

2019 END OF TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

As our second term draws to a close I have been reflecting on the year to date. A sentiment I often share is how truly blessed I feel to be part of such a special community. I am filled with pride when I consider what we offer to our students and whānau. Perhaps this is a good time to reflect upon and celebrate some of the programmes, practices and supports we offer that provide deep, authentic learning experiences for our students:

- ★ A strong, faith based learning environment, including training for Student Leaders In Catholic Schools.
- ★ Think-Talk -Create - an outstanding Oral Language Programme that supports all learners
- ★ Garden to Table - with specialist environmental, gardening and cooking input
- ★ On going specialist music programmes - at all levels including: violin, ukulele, rock band, recorder tuition, music mentoring and a specialist music teacher on site.
- ★ Bikes in Schools and Pedal Ready- a fleet of sixty bikes onsite to support students fitness and well being.
- ★ Onsite librarian who helps facilitate 'book groups' and literacy discussions in school.
- ★ Cultural celebrations and a strong cultural group.
- ★ Sporting opportunities which have included cross country, netball, miniball and basketball this term.
- ★ BOT funding to support teacher aides, English Language Assistants.
- ★ Ministry funding to employ a bilingual tutor.
- ★ Adult English language classes on-site.

On the following pages you will see photographs and other evidence of many of the initiatives I have outlined above. Some of the highlights of the term for me were:

- ★ An open morning, held on Catholic Schools Day. On this day we began with a beautiful liturgy to celebrate being a Catholic School; we then proudly shared our learning programmes with the parents, friends and neighbours who came to visit. We will continue to hold an open morning each term to celebrate the learning that goes on at Holy Cross School.
- ★ Our students preparing for and participating in the Scripture Alive Competition.
- ★ Enjoying Matariki Soup prepared with vegetables from our school's vegetable garden
- ★ Learning about the Assyrian New Year, Akitu; tasting some delicious Assyrian food and having a wonderful musician share his music with our students.



Thank you Ameera for making this happen and for all you do to help Us learn more about your culture.



PRINCIPAL'S CHALLENGE SHARED AT THE START OF TERM 2- how are we going with this? What does each of these look like for you?



For each one of us to strive to be the best we can be this will different for every person.



For each of us to support and encourage others to be the best that they can be.



For all of us to work to make the world a better place. I believe the way this can be achieved is through intentional acts of kindness- a welcoming smile, greeting someone as we pass them, stopping to pick up a piece of rubbish, speaking only kindly of others.

Little actions make a big difference.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

We invite you to read our recently confirmed Catholic Character Review, we believe it encapsulates all we strive to do at Holy Cross.

“The school teaches the core principles of Catholic social teaching and their application, as an integral component of a **lived faith.**”



Scripture Alive- At the start of this term five Holy Cross students were entered into the first Wellington Scripture Reading competition held at St Anne’s Church, Newtown. Holy Cross held an internal event which twenty students entered. The competition included students from six Catholic primary schools. We were very proud of these students who represented Holy Cross School so well. Four of the students were placed first in their section with the fifth student being highly commended.

Congratulations to the twenty students who competed in the school competition and to the five students who went on to represent our school.



Our senior students were outstanding role models for our junior students when we celebrated Catholic Schools Day.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who were confirmed this term and we look forward to celebrating with students who are receiving their first holy communion next term.

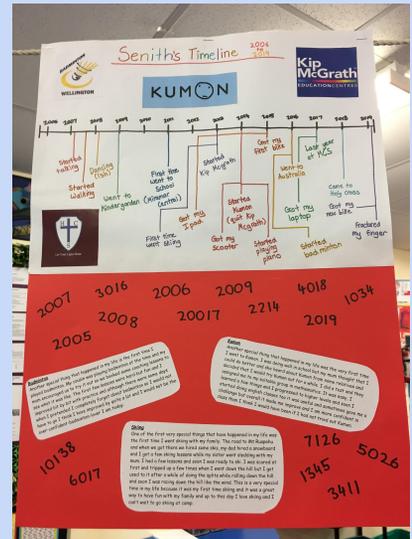
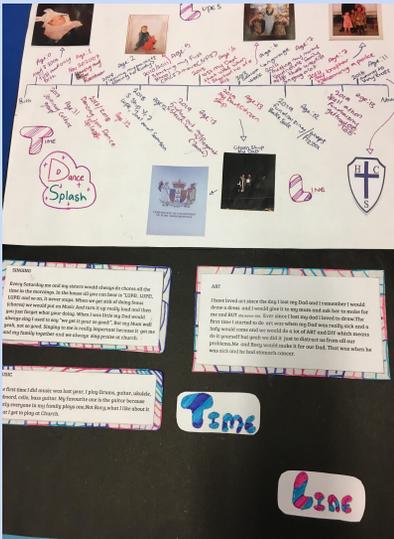
At the end of the term we celebrated with other schools as part of the Holy Trinity Parish at St Patrick’s.

We were very proud of our singers, musicians, actors and liturgy leaders who helped make this such a special occasion.



Senior Syndicate - Room 1 & Room 2

Made in the Image of God - This term we have been focusing on our puberty unit named "Made in the image of God". We have learnt about; the changes in our bodies as we go through puberty; understanding what influences have made us the people we are; investigating the effect social media and bullying has on us; and understanding how we can talk to God about the changes that are happening around us.



Technology at Mt Cook School - As part of our learning program we go to Mt Cook School every Tuesday. Here we learn about; cooking; using and making things with soft and hard materials; and using technology. Here are some of our students hard at work.



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Camp Fundraising - This year we are travelling down to Teapot Valley in Nelson for camp. As part of this we are taking responsibility for paying our own way there. We have started selling pizza, wraps and soups at lunch times. Students have also come up with their own individual activities like sausage sizzles, dog walking and bake stalls. Next term we'll hold a mini gala and disco before we go to camp.



Leadership Activities - The leadership award program for our year 7 & 8 students has meant lots of opportunities for our students to lead and inspire others. Opportunities include; Servant Leaders in Catholic schools, bike monitors, fitness leaders and helping out on photos days, pōwhiri and sports events



GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

We are so blessed to have Olivia Boyd (Garden Coordinator) and Aleece Hunter (Kitchen Coordinator) who continue to give our students real world and authentic experiences in Science and Technology every week in the Garden to Table programme. Thank you for all that you do.



Room 3



Great memories of our trip to Te Taiao. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers.



We were inspired by Joakim from Predator Free



Thank you Tonkin & Taylor for our beanbags!



We were so proud of the way Mo'unga and Albert represented us at Parliament at 'Digging for Victory'.



Our classroom novel this term was "Fish in a Tree" and we fell in love with Ally and her special gifts. We enjoyed participating in chapter chat where every week we shared what we had learnt from our novel with other schools around New Zealand on our classroom twitter account.



We have really enjoyed the opportunities to be buddy readers and to teach younger students how to ride a bike for the first time.



Room 5



We love being big buddies for Room 8 and helping them with their reading.



Our trip to Te Papa taught us about the natural world and how we can do our part to protect it.



In Garden to Table this term we have been making delicious winter recipes and experimenting to keep the cats out of the garden.



Room 6



We love
Garden to
Table !



On Friday the 14th June room 3,5, and 6 went to Te Papa. We had a day jam-packed with learning. Here are a few of the facts we learnt from this day.

- That a female Moa is bigger than a Male Moa because the egg they carried were big - Selena.
- I learnt that there are fish called ghost sharks that live at the bottom of the ocean - Mason.
- I learnt that a colossal squid's eye is as big as a football! - Jonathan



We have been learning about healthy lunchboxes and how important it is to look after our bodies. Thank-you Patrick from Team Energize for coming in and teaching us how to Glow Grow and Go.



We love coming together with Room 3 and 5 for syndicate singing on a Tuesday afternoon.

Room 7

In Room 7 this term, one of our topics has been Assyrian New Year - Akitu. We had fun learning about this. Ameera came and did some baking with us. She made an Assyrian sweet called Karacha and also she made a delicious biryani. The children really enjoyed these tasty treats!!



Also in Room 7, we go to music every Tuesday with Anna in the music room. This is great fun! We have learnt different songs, and we are now learning the recorder. We know how to play the notes B and A.





FLOATING AND SINKING

Room 8 are learning to think like Scientists



DOES THE SHAPE OF THE BOAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



WE ASKED QUESTIONS AND WORKED TOGETHER TO FIND THE ANSWERS



WE WANTED TO FIND OUT HOW MANY BEARS COULD FIT IN A BOAT MADE FROM FOIL

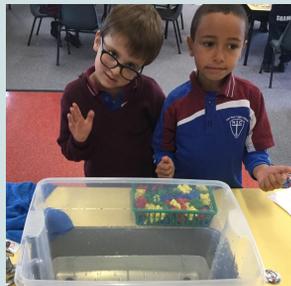


DO HEAVY THINGS SINK AND LIGHT THINGS FLOAT?



WE OBSERVED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BEARS

WE MADE CHARTS TO SHOW WHAT WE FOUND OUT



DOES THE SIZE OF THE BEARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



Room 11



We love visiting the library on Thursday afternoons. Kirsten always reads us a story. We are learning to choose books that we would like to read in our classroom.

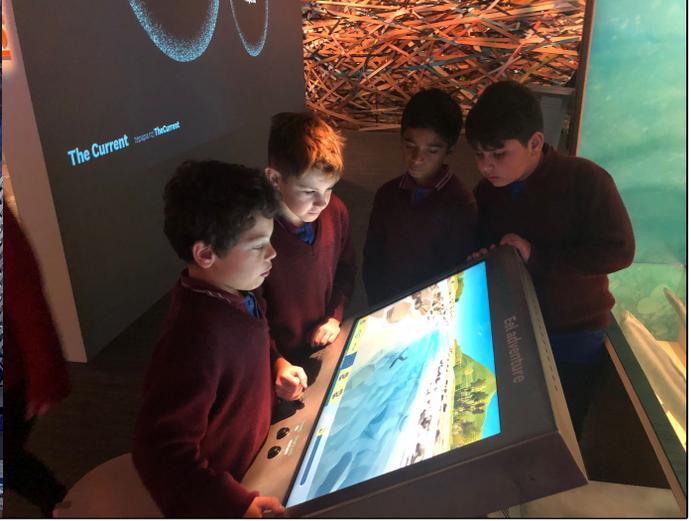


We have lots of fun working with our Year 7 buddies once a week. We read, write and play together.



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 to all the parent helpers, volunteers, grandparents, visitors that help out in so many different ways throughout the school. We really appreciate your help and look forward to your continued support next term.



Happy Birthday to Lauren, Georgette, Diya, Terissa, Stuti, Liam, Esther, Maitri, Lupe, Sami, Bhaviya and Alexia.

We hope you all have a lovely birthday with family and friends.

All families will have received an envelope with raffle tickets this week, a fundraiser for the Year 7 & 8 students going to camp at Teapot Valley in Nelson.

This fundraiser will make a significant contribution to the cost of the camp.

A reminder to please return your ticket stubbs and money

to the school office. If you are unable to sell your raffle tickets it is very important that you return the tickets to school so they can be sold by someone else.

Thank you for your ongoing support and contributions.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TERM THREE

- **Monday 22nd July** - Start of Term 3
- **Friday 26th July** - Powhiri to welcome new students
- **Friday 2nd August** - Mini Gala for camp -Room 1 & 2 1.30-4.30pm
- **Monday 5th August** - Dental van in school
- **Thursday 8th August 6pm** - BOT meeting
- **Thursday 15th August** - Assumption of Mary
- **Friday 16th August** - School Disco
- **Thursday 22nd August** - Eastern Zone swimming
- **Monday 26 - Friday 30th August** - Teapot Valley Camp for Year 7 & 8 students
- **Wednesday 28th August** - Kahui Ako parent evening
- **Friday 6th September**- Gardasil immunisation for year 8
- **Thursday 12th September 6pm** - BOT meeting
- **Saturday 14th September**- Feast of the Holy Cross
- **Tuesday 17th September** - Artsplash Choir Concert
- **Wednesday 18th September** - Artsplash Dance Concert
- **Friday 20th September 1.45pm** - Little Angels
- **Friday 27th September** - End of Term 3

Congratulations to Manuela who was the lucky winner of a George Foreman Mix and Go for completing the health and PE consultation form

2020 New Student Enrolment

If your child is turning 5 years old or you know of someone who would like to enrol their child at Holy Cross School please pick up an enrolment pack from the office or email administration@hcm.school.nz for more information.

This helps with our forward planning for teacher resources and keeping classroom numbers low.

OFFICE NEWS

LOST PROPERTY

Please come and check the lost property in the office. We have lots of jerseys and jackets and various other items.

PE SHIRT

If you would like to order a new PE shirt please contact the office, the next order will be placed on Wednesday.

Parents' Support Group

Get your Entertainment Book now!

The 2019/2020 Entertainment Books are packed full of dining, activity, shopping and travel discounts, plus much more.

Buy one for yourself, and for friends and family in Wellington or out of town. Books and digital memberships are available for four regions:

- Wellington and Manawatu
- Auckland
- Christchurch, Canterbury and Nelson
- Dunedin, Invercargill and Queenstown
- Waikato and Bay of Plenty

For every book you buy, the Parent Support Group receives 20% of the money, to put towards school projects.

Just [click on this link](#) to buy one.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Patrick's College enrolment applications for Year 8 boys

Enrolment applications for Year 9 in 2020 close on Friday 2 August. If you require more information please email

admin@stpats.school.nz or phone Gerardine Parkinson on 939 5417.

Enrolment documentation is available on the College website –

www.stpats.school.nz

BUS REVIEW

Metlink will be holding some drop-in sessions to get community feedback about the new bus routes and timetables.



Strathmore Park Community Centre- Friday 19th July 1-7pm or Saturday 20th July 10am-4pm.

Ories Football Club Miramar- Sunday 28th July 12.30-6.30pm or Monday 29th July 1-7pm

For more information call 0800 801 700 or visit www.metlink.org.nz/busreview

THE CHILDRENS BOOKSHOP - FREE EVENTS

Poet Paula Green and author/illustrator Donovan Bixley will be in store and running free sessions next week during the holidays. Contact the bookshop for more information.

When: 10th and 11th July

Time: 11am until 12pm

Where: The Children's Bookshop, Kilbirnie Plaza.

RSVP to books@thechildrensbookshop.co.nz or phone 387 3905