

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."

Beach day – What a superb day we had on Friday with so many whanau who were able to join us. The children had a wonderful time playing, talking and swimming together. Special thanks to the staff who planned the day so it was safe for everyone. Special thanks to John and Eli who braved the cold water and swam with the children. What a great way to start a school year.

Photos from our Beach day: courtesy of Trudy Lagolago



Sunhats – All students at Sacred Heart Cathedral School are expected to wear a sunhat during terms 1 and term 4. These can be purchased through the office for \$15.

After School Arrangements- we have noticed a large number of students in the playground well after school has finished. The school runs afterschool care daily until 5.30 and the cost is \$15.00 per child per session (for casual attendance). For safety reasons, children left in the playground after 3:15 will be taken into After School Care. Those being collected by an older sibling from St Mary's need to sit under the steps near Room 2. Once they have been collected, they need to leave the grounds please.

Junior School News- mark the date – **Tuesday 28 March**

As mentioned in the junior newsletter, we will be visiting Zealandia and now have the confirmed date. The visit will be March 28th from 9.10 to 1pm. We will need parent help. A letter will come home closer to this time.

SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2017: Wellington Central Pastoral Area

Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion

(Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish; St Mary of the Angels; St Teresa's, Karori and St Thomas More, Wilton)

Registration forms can be picked up from Sacred Heart Cathedral School or the

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

Coming Events

- 15 February Junior Swimming starts.
- 17 February Junior Wheels Night. 5.30-7pm.
- 2 March: Mums' catch up, at the Thistle, Starting at 7pm – all mums welcome – organised by the Parents & Friends group.
- 6 March: Advance warning: Goal setting 3-7pm. (You will be able to give feedback on playground options)
- 8 March: Goal setting, 3-5pm. (You will be able to give feedback on playground options)
- 14 March Junior trip to Te Papa
- 17 March: St Patrick's Green Mufti Day – we would love it if you could bring an Easter egg or bunny for our Parents and Friends Easter raffle.
- 22 March – **Pasifika Fono 5-6.30pm.**
- 28 March – Junior School at Zealandia.

Impressions from some of our senior students after participating in EOTC week:

"I enjoyed learning lots of interesting facts about New Zealand history."

- Antonia Rm 9

"The beach day was fantastic it was such a beautiful day and I enjoyed sitting in the shade reading my book."

- Juliette Rm 9

Yesterday Rm 10 went to the Wellington Museum. We learnt about Early Wellington and some things we found out were:

"When people died, loved ones cut off their hair and made jewellery."

- Abbie Rm 10

"It was interesting all the changes in the last 10 decades."

- Lily Rm 10

"The Wahine Captain made an unfortunate decision to enter the harbour."

- Oliver Rm 10

Next time we want to spend longer there.

Cathedral Parish Office. To be eligible your child should be 8+ years of age before 1 November 2017 (see below) and already be baptised. The deadline for enrolment is **Friday 3 March 2017.**

What is the correct age for receiving the sacraments? There is no correct age. In this diocese sacramental preparation programmes have been traditionally offered to children from the age of 7 – 8 onwards. Parents are the best judge of whether their child is mature enough to receive a sacrament. It is not easy to determine whether your child understands what it is they are doing. Remember understanding develops over a long period of time. The Sacramental Team can advise you if you wish to discuss readiness for the programme. No one is too old to receive sacraments. With the appropriate preparation, any person can receive the sacraments at any age.

Enquiries: Bede Clarke (St Mary of the Angels) bedeclarke@xtra.co.nz
Angela Helbano (Cathedral) angela.nzet@outlook.com

Wanted: If you are upgrading your BBQ the school would greatly appreciate your old one if it is in good working order.

What an amazing start we have all had to the 2017 school year. Committed staff, engaged students, supportive families, hardworking trustees and parents and friends – a recipe for a successful year at Sacred Heart Cathedral School. My sincere thanks to you all.

Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt, Principal

Update from Parents and Friends: Wheels Night for Junior and Middle Syndicates.

The much loved Sacred Heart Wheels Night is back again in 2017. Bring your choice of takeaway dinner, the whole family and your ride (don't forget your helmet!). The Friends of Sacred Heart will provide the tomato sauce, hot drinks and ice blocks for the children. Friday 17th Feb 5.30-7pm for juniors and Friday 24th Feb 5.30-7pm for middles. We look forward to seeing you there. Please park down by the Cathedral as the children will be using the top court to ride their bikes and scooters.

Touch Rugby: Touch games start next week on Wednesdays. Mr Grevatt is collecting subs and will send home a separate notice on Monday confirming teams.

To register for Junior Rugby in 2017 at Marist St Pats

Register Online: <http://www.msprugby.co.nz/Site/Juniors/about/registration.aspx>

Or come to one of our registration days at the MSP indoor gym:

- Saturday 18th February – 1pm to 3pm
- Wednesday 22nd February – 5pm to 6:30pm
- Sunday 26th February – 12pm to 1:30pm

Wests Junior Rugby Club: Wests Junior Rugby Club would like to invite you to play rugby this season. Our rugby season starts on May 5/6 and you can register online and check or FAQ at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz> The Nursery Grade is for girls and boys aged 3 – 5, before they move on to Ripa Rugby at U6. Tackle Rugby starts at U8 and it is age and weight graded. The club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the 2nd (5:30 – 7:30pm) and 4th of March (1:00 – 3:00pm). At the Saturday session we will have the Rugby World Cup so kids and parents can get a photo with the greatest trophy in world rugby!

Summer Soccer: Yr 8 Sacred Heart Smashers lost a close game to Cardinal Cougars. **Jacob H** was player of the day.

Lost: **Alyssa Rm 2** has lost her named black Kathmandu jacket. Please check your child's jacket.

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool: Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up. Why not try something new this year? Visit our website and come along for a free trial! We have several after-school sessions and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. We also run fun casual sessions on Sundays. For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027-485-8888.

BOT news

The Board met last Wednesday evening and warmly welcomed our new Proprietor's Representative Nigel Ingram. We look forward to Nigel sharing his many gifts for the benefit of our school and school community. Over the last few months the Board have been reviewing Health and Safety policy and procedures at our school ensuring a streamlined process. Throughout this term we will also be gathering feedback on our playground development. You will have an opportunity to view a couple of options and give your feedback during goal setting in early March. The school charter and annual plan has been updated to reflect the future direction of our school ensuring our children have the very best learning outcomes possible so they can be equipped to build successful lives in the twenty first century. Mark your diary for a "Stewardship afternoon" on the 29 April where parish and school will come together to meet and collaborate for the good of our catholic community. If you want to discuss any Board matter covered here, feel free to ring me on 0274446112. **Frank McLaughlin, Chairperson, Sacred Heart Cathedral School Board of Trustees.**



If you're into horse racing, spent time on a cruise ship or dined in style, you will know what a steward is. The role is carefully defined, but primarily focussed on looking after the paying customer. The term also applies to every Christian, but from a slightly different perspective.

Christians are called to recognise everything within and around them as gifts from a loving God – a parent who wants the children to have only the best. These gifts are not for "safe-keeping"; they are for sharing. The sharing is important because each gift, while unique to the individual, has its value in the way it is connected to other gifts. When we share we contribute to the good of everyone.

Christian stewardship is the gifting of some of your time and abilities (talents) to help the rest of the community grow and flourish. Our Parish/School is an ideal proving ground for stewardship. As stewards we can pool our resources to excellent effect. Your gifts and mine create an unbreakable bond where faith, unity and joy are only the beginning!