

Dear Parents/Caregivers

*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*



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

**The winners of the festive hampers are...**

1st prize - *Di*

2nd prize - *Nigel Ingram*

3rd prize - *A. M. Lister (of Masterton)*

and the 10 smaller hampers were won by:

*Sinead Worts, Guy McEwen, A. D'Souza, Jodie Marguez, Nicky Jones, Joy Nagrampa, Tait, Jonfred Labilles, John Michael, Katy Greco Ainslie.*

Please collect your hamper from Cathy in the school office or call Suzanne on 021 039 7558 to arrange a different pick up location/time. *Special thanks to Parents & Friends for co-ordinating the raffle and creating the beautiful gift baskets. Thank you to everyone who supported this venture.*

**Congratulations** to our three senior girls who competed at the Regional Athletics at Newtown Park during the week.

**Hannah was placed 5<sup>th</sup> in 200m and 8<sup>th</sup> in 100 m.**

**Nicole was placed 6<sup>th</sup> in long jump.**

**Eddie was placed 7<sup>th</sup> in 1000m.**

**Well done girls** we are so proud of you competing at such a high level.

**Thanks:** We had a beautiful carol concert on Monday evening in the Cathedral. The singing and narration by our students was outstanding. Special thanks for your support.

**Thank you** to our senior students who thanked and sung for the adult helpers associated with our school at the "Thank you morning tea" on Tuesday morning. If you were unable to attend I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the ways that you make our school the great place it is.

**Disco – Thanks** to the *Parents & Friends committee* who organised the disco and to *Mrs Geraghty* and the *student council* for their help in decorating the hall. A great night was had by all. We are very appreciative of all the parents who helped in the kitchen and with supervision of our children.



**Mandarin language Assistant-** At the end of the year *Di* would have been at our school for two years. We are very grateful for the richness *Di* has brought to our school and has so willingly shared her Chinese culture with us all. Last Friday evening I was fortunate to attend the Farewell for the 2016 Mandarin Language Assistants at Wellington East Girls College. Victoria University and Confucius Institute have allocated Sacred Heart Cathedral School and Thorndon School a Mandarin Language Assistant for 2017 her name is Joyce HE YI. We look forward to welcoming her next year to our school community.

**Rm 2 hosting afternoon tea for Rm 1 parents:** The families of Room 2 will host afternoon tea to welcome the families of Room 1 to our school community tomorrow (Thursday 1 Dec) at 2.40pm. Caffe L'affare has kindly donated coffee and we have rustled up some home baking! YUM!

Nicola Nation is looking for Room 2 families to help with hosting. If you can assist (on the day or by providing a plate), please email

[nicola.nation@trustproperties.co.nz](mailto:nicola.nation@trustproperties.co.nz)

To educate our children within a Catholic environment to achieve their full spiritual, academic and personal potential.

### Coming Events

**30 November - 7.00-8.00pm** Connolly Hall

**Evening of entertainment** for parents to enjoy from the children in the Sacred Heart Orchestra, Ukulele and singing groups.

- **All Library books due back.**

**1 Dec – 2.40pm:** Welcome Afternoon tea for Rm 1 parents hosted by Rm 2 parents.  
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**6 Dec –** Jnr End of Year picnic – 10.00am-2.00pm at the Botanical Gardens

**7 Dec -** Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm

**9 Dec –** Senior Syndicate End of year outing – 9am-2pm Wellington Indoor Sports Centre.

**10 Dec –** Book Launch at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7pm. ***"There is a time for...A Family Companion for Every Season"*** compiled and edited by Fr James Lyons.

**16 Dec –** Last day of school – 1.00pm finish time.

### Carol Evening:



**Student Council Cultural Afternoon:** Thursday 8 Dec 1-2.30pm. As part of this, we are looking for someone to make about 30 pieces of sushi for children to taste – it can be made the day before and dropped off to the school on Thursday 8 Dec. If you are able to help with this please let the office know. We will reimburse the cost of the ingredients.

**Library Books:** All school library books need to be returned by tomorrow so our librarian can do the annual stock take.

**Volunteers Needed for End of Year Mass-13 December 2016**

Our school tradition is for the Year 7 parents to organise the end of year mass BBQ, food and drinks. We need 4 people to help set up from 5.30-6pm; 4 people to cook sausages from 6-7pm; 8 people to serve food and drinks from 7-8pm; and 6 people to clean up at 8pm. If you can help, please contact Kaye Stirling at email: <[kayestirling@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kayestirling@xtra.co.nz)> or Cell: 021 328 183.

**Book Launch: “There is a time for...A Family Companion for Every Season’** compiled and edited by Fr James Lyons. You are invited to join Cardinal John Dew for a unique book launch at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington on Saturday 10 December at 7pm. ‘This book follows the Ecclesiasticus message that there is a season for everything (3:1-9) and offers original prayers and reflections on family life situations by New Zealanders.’  
RSVP: Cathedral Parish Office, email or phone: 4961700

**Tonight: Evening of Entertainment – Wed 30 Nov :** 7.00-8.00pm in Connolly Hall. An opportunity for parents to enjoy the musical talent of children at our school. The Sacred Heart Cathedral School Orchestra, Ukulele and Singing Groups will be performing.

Arohanui  
Bernadette Murfitt  
Principal

**Kids Have FUN at Craft House – School Holiday Craft Classes:** Join us at Craft House for a full week of crafting FUN before Christmas and once school has finished. Offering the usual Christmassy classes such as Christmas crackers, cards and tags, tree decorations, a holiday wreath and a repeat of the popular 'gingerbread' house of last year made from biscuits and lollies. We will also make a gift box filled with handmade chocolates, a tiny paper gingerbread house inside a snow globe and a star shaped version of our popular 'light it up' class. Then in January we will have lots of summer FUN with classes planned for two weeks from 16 - 27th of January. Keep your eye on our website for more details coming soon! Prices start at just \$25 for a 2hr class and before/after class care is also offered for a small surcharge. Open to all children 7 years and above. Join us for a two hour session, a whole day, a week ... it's up to you! See all the details at [www.CraftHouse.co.nz](http://www.CraftHouse.co.nz)  
For more information or to book, call us on 499 4499 or email [info@CraftHouse.co.nz](mailto:info@CraftHouse.co.nz)

**Specific donations for 2016 that will enhance the teaching and delivery of the New Zealand Curriculum**

Trips (Jnrs):	\$60.00	Technicraft (Snr):	\$50.00
Trips (Mid/Snrs):	\$65.00	Read-It (Jnrs & R5)	\$5.00
ASB Sports:	\$20.00	Tissues (R1 only)	\$4.00
RE Digital Learning:	\$5.00	R1 Stationery	\$43.70
Photocopying:	\$10.00	<u>Voluntary</u> Donation	\$100.00 per child
Technicraft (Mid):	\$20.00	<u>Voluntary</u> Donation	\$200.00 per family

For your convenience, school account number is: ASB 12-3140-0325505-00



**Today is St Andrew’s Day.** He was the brother of Peter and introduced him to Jesus. They were one of two sets of brothers among the 12 apostles (who were the others?). Scotland took St Andrew as its patron so his name has become associated with all things Scottish.

As a fisherman, from a fishing family, Andrew would have inherited a certain aptitude for the work and the required skills would probably have been easy for him to acquire. As a disciple of Jesus, he had a similar background to Jesus regarding their Jewish faith, but absolutely no appreciation of how Jesus would reshape that faith.

It took Andrew and the other apostles a long time to “get the message” and to understand that Jesus really did come to serve and not to be served. But they learned well, and the witness of their lives played a big part in making Christianity both attractive and relevant. That’s our task, too, to make our faith attractive and relevant today. Ask St Andrew to pray for us.