

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."

Juniors visit to Bugs Lab at Te Papa:



PARENT TUTOR READERS NEEDED: *Parent reading tutors are still needed* for Room 1 in the Junior Syndicate and Rooms 8, 9 and 10 in the Senior Syndicate. If you are interested please email Elinor Scarlett: elinor@sacred-heart.school.nz

Thank You: Thanks to all the parents who accompanied our students to Te Papa. It was a very successful learning experience and your contribution was appreciated.

After School Arrangements - Please ensure you have suitable arrangements for your child afterschool. There are still a large number of students who are waiting to be picked up well after half past 3. Yesterday our school was contacted by a staff member working in the Archdiocese Office who was very concerned about a group of students who were playing tag in the carpark! The school does provide After School Care at \$15.00 per day casuals are welcome.

Netball: Special thanks to all our wonderful families who attended the netball meeting last night and for your willingness to take on roles to ensure our students are part of a well-run netball operation. We are still after more players at the Year 4, 5 and 6 level. Please contact Cathy if you would like your child to participate in Saturday netball.

Subway Lunch Online ordering: On-line orders for Subway lunches begin this Wednesday:

- Our school is set up for a Wednesday lunch day and orders will have to be placed before 9am on that day.
- Parents will have to create an account unless they are already a user of Subway's online ordering.
- Credit card payment only is accepted.
- If placing multiple orders for multiple children the first order needs to be completed and paid for before placing any subsequent orders.
- If parents use the option to save orders as favourites it will streamline the process of ordering in subsequent weeks.

Paper orders will still be accepted this term but we will be switching over to online ordering only from Term 2.

STUDENT COUNCIL SAUSAGE SIZZLE Tuesday 28 March: Money raised to go to the school's St Vinnies group and Easter Competition prizes. Councilors will collect orders from Thursday 23rd March. Sausages are \$1.50 each. Please send the **correct amount of money** in an envelope with your child's name, room number and number of sausages ordered on the envelope – we will NOT be giving any change. **The last day for orders is MONDAY 27th.**

Tuatara Beer and Pizza 'Dad's' Evening – Wednesday 29th at 6pm – The Third Eye – 30 Arthur Street
The Friends of Sacred Heart are putting on a social evening for school Dads to sample some locally brewed Tuatara Beer and their amazing wood fired pizza. <http://www.tuatarabrewing.co.nz/the-third-eye/about>

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

Coming Events

22 March – Pasifika Fono 5-6.30pm.
BOT meeting 7.30 in the staffroom.

28 March – Junior School at Zealandia.
Student Council Sausage Sizzle

29 March Dad's evening

6 April – Junior Celebration of Learning

7 April – 2pm Classrooms are open parents to view learning from Term 1 Bugs topic

12 April – Stations of the Cross – at school,
1pm. Parents welcome.

13 April – 1.30pm Connolly Hall – Farewell Assembly for Sue Harkins. Parents welcome.

Pope Francis Lenten message

The word is a gift. Other persons are a gift.

Be in to **win** a
wonderful Easter hamper!

Raffle tickets (5) have been sent home – \$2 per ticket. We have 2 big

hampers and another 10 smaller ones to be won. Please write the name and contact phone number of the person you sold the ticket to on the butt and return this with the money to the school or pay by internet banking into the Parent & Friends account:

12-3140-0397242-00. The person purchasing the ticket keeps the other half of the ticket. Raffle finishes Fri 31 March, winners drawn Tue 4 April, announced in school newsletter on Wed 5 April.



Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school.

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be reviewed, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2021. A minimum of 20% equity is required on the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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ASB School donation/referral voucher

ASB have paid over \$277,000 to schools in the last 2 financial years. If you draw down a home loan of \$250,000 or more with ASB they will donate \$500 to our school. The loan must be processed through an ASB Branch, Contact Centre or Mobile Lending Manager. The clients must ask their ASB staff member for the donation to be paid to their ASB school.

The date is Wednesday 29th March at 6pm and it will be a super deal of just \$25 per person for an amazing pizza and couple of tasty pints. Please take this opportunity to pop along and have a quiet beer and meet a few new people, especially the new parents. Let me know if you're keen by dropping me an email or text - geoffmcdonnell@gmail.com or 0212405086

REMINDER : Senior School ICAS entries need to be in to Mrs Geraghty by THURSDAY 23rd March. **No late entries will be accepted.**

Headlice: We have been notified that this has appeared in some children's hair. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

Room 3 Furniture has landed –Room 3 was the final class to have a furniture revamp. We are delighted with how our classrooms are looking. This furniture project has been funded through generous donations our families have paid to our school. Photo of room 3 furniture.



Code Club in action!



Thank you thank you – for your amazing generosity on St Patrick's Day – as a result we have 12 beautiful Easter baskets to raffle off. Thank you to everyone who has already sold their tickets and requested further tickets. Your support is hugely appreciated.

Arohanui –

Bernadette Murfitt, Principal



Bubble Dome School Holiday Workshops: Venue: Rongotai College, Cost \$299.00 unless otherwise stated. For more information visit www.bubbledome.com or call 0800 438 282.

Lost: Jericho (Rm 6) has lost his black Kathmandu puffer jacket – his name is on the tags inside the jacket. Please check your child's jacket.

Marrzipan Holiday Workshop: runs from 10am-4pm Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st April at Thorndon Primary School. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick! W: www.marrzipan.com E: jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2017/2018: The school will once again be selling Entertainment books. Cost for a book or digital version of the book this year is \$65.00 with the school receiving \$13.00 from every book sold. Money raised from this will go towards purchasing IT devices for our classrooms. Pre-orders can be made online now on <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10428y2> All pre-orders before 26 April, qualify for over \$145 of early bird offers! **A big thank you** to the parents who have already purchased a book!

Fr James

The Christmas story begins with the Annunciation (25 March) when Mary receives the message that she is to have a child. Mary is “greatly disturbed” and the angel reassures her: *Do not be afraid; you have won God's favour.* An interpretation of this suggests that winning God's favour can be terrifying. God will draw us beyond any comfort zone we create for ourselves, knowing us better than we know ourselves, urging us to reach our full potential.

You and I, no less than Mary, have every right to be afraid when we encounter the love of God. As a loving parent challenges the child to break through barriers of self-doubt and attitudes like “I'll never be able to do that”, God pushes us to believe more deeply in ourselves, to trust the gift of faith we've been given – and not to be afraid.

Look around at where God, favouring you, might be calling you to be the bearer of his love: in your home, school, parish, among your colleagues or friends? Expect to be a little unnerved. That's how you know the call is genuine.