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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

14 June 2017 Week 7 Term 2

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."**

**Bon voyage:** Cathy our office manager will be on leave for the next 3 weeks. Cathy and her husband will be visiting family overseas. Have a wonderful trip Cathy and we look forward to hearing about your adventures when you return for the start of next term. Frances and Natalie will be taking on extra duties in the office. Cathy's emails will still be checked every day – business as usual.

**Support Staff** – special thanks to our wonderful support staff here at Sacred Heart Cathedral School Cathy, Frances, Rachel, Alison, Natalie, Robyn and Robyn – you all work so hard for the good of our school community.

**Quiz Evening:** A big thank you to our wonderful group of **Parents & Friends** who organised a great community night for our school. Thanks to everyone who supported this evening – \$691.00 was raised. Buying an answer to a question certainly added to the evening's profits. **Congratulations** to the **Room 2 parents' table** who came first!

**Central Zone Cross Country:** After several rainy days and a postponement, the Central Zone Cross Country went ahead on Thursday. Conditions were as expected, cold, damp and very muddy but that did not stop the enthusiasm of Sacred Heart students and supporters. Luckily we had some large tarpaulins to keep athletes mostly dry, and students were very good at keeping muddy shoes around the edges.

The Sacred Heart Cathedral School sporting talent was certainly evident at McAllister Park last Wednesday. Our children showed real determination in true cross country conditions and did themselves proud.

**Special thanks**

- to all our wonderful supporters who supported, encouraged and cheered on the children;
- to Ann Stephen, and John Grevatt who organised this event for the children.

Cross country running is a demanding sport and our students showed that they are resilient and adaptable. All students did us proud and we had many students place in the top twenty. Students that placed in the top ten will go on to compete in the Central Zone competition.

**Congratulations** to the following students who will go on to run at the **Inter Zone Cross Country competition:** Year 4: **Victoria** Rm 5 - **9<sup>th</sup>**, Year 5: **Charlize** Rm 6 - **1<sup>st</sup>**, **Katie** Rm 6 - **3<sup>rd</sup>**, Year 7: **Elizabeth** Rm 8 - **5<sup>th</sup>**, **Luc** Rm 10 - **2<sup>nd</sup>**, **Daniel** Rm 10 - **10<sup>th</sup>**, Year 8: **Edie** Rm 8 - **1<sup>st</sup>**, **Hannah** Rm 8 - **5<sup>th</sup>**, **Kaelin** Rm 10 - **6<sup>th</sup>**.



**Netball Results:**

**Yr 5 Sacred Heart Jiddles** played St Francis Tornados and won 10-6. **Tifa** was player of the day.

**Yr 6 Sacred Heart Lightning** played Brooklyn Sparks and lost 5-9. **Maia** was player of the day.

**Yr 7 Sacred Heart Emeralds** won 26-9 against Mt Cook Dragons on Saturday 10 June. Our player of the day was **Jena**.

**Yr 7 Sacred Heart Jades** played Brooklyn and won 25-8. Player of the day was **Abbie**.

**Yr 8 Sacred Heart Saints** played Nga Mokopuna Moko Toa and won 23-7. **Emily** was player of the day.

**Motu Kairangi Rep team results:** **Eden** and **Keira's** MK Rep team also won their Y7A grade at their first tournament in Palmerston North. They played and won 4 intense games.

**Visit by Customs Dog Handlers:** 'Last Wednesday, dog handlers Ezra and Debbie visited the school and spoke to the senior syndicate about how labradors are used to detect drugs and cash and beagles to detect food and animals.'

Otis Rm 8 and Toby Rm 8

'I appreciated seeing the customs dogs in action'

Aloalii Rm 8



## Coming Events

Wed 14 June – Junior Syn Trip to the zoo

Fri 16 June –Senior Technicraft

Wed 21 June: - "What now – school take over" TV show onsite.  
- Celebrating Matariki visiting the Glow worms 5.30 pm

22 and 23 June – Bernadette at NZ Catholic Principals Conference in the City

Thu 29 June: - Jnr Syn Celebration of Learning Parents welcome in Rms 1, 2 & 3 from 2.00-2.40pm.

Fri 30 June: - Feast of the Sacred Heart school activity day

Mon 3 July: 3-7pm – Interim Reporting on student progress.

Wed 5 July: 3-5pm – Interim Reporting on student progress.

## Philippine Independence Day: 12 June



**Independence Day (Filipino: Araw ng Kasarinlan; also known as Araw ng Kalayaan, (or "Day of Freedom")** is an annual [national holiday](#) in the [Philippines](#) observed on June 12, commemorating the [Philippine Declaration of Independence](#) from [Spain](#) on June 12, 1898. Since 1962, it has been the country's [National Day](#).

**Engineers** working with senior students on a learning project



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*'I really enjoyed how they answered all our questions thoroughly and learning about Border Control.'* Mihini Rm 8

**Wearable Arts items wanted:** Men's jacket- any size, old jandals/ballet shoes, plastic bottles/ tin cans, small plastic toy cars, gladwrap tubes, old umbrella, newspaper, monopoly money.

**Baptism:** We will be providing the opportunity for any child or parent who would like to be baptised. Please feel free to ring Father James to discuss this or see Miss Regan or myself.

**Congratulations to Tammy** Rm 3 who passed her Grade 3 Trinity College Piano Exam with **high merit**. Well done **Tammy**.

**Attendance:** The Board of Trustees has asked me to monitor student attendance carefully as in Term 1 there were some inconsistencies in attendance. For effective learning to take place your child needs to be at school every day unless they are genuinely sick. Each week I will give you an overall attendance rate.

Week 6 Term 2 94% of Sacred heart Cathedral School students were at school – fantastic.

There were 45 students over the course of the week who were late – and it was a short week as well! This is an area we need to work on.

**Interim Reporting on student progress:** Monday 3 July 3.00-7.00pm or Wednesday 5 July 3.00-5.00pm. Please book your interview. There is **one space per child per class** on either Monday or Wednesday. If you require an additional slot, please contact your child's teacher at a mutually agreed time. To book a 10 minute slot to meet your child's teacher for an interim report go to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and entering the code: sxfuj.



**Library Makeover:** *Special thanks* to **Mrs Maresca** who used her interior design skills to bring great flair to our library.

**Archdiocesan Boys' Choir:** Do you know a boy who loves to sing?

Following the growing success of the Boys' Choir at the Metropolitan Cathedral we are expanding our intake of choristers to include boys from around the Wellington region. We are on the lookout for fun loving, happy and friendly boys who would like to audition for the Archdiocesan Boys' Choir. Previous experience of singing in choirs or prior musical training is not required. If your son can sing in tune and enjoys music then encourage him to audition!

Over their time in the choir, boys will learn sound vocal technique, music theory, life-skills, teamwork, as well as grow in confidence and discipline.

Teachers and parents see the boys' language skills, reading comprehension skills, maths skills and confidence improve greatly by being a part of the choir. The life of chorister provides the ability to develop spiritual, as well as musical, intellectual and personal gifts. Auditions will be held on Thursday 15 June 4:00pm-5:30pm at the Cathedral on Hill Street, Thornton, Wellington.

For more information and to register your interest please contact Michael Fletcher, Director of Music, Metropolitan Cathedral or email [m.fletcher@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:m.fletcher@wn.catholic.org.nz) or phone 04 496 1700.

**British Irish Lions 2017 Tour – Wellington match on Tuesday, 27 June 2017 – carparking available**

*The Sacred Heart Cathedral school grounds on Guilford Tce will be available for parking for the first British Lions match in Wellington on Tuesday, 27 June 2017. Parking will be \$15 for the night. Sales at the gate from 5pm.*

*For further information contact Friends and Parents of Sacred Heart Choir, Amanda Gregan on 027 9399 575.*

*(Please note there will be no parking available for the test match on 1 July 2017)*

**Please tell your friends and family**

**Wanted: Paint test pots** – any colour. If you have any paint test pots lying around that you no longer need, please send them to the office.

Thanks.

Have a great week – thanks for your on-going support. I look forward to seeing you next week at the Glow worms to celebrate Matariki

Arohanui –  
Bernadette Murfitt  
Principal

**Lost: Francis** Rm 8 has lost his Adidas black shoes, size 10, almost new. If found please return to Francis in Rm 8 or drop them into the office.

**Aarjun** Rm 1 has lost his named shirt last week, after changing for ASB Sports. Please check your child's shirt.

**Babysitter available:** My name is Georgia Smith & I am currently studying History & Religious Studies at Victoria University. I am looking for a part time child minding/tutoring position after school and during holidays. I can be flexible with hours. I am 18 and originally from Christchurch and currently living in the halls. I have always had an easy way with children and would love to discuss a possible position within your family. I can be contacted on 027 841 8656.

# Fr James

**A description of modern day living** came to me out of a 40 year old poem. Writing of life in a crowded city, with people and houses “packed neatly together”, the poet described the situation as “civilized loneliness”. It's a harsh comment but also very true, and 40 years on, has not lost its validity.

Moving about the parish I notice the quietness of the streets; neighbours are rarely outside talking with one another. In the 20 or so apartment blocks in the Thorndon area, there is silence in the corridors and little interaction among tenants. There is politeness in the lifts but few invitations to visit or socialise. Security is the first priority.

Our school could be like that, with families scattered across the Greater Wellington map, but fortunately the children forge links and friendships develop. It takes effort to build the kind of community where people look out for each other and appreciate contact, but it's so necessary. “Civilized loneliness” disfigures and cripples community. No one wants that.

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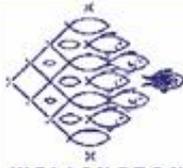
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