**. The library will be **CLOSED** from **Monday 3 December** to allow for stocktake.

Great tips for parents to keep children safe online:

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

We are all go at school at the moment it really is hard to believe that we are in November. You are most welcome to join us in the staffroom tomorrow for a Chinese Tea Ceremony at 2 pm.

Staff are currently writing summative reports at the moment. It is heartening to see the progress and achievement made by our students throughout the year. Home and school are a great team especially when it comes to learning.

Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

Wellington Dive School: This term WDC are hosting a FREE "Bring a Friend" day on Sunday 25th November – this will be a great opportunity for families to come down to Kilbirnie Pool, get active and have-a-go. After all that fun there will be some supervised bombing fun off the springboard! Any enquiries, please email admin@wellingtondiving.org.nz or contact Barbara Franks on 907 0595 or 027 485 8888.

Fr James

Two friends walking to their home in Emmaus, grieving over the death of Jesus had an unexpected encounter. A stranger joined them on their journey and asked why they were so sad and gloomy. They had no idea the stranger was Jesus and they were startled that this person seemed to know nothing of the recent terrible events. Later, when their "eyes were opened" and they recognised Jesus, they wondered why they hadn't done so earlier: *Didn't our hearts burn within us as he spoke to us on the road!*

I think this happens a lot with us, because we are not awake to the clues that would lead us to a fuller truth or to see a more complete picture. Give yourself a test – What are the events, or who are the people, that make my heart burn within me?

These are the moments that invite me to a deeper self-discovery, or to a better understanding of God's presence in my life. Try not to miss them.

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