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NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

6 December 2017 Week 08 Term 4

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."

Xmas hamper – Thanks very much to everyone who has already paid for and returned the ticket butts to school. **Thank you** also to the parents who are selling the tickets at their place of work.



Congratulations to:

... **Ava Rm 6:** 2017 has been a big year of dance for her. **Ava** was fortunate to appear as the 'flower seller from Verona' in this year's RNZB production of **Romeo and Juliet**, she achieved distinction in her RAD ballet exam and has just heard she has been accepted into the NZ School of Dance Scholars programme for 2018." Here is a picture of Ava and her dance buddy Shan Wen on stage in 'Verona'.

... **Sabina Rm 5** who was awarded a Merit in her Grade 2 Royal Academy of Dance Ballet exams.

... **Hannah Rm 8** and **Antonia Rm 9**, who will be running a guide camp at battle hill for the weekend. Once they've done this and their community service, Antonia and Hannah will be awarded the highest award as a girl guide - the

Aoraki Award, which is a significant achievement.

... **Toby Rm 8** who has won the academic Boarder's Scholarship from St Pat's Silverstream.



Touch: Thanks to **John Grevatt** and **Cal Iaccarino** for improving the touch skills of our students ensuring they are competitive in the touch league.

Touch Results:

Yr 5/6 - Sacred Heart Saints won Vs Lethal Taggers 9-0 and are in the A final vs the Kilbirnie Blues at 6 pm next Wednesday.

Yr 7/8 - Sacred Heart Warriors won against Sacred Heart Green Machine 7-1 and are in the A finals Vs St Patrick Flyers.

Yr 7/8 Sacred Heart Green Machine are in the B finals Vs St Annes Turbos.

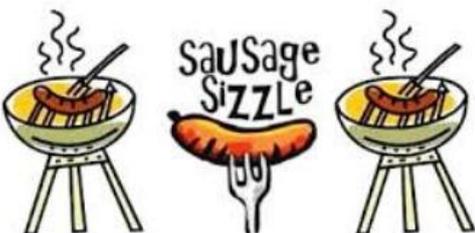
Jack Rm 6 Coin toss for Black Caps Game

Jack & Simon Doull

Jack & Kane Williamson



Congratulations to Jack Rm 6, who was selected to do the toss at the Cricket Test Match at the Basin Reserve on Friday. What an honour Jack and you brought the Black Caps plenty of luck as well with the Black Caps winning the toss.



Student Council Sausage Sizzle:

Mon 11 Dec - \$1.50 each. Only Rms 1-4 pre-order.

Rms 5-10 can queue and buy sausages over the lunchtime. Funds raised will be for prizes for competitions run by the student council next year.

Coming Events

Wed 6 Dec:- Thank you morning tea- 10.30am all welcome

Mon 11 Dec: Sausage Sizzle \$1.50 Money raised for Student Council competition prizes.
- **Xmas hamper raffle drawn.**

Tue 12 Dec: Kapa Haka Day

Wed 13 Dec: Seniors to the Zoo 9.30am-1.15pm

Thu 14 Dec: Middle Syndicate at the 'Gardens'.
- **End of Year Mass** 6.15pm Cathedral

Fri 15 Dec: Free mufti day. School finishes at 1pm for the year.

Junior syndicate trip to Aotea Lagoon last Wednesday



The Warehouse Tory Street Bags for Good Neighbourhood at The Warehouse Tory Street:

When you shop at the Tory Street Warehouse store you can grab a token at the checkout and place your token in the voting unit for Sacred Heart Cathedral School from August to January period. Funds raised will go towards our playground. We are very appreciative to The Warehouse for making this fundraising activity possible.

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Senior Syndicate Zoo trip, Wednesday 13 December 9.30am-1.00pm. 2 parents per class needed to help out with this trip. PLEASE let your child's teacher know if you can help with this.

Mathletics- Mathletics have issued throughout the 2017 school year a total of 1261 certificates.

Congratulations to the following students who answered the most questions correctly whilst completing core curriculum activities and tests: **Owen** Rm 5, 7115 correct answers, **Jayden** Rm 6, 6077 correct answers and **Harmony** Rm 5, 5372 correct answers.

Please encourage your child to go on their Mathletics account over the holiday break. Thanks for your on-going support.

Arohanui
Bernadette Murfitt
Principal

School Report Card: I have been reading student reports and have been so impressed with progress made. Sacred Heart Cathedral School continues to provide an excellent education for our students, I am grateful to each member of the team here, and the special way they add to the richness of our school.

Juliet	Juliet is retiring from our school at the end of the year. Thank you for developing the literacy skills of our students during the past 14 years.
Ann	Running sporting events within our school and across Wellington allowing students to shine.
Father James	Being an active participant in school life and providing our students and staff with lots of practical ways so they can be the best they can be.
Penny	Extracting musical talent out of our children.
John	Setting up mathletics accounts across the school this online resource has helped our students develop fluency with basic facts.
Loretta	For being a fantastic role model and sharing about herself at a Pasifika Fono
Christine	Revamping our school report and making it more streamline.
Riki	For her lovely sense of humour and making the children laugh.
Rachel	Beautiful way she interacts with staff and students.
Eli	Sharing her creativity and innovation skills during the World of Wearable Art season
Rusi	Sharing his love of sport at After School Care.
Angel	Transitioning back to school while superbly balancing family life.
Natalie	Doing an outstanding job in the office while Cathy was away.
Adrienne	Being such a talented teacher and giving this year's New Entrants a flying start to school.
Cathy	Constantly exceeding standard in being the first port of call at our school. Cathy thank you for always being so obliging towards our staff, students and families.
Sue	Working hard on building our new school website, which will go live in 2018.
Robyn L	Stimulating our children through her love of books.
Clare	Consistently working with her class for 7 terms providing seamless learning.
Jessabelle	Being so patient with our children at After School Care ensuring interactions are so positive.
Sarah	Bringing her passion for interior design to school and revamping our library.
Kate	Very special way she teaches strategies for literacy.
Robyn J	Being so flexible with her dual roles of uniform and After School Care supervisor.
Jane	Having a vision and implementing it with the help of engineers and capable students.
Enrico	Sharing his wisdom with the students at After School Care.
Frances	Her attention to detail with school accounts and invoices.
Alison	Personalising learning for students across the school.
Leilani	Having in depth conversations about homework with students at After School Care.

In one of the Sunday Mass prayers, we pray that God will *nourish what is good in us and tend it with watchful care*. It is exactly what we would hope for in any person responsible for another. A parent, a teacher, any guide or mentor. To see the good in someone and to encourage that goodness to ripen and mature - surely no better gift could be given.

The Scriptures apply the image of "Caregiver" to God in many forms: an eagle, hovering over its young as it learns to fly; a hen, gathering her chickens under the shelter of her wings; the prophets, sent to guide and correct and safeguard the community; a gardener, earning a reprieve for the fig tree yet to bear fruit.

The Genesis creation account puts care-giving as the purpose of humanity. *Man* (male and female) was given the earth and all living creatures to *care for them*. We are never more human than when we are actively supporting and encouraging life; we are never more like God than when we are *nourishing what is good and tending it with watchful care*.

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