

# **INSTALLATION OF LAY PASTORAL LEADER**

## **A BLESSING**

*Colours make God's rainbow  
that arcs across the sky  
in promise of eternal care.*

*They paint the earth in hues of light  
and shade to bring to life  
what love has brought to birth.*

*Colours mark the beauty of creation  
and print what words can never say  
nor hold in wonder the trembling heart.*

*As you begin your journey  
in leadership of God's people:*

*May the blessing of the rainbow  
mark you as the colours  
for those in your care.*

*May you enrich the lives  
of those you serve  
and receive their care.*

*May your love bring to birth  
gifts waiting to be born  
and may the creative Word of God  
fill your heart with joyful wonder  
overflowing to embrace the brush-stroke  
splendour of tears and smiles  
knowing all the while  
that you are among friends  
painting a family.*



Sacred Heart Cathedral School Thorndon  
Te Kura Ahurewa o te Ngākau Tapu

Parish Newsletter April 2018

Happenings during Term 1

Term 1

We held a *powhiri* on 5 Feb to welcome new families to our school.  
On 9 Feb we held our annual beach day—a school wide fun day.  
Our Junior and Middle syndicates had a joint ‘wheels’ evening with parents bringing along a takeaway dinner.  
*Mark* from ‘Dances for School’ came in and worked with all our children for a fortnight culminating in an amazing dance performance for parents at the end of the 2 weeks.  
Our senior syndicate children attended a 4 day camp at Forest Lakes, Otaki. We are very appreciative of staff and parents who accompanied the children for this amazing outdoor experience.

**Special Character**  
*Father James* led the school in a beautiful Liturgy in the Cathedral to mark the way individual classes want to work together throughout the 2018 school year.  
The school had liturgies for Ash Wednesday.  
Congratulations to *Eli Scarlett* and *Sarah Maresca* who were acknowledged by Cardinal John at a Commissioning Mass for Professional Development in Religious Education at the classroom level.  
The Sacramental Programme is underway with a number of children from our school participating.  
We look forward to *having-Debbie Matheson*, our Lay Pastoral leader as part of our school community.

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- ★ **In and Out** ★
- ★ Swimming lessons ★
- ★ Goal setting ★
- ★ Annual Beach Day ★
- ★ Altar serving training ★
- ★ Technicraft ★
- ★ Mathletics—an online maths programme to support learning at home ★
- ★ The return of our Mandarin language Assistant “Yi” ★
- ★ Full school kapa haka ★
- ★ Wheels night ★
- ★ Coding workshop ★
- ★ Swimming sports ★
- ★ Curriculum Information session for families—these were very well attended and provided families with an overview of learning for the year. ★
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**BOT News**  
The Board of Trustees are very appreciative to the Archdiocese of Wellington for refurbishing the downstairs Junior Toilets for our students.  
The Board welcomes back Nigel Ingram and Geraldine Irinco representing the Proprietor on our Board.  
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.



Our Mission Statement in action



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