

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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."

Welcome back to Term 2 – I hope you had a well-earned break and managed to sample some of the lovely weather we have been experiencing. The staff have a smorgasbord of exciting learning opportunities planned for our students this term.

Seasons for Growth

Our school will be offering the "Seasons for Growth programme" in Term 2 for Year 5-8 students and term 3 for years 1-4 students. Seasons for growth is a grief and loss programme that caters for young people and adults. The core elements involve the promotion of social and emotional wellbeing and the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal part of life. Seasons for Growth is not counselling it is a grief and loss peer education programme. There will be a separate flyer about the Seasons for growth programme.

Caritas:

Special thanks to the generous families at Sacred Heart Cathedral School who raised \$286.20 and donated this to Caritas. The money will go towards Caritas projects chosen by our children like 'train a teacher', 'shelter from a storm', 'rising sea levels' and 'count your chickens'.



Winter uniform:

From the beginning of Week 3 all children will be in winter uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform which includes a **plain black jacket**. If you require any additional uniform items please contact Robyn on 4736361 after 2.30pm on Monday – Friday.

School Photos:

Inspire Photography will be in the school on Thursday 18 May and Friday 19 May to take school photos. For families who would like a photo of their children who have siblings not at school yet, please meet in Connolly Hall at 8.30am on Friday 19 May. Family photos of children whose siblings are currently at school will be taken after the class and individual photos.

Thanks for all your ongoing support, it is very much appreciated.

If you have any concerns with your child's learning please contact your child's teacher as it is so important we work together.

Arohanui –
Bernadette Murfitt

KELLY SPORTS TERM 2 – Starts Week 2!

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer children; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Coming Events

- Wed 10 May: BOT meeting 7.30pm staffroom – all welcome.
- Jnr Dress up day – come as you want to be when you're grown up!
- Thu 11 May: Jnr Syndicate ASB 12-2.30pm
- Fri 12 May: Mother's Day Liturgy 9.15am Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Thu 18 May: School Photos – all day
- Fri 19 May: School Photos – all day.
- Mon 22 May: Matariki Show 1.30pm
- Wed 24 May: Mid/Snr syndicate cross country trials
- Jnr Syndicate ASB 12-2.30pm
- Fri 26 May: St Vinnies collecting for the Soup Kitchen
- Mon 29 May- Fri 2 June: Samoan Language Week
- Tue 30 May: Filipino Consultation 5-6.30pm Connolly Hall
- Fri 2 June – Samoan language week assembly

Welcome

Welcome back to **Angel Moore** who is back from maternity leave and will be teaching in Room 3 and **Ann Stephen** who will be teaching students in Room 10.

Young Pinoy Artists' Festival



2017 Young Pinoy Artists' Festival 22 April: 24 budding Filipino artists from ages 5-16 participated in this festival of which, 9 were from Sacred Heart Cathedral School. They were Alyssa Rm 2, Sam Rm 3, Joshua Rm 3, Myles Rm 3, Alessandra Rm 3, Therese Rm 3, Nathan Rm 6, Janelli Rm 9, Matt Rm 9. This year, the theme was about the various stories, characters, scenes, etc. from classic Philippine Literature stories and novels. (see artwork on next page).

Rm 5's first Mathletics Gold Certificate!



Congratulations Lily.

Winter Sports Warm Up (Yrs 1-4) – Tuesdays 2.45-3.45pm - Come and try **Football, Hockey, Basketball and Dodgeball**. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Artwork by our 'Young Pinoy Artists':



Entertainment Books:

Thank you to all the parents who have already purchased an entertainment book – these will be sent home this afternoon. Entertainment books will be sent home tomorrow unless you have already notified Cathy that you are not wanting one or if you have already purchased one. If you do not want a book please contact Cathy and let her know – she will also be sending out an email about this. If your child does bring a book home and you do not wish to purchase it please send it back to school the following day. Thank you for your support in this.

Wanted - Board games:

We are after any board games in good condition that you are no longer using for children to use during lunchtimes and on rainy days.

A beautiful metaphor written and drawn by Oliver Rm 10, about a kookaburra.



We are hosting a teacher from China at school this year from 29 July until 27 August to engage and challenge our students with new culture and language, share Chinese art, dance, cooking and more so our students can learn more about China and its beauty. We want to share our Kiwi culture and hospitality so we can all learn from each other. *What we need is a welcoming family (or two) to host and we need your help to make this happen. Want to know more - find out the benefits to our school and your family - go to EducationalAdvantageAFS on Facebook, watch the video's and be part of something fantastic for our school (no FB email prue.elwood@afs.org for the link). Contact Prue now to make this happen for our students. "What better way to bring the world to our corner of NZ to develop our children's understanding of cultural diversity, customs and languages."* Contact: prue.elwood@afs.org if you can help and want more information



Fr James

Jesus uses parables to try and explain the inexplicable: stories about everyday objects or experiences, which may or may not be true, but which have a powerful teaching effect. For instance, he uses the idea of finding treasure in a field, or an extraordinarily crafted pearl in an oyster. The discoverer will carefully conceal the find, while going off to raise the capital needed to buy it. This, Jesus says, is what the kingdom of God is like. Once you stumble upon it, or it is revealed to you, you'll do anything to claim it. As a new Term begins, consider the value you place on your family. What would you do to preserve it and help it grow? Now consider your faith. What have you done recently to claim it and nourish it? We protect what we value; we value what we protect – even marking our own life as less valuable...