

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

IMPORTANT NEWS

21ST November 2017

MUSIC IS THE FUTURE FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

An amazing, ongoing, music opportunity has been given to Holy Cross School

We have recently been informed that a local Miramar resident Mr Richard Horsham, who passed away last year, established a Charitable Trust to provide a regular level of funding for our school to support "the provision of musical instruments, tutorials, attending concerts, and any other purpose in relation to music or music theory for the pupils of Holy Cross School".

Each year we will receive a generous amount of money for music purposes.

We are currently in the process of developing a long term plan as to how this money will be used; however starting from next year we will have the ability to place greater emphasis on music.

We are most grateful to receive this financial support and will ensure we use it to provide wonderful musical opportunities for our students which will include: the purchase of a variety of instruments, conversion of the computer suite to an acoustically designed music room, music tuition for students etc.



WELCOME

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Tala Moemai to the McAuley Syndicate for 2018. As a past pupil of Holy Cross School, Tala looks forward to sharing his gifts and talents with us, as well as further developing his passions within teaching and leadership.

Tala is an outstanding classroom teacher with strong music and sporting capabilities. Tala is of Māori and Samoan descent and understands the importance of facilitating cultural connectedness. We look forward to welcoming Tala to our staff.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LITURGY

We remind you that our end of year liturgy is on Tuesday 5TH December at 5:30pm in the school hall. Students are to attend this event in school uniform. **All students are to be in their classrooms by 5:10pm.**

Cultural Dress: We invite students who have special cultural clothing to wear this to the liturgy. Please advise Celeste if your child will be in cultural dress.

FAREWELL

At the end of this year we will farewell Mr Cameron Ross who has been appointed to a permanent position at Clyde Quay School. Whilst we are sad to see Cameron go, we are delighted that he has secured a permanent teaching position. We have loved having Cameron as part of our community and deeply appreciate the work he has done with the students he has taught and the areas he has led. Cameron is currently recovering from surgery for a snapped Achilles tendon but we hope he will return within the next two weeks. Thanks and best wishes Cameron.

We will also be saying goodbye to Taylor Noble. Taylor has been working for us as a teacher aide whilst completing her studies in educational psychology. Taylor has been accepted into an internship programme starting in 2018.

Lastly, we also farewell Leolie Rentsch who has also been working as a teacher aide. Leolie has been accepted into the Teaching Programme at Victoria University for next year.

Congratulations Taylor and Leolie, we thank you both for the contribution you have made to the staff and students you have worked with and we wish you all the best in your future career.

END OF YEAR TRIPS:

We are indeed blessed to live in Wellington City for the many opportunities it provides. This year our students have been able to attend free of charge the Doc Edge Documentary film festival, the Royal New Zealand Ballet performance of Romeo and Juliet, workshops at the Wellington City Art Gallery and now to end the year, we are taking our whole school to Zealandia - Eco Sanctuary. This is a perfect way to review our 2017 focus: Care for our Common Home. Students will take part in a half day Bush Explorers Programme. We spoke with Zealandia staff and told them what our focus has been and so they agreed to host the whole school! We have been allocated four half days to allow groups of fifty students to attend. We will be buddying up our senior and junior classes and invite adult helpers to join us. Usually the cost for the guided programme is \$55 per adult and \$27.50 per child. For this trip there is **NO COST**- the programme is being provided free of charge. The only thing we have to pay for is the cost of extra busses- these will be paid for from the activity donation.