

2019 END OF TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

'I have no greater joy than to hear my children are walking in the truth ' 3 John 1:4

As members of the Holy Cross School community we are called to walk in the truth. Our 2019 Overarching Concept is **Citizenship - Designing/ Creating our Future Together**. You may be wondering, what does this mean and what does it look like?

At the heart of this concept are the three ideas that are guiding our actions and focus:

1. We want to make our world a better place.
2. When everyone works together we can achieve great things.
3. Small actions can make a big difference

We invite you to look carefully at the photographs below and discuss how these three ideas can be seen.



Prayers for Christchurch



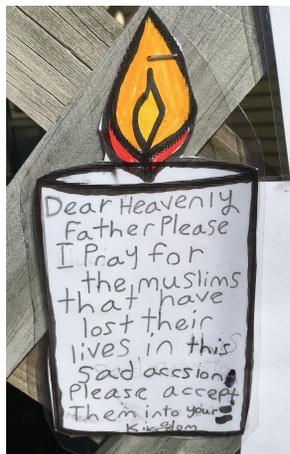
Visiting Sister Margaret who is one of our special neighbours

Removing bugs from the plants



CATHOLIC CHARACTER

In our prayers may we give thanks for the many blessings we receive whilst also remembering those in need.



CATHOLIC CHARACTER- The Easter Season

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the final Sunday of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week.

Holy means “set apart.” As Christians we set apart an entire week, Holy Week, to recall the events surrounding the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Within Holy Week we celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

As you move through Holy Week there are many activities that you can participate in with your children that will make the week special. For example, you might set aside an evening to read a version of the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ Passion and Death written for children.

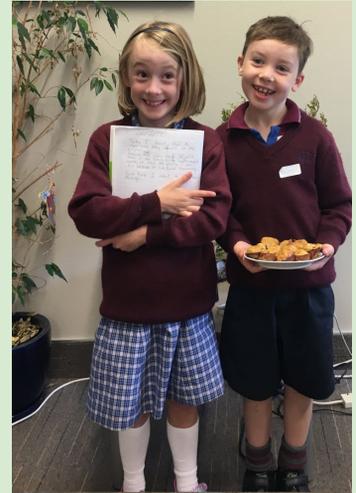
You may have special Easter and Holy Week traditions from your ethnic heritage, that you could introduce to your children and perhaps share these with us at the beginning of next term. It can be fun to decorate eggs—symbols of the Resurrection—or put together Easter baskets. The story of Jesus’ suffering and Death are at the heart of Christian faith. Today the school took part in a beautiful Easter liturgy as shown in the photos below, please speak with your children and ask them to share with you the Easter messages they heard.



Celebrating Diversity- Promoting Excellence Term 1



Learning Conferences at the start of year provided a wonderful opportunity for students, whanau and teachers to meet for an extended period of time , 30 minutes. The focus was on really getting to know each student and to talk about initial goals for the year. The feedback from these conferences was very positive.



END OF TERM CELEBRATION OF LEARNING



CELEBRATING CYCLING SUCCESS



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START OF TERM PICNIC



THINK, TALK AND CREATE

Small actions can make a big difference for a better future.

We have been learning how to make small changes to look after ourselves and the world around us.

How can we design a better future with what I know now?

Something I am wondering about is.....

Something I have learnt this term is.....



In the Firewise topic we have learnt how to keep safe from fire and make an emergency call.



In the Holy Week topic we learnt the importance of Easter in our Catholic Community and how we can use prayer in our daily lives.



In the Healthy Lunchbox topic we learnt how to make healthy food and ways to reduce packaging in our lunchbox.



In the Butterflies topic we learnt about the importance of butterflies in our world and how we can create habitats for them.

GARDEN TO TABLE

Our Garden to Table is continues to grow from strength to strength teaching our children how to grow and harvest produce from the school garden to then be prepared and shared in the school kitchen.

In the garden, we have been focussing on what plants need to grow, what makes good compost and how can we support our lovely worms to improve our soil.

Thank you to our Garden Co-ordinator Olivia and our wonderful volunteers!



We had an inspiring talk from Karin from Zealandia who gave us lots of ideas for how we can support the Predator Free Miramar program.



GARDEN TO TABLE

This term in the kitchen we've made Savoury Zucchini and Herb Muffins, Zucchini Fries, Pinwheels, Sweetcorn Fritters, Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and a Thai Vege Salad. **Thank you** so much to our Kitchen Co-ordinator Aleece!



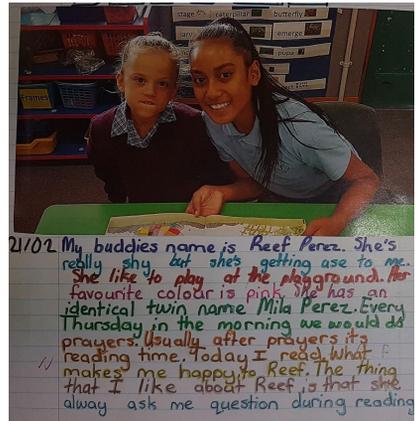
Thank you Z Petrol Station

We were delighted to be able to thank and share our learning and food this week with Anna and Letitia from the Z petrol station who have **DONATED** a new oven to the Garden and Table programme.



YEAR 7-8 Leadership Programme

What a fabulous start to our year! It has been fantastic to see the growth in leadership of our Year 7&8 students so far this year who have set very high standards for themselves. They are encouraged to carry out leadership tasks and to reflect on how they can strengthen themselves as leaders within our school community.



21/02 My buddies name is Keef Perez. She's really shy but she's getting use to me. She like to play at the playground. Her favourite colour is pink. She has an identical twin name Milla Perez. Every Thursday in the morning we would do prayers. Usually after prayers it's reading time. Today I read what makes me happy to Keef. The thing that I like about Keef is that she always ask me question during reading



Rooms 1 and 2

Our focus for term one has been 'What is citizenship, developing our understanding of what this means'. With the tragic events in Christchurch, it reminded us all of the importance of supporting one another and how our actions can make our school, our community and our country a safe and welcoming home to live in.



A picture tells a thousand words - we invite you to discuss these photos with your children. They reflect some of the wonderful learning that has been part of our term.



THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the Year 7 and 8 students who are fundraising for their camp later in the year. The burger meal and pizza lunch were very successful and we thank you for your continued support.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



To all those students who will be celebrating their birthday this week and during the school holidays - Happy Birthday to you: Ashlee, Ihaia, Ryan, Rose, Anamaria, Vianna, Elaisa, Toby, Mya, Astyn and Lily

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TERM TWO

Monday 29th April Term 2 begins- winter uniform

Thursday 2nd May - School Photos

Friday 3rd May Term 2 Powhiri for new students

Wednesday 15th May Eastern Zone netball

Thursday 16th May BOT meeting 6.00pm

Friday 17th May Holy Cross School Cross Country

Friday 24th May Little Angels Playgroup 1.45pm-3.00pm

Wednesday 29th May Eastern Zone Cross Country

Monday 3rd June- Queens Birthday - school closed

Thursday 20th June - BOT meeting 6.00 pm

Friday 28th June Little Angels playgroup 1.45pm-3.00pm

Friday 5th July End of term 2

Looking Ahead

Cross Country: Term 2 is the term in which we hold our school Cross Country and participate in the Eastern Zone Cross Country event. The school holidays provide a wonderful opportunity to help your child work on his or her fitness. We invite you to explore the walkways and tracks around Wellington and enjoy some family fun together. If you would like to practise on the actual track, the event takes place at Macalister Park in Berhampore.

Keeping Ourselves Safe : Years 1-3. Keeping Ourselves Safe consists of a range of child protection resources to help children and young people learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

I am Sacred, Made in the Image of God: Years 4-8. A very special unit that helps children to focus on the precious gift of life, the sacredness of their bodies and awareness of their own and the needs of others.

There will be parent information evenings held to outline the content of both of these programmes including ways whanau can support these, however we remind you, if there are ever any questions or concerns about the wellbeing, health or safety of your child please speak with the class teacher, syndicate leader or come and see me. You can speak to us about any issue no matter how big or small, our doors are always open.

SchoolApp

Next term we look forward to introducing our very own Holy Cross SchoolApp to ensure access to school information is made easy for everyone. This App will enable us to provide instant alerts, links to notices and school information. We look forward to launching the App early Term 2; watch this space!



On behalf of the staff and students I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support provided by the BOT, PSG, parents, parish and wider community.

It has been a wonderful term of learning and we look forward to returning refreshed, ready to continue our learning journey.

Blessings for you and your family,

Celeste Hastings

School Memories- each student should receive an envelope like the one below. School photos will be taken on Thursday 2nd May 2019.

Holy Cross School on 2nd May, 2019

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Pack A \$40.00</p> 	<p>Pack B \$35.00</p> 	<p>Pack C \$29.50</p> 	<p>Pack prices (do not pay now)</p> <p>A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 29.50 D = 20.00 E = 15.00</p>
<p>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</p> 	<p>Packs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Pack A: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class<input type="checkbox"/> Pack B: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class<input type="checkbox"/> Pack C: 1x 5x7 and Class<input type="checkbox"/> Pack D: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class<input type="checkbox"/> Pack E: Class only <p>Complimentary Packs A-D include portrait file voucher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we send the file by return. A, B & D include complimentary B&W 5x7's.</p>	<p>Pack E (Class) \$15.00</p> 	

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

PSG - Parents' Support Group News

The Parents' Support Group AGM for 2019 will be held on Monday 6 May at 7pm in the school staff room. All are welcome to attend.

The AGM will be followed by a regular PSG meeting at 7.30pm.

THANK YOU for your support with the Easter raffle. It was a great success and congratulations to all the winners.

OFFICE NEWS

PE SHIRTS

The new PE shirts (for those that have placed an order) will be made over the school holidays and hopefully be ready when we start back at school in term 2. Don't worry if you haven't ordered a shirt as we will continue to place orders as they come through the office. Remember there is no pressure to order a new shirt if your child still has a good quality PE shirt.

REMINDER

If you have moved or changed your cell phone number please remember to update the school office. Thank you.