

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 5 – 15th November 2017

Catholic Character

In the readings this coming Sunday we will hear Jesus is telling us that it is important to use the gifts that God has given us. We are all good at different things. We all have different skills and talents.

Some of us are good at singing, some of us are good at sport. Some of us are good at dancing some of us are good at drawing. Some of us are good at cooking. Some of us are good at building lego. Some of us are good at speaking out when we see that something is wrong or unfair. Some of us are good at helping others

Whatever your talent is, Jesus is saying that it is important not to hide our talents from others or to keep them to ourselves and not let them grow. Instead, Jesus tells us it is by sharing our talents and using our skills to help others that we serve God.

Some suggestion

Ask your child to complete a drawing of how they will use their talents to serve God and make the world a better place in the coming week

Ask your child to demonstrate their talents – and to think about how he or she could use these gifts to make the world a fairer and better place for all people to live.

Help your child to write a prayer, thanking God for the gifts and talents that he or she has been given.

Support your child to use his/ her talents this week- to help others and serve God.

A prayer to say each night and morning:
Generous God, you gave us a voice. Help us speak out about for what is right and fair. You gave us ears. Help us listen to those in need. You gave us talents. Help us share and multiply them for the good of all your people. Amen.



To Amelia Harache and William Paget on Thursday 16th November, Nosi Taumoe'anga on Friday 17th November, Mia Kueh and Rociana Ropati on Monday 20th November, Parina Desai and Sapphire Graham on Tuesday 21st November.



A very warm welcome to Rochelle Aslani who started in Room 12 on Monday. Rochelle is the younger sister of Jennifer and Chris. We hope your first few days have been fun for you Rochelle.



Save the Date

Tuesday 5th December: Christmas Liturgy 5:30pm
Thursday 7th December: 2018 Classes for morning
Tuesday 12th December: Year 8 Graduation
Friday 15th December: End of Year Farewell/Liturgy

POWHIRI

Our Term 4 Powhiri will be held this Friday 17th November at 9:30am. We invite you to join us in welcoming our new students and their families to our School Community.



REPORTS

COME HOME

This is to advise that students in Years 4-8 will be receiving a report on Thursday 30th November. If your child is in years 1-3 they receive a progress report on their anniversary dates throughout the school year. If you have any questions please talk to classroom teacher.

EASTERN ZONE ATHLETICS

Here are the results of the Eastern Zone Athletics held last Wednesday these students will now go on to represent the school at the Interzones on Tuesday 21st November.

High Jump

Julia Fa'atau - 1st Year 4 Girls
Rociana Ropati - 3rd Year 5 Girls
Sirayley Sioasi - 2nd Year 7 Boys

Long Jump

Chelsea Wong - 1st Year 4 Girls
Zelinde Tutuila - 4th Year 7 Girls (Reserve)

Max McLeod - 4th Year 7 Boys (Reserve)

Quoit/Discus

Maria Lui-Fai - 1st Year 7 Girls
Ilo Lui-Fai - 2nd Year 5 Girls
Billie Rose 2nd
Krishiv Patel - 4th Year 5 Boys (Reserve)

Relays

Year 6 Boys - 2nd (Reserve)
Year 6 Girls - 2nd (Reserve)

Short Sprints

Rociana Ropati - 2nd Year 5 Girls
Jessica Olsen - 4th Year 7 Girls (Reserve)

Long Sprints

Max Reynolds - 1st Year 6 Boys
Maria Lawson - 2nd Year 5 Girls
Lupe Ropati - 2nd Year 6 Girls
Sio Telefoni - 3rd Year 6 Girls
Amee Patel - 4th Year 8 Girls (Reserve)

800m/1500m

Max Reynolds - 1st Year 6 Boys
Max McLeod - 4th Year 7 Boys (Reserve)

Vortex

Mounga Finefeuiaki - 1st Year 4 Girls
Maria Lui-Fai - 1st Year 7 Girls
Ronit Patel - 1st Year 7 Boys
Lauseana Kershbaumer - 3rd Year 4 Girls
Klara Nato - 4th Year 8 Girls (Reserve).

What has been happening...

Congratulations

We congratulate Rana Bolena who featured in an article in the Dominion Post last week (*it is available on Stuff.co.nz*) Rana has secured a job as a seamstress for "Nisa", an underwear brand which employs Wellington women from refugee and new immigrant backgrounds.

What an amazing achievement, Rana. You are a wonderful example of resilience, determination and commitment in the way you and Nael have embraced the opportunities presented to you to make a new life for you and your boys here in New Zealand.



Library News

Book Sale

On Wednesday at Lunchtime in the Computer Room Books are 20 cents. Proceeds will go to buying new books for library.

Books not sold on Wednesday will be available for sale on Thursday lunchtime and after school.

GARDEN TO TABLE

ROSE HARNETT - ROOM 5

Home Garden: Rose I like to smell the mint, harvesting the vegetables

Kitchen Information: Rose: When you cut onions start cutting from the middle not the end so that it doesn't make your eyes water.

Garden Information: Rose: When you pick mint only take the big leaves so that the small leaves have a chance to grow.

Rose: My favourite GTT dish so far this year is the vegetable dumplings with soy sauce.

My favourite food: Red Velvet Cupcakes with lemon cream cheese icing.



GARDEN-TO-TABLE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Congratulations to Ethel Renata who won the teacher's prize pack for the application she submitted about the learning taking place at Holy Cross School as part of Garden to Table. We are delighted to celebrate the work and effort of the teachers and the whole Garden to Table team – we acknowledge the incredible opportunities they are providing for our children. We include below excerpts from our entry:

Garden to Table provides teaching and learning opportunities linked to every aspect of the New Zealand Curriculum: literacy, numeracy, science, technology, social sciences, the arts, health and physical education and in our setting, religious education.

Māori cultural practices –tikanga Māori- are recognized and incorporated naturally into sessions e.g., classes in the garden begin with a karakia to bless the plants and give thanks for the environment.

This year students have also investigated the eco-systems within the garden, examining insects that live in that environment. Students are no longer afraid of insects and can identify and care for bugs, as they understand the roles they play in supporting the growth of plants and contribute to the health of soil.

Room 6 (Year 3 & 4) students have had a focus on writing connected to the inquiry learning topic of insects and plants in our garden. This writing process has involved a combination of a variety of text types and digital technologies. Students have been supported to integrate their learning from the garden into a written and digital form.

Through class reading programmes, the School Journal and other texts have been used to make links or connections to the science, technology, social sciences and cultural contexts that students have experienced in G2T.

Providing authentic contexts for learning links well to the New Zealand Curriculum through the G2T programme. There are also very strong links to the Health and PE Curriculum through taking this holistic approach to learning about food and nutrition, and then making links to our physical wellbeing through Project Energise, which we also participate in.