

PRINCIPAL END OF TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

What a wonderful Term it has been. Today we will share photos which capture our 2018
Overarching Concept of **Journeying Together** -

Let Our Voices be Heard -

The Voice of Identity, The Voice of Cooperation, The Voice of Learning and **The Voice of Celebration**



The Voice of Identity

We let our 'Voice of Identity' be heard by celebrating the Special Catholic Character of Holy Cross School. A key focus this term has been the Lenten Season, with special liturgies and reflection times to support our understanding of the Easter Story. We prioritise celebrating the cultural diversity within each class and throughout the school. We feel blessed to have so many cultures and ethnicities represented at our school. What an amazing learning opportunity this presents.



The Voice of Cooperation

We develop the Voice of Cooperation in many ways. We focus on working together- we know that through cooperation we achieve so much more. We support the development of an awareness of others- classmates and all those in our community by caring for our environment with Garden-to-table; by working together in Think-Talk-Create and through buddy programmes including tuakana-teina.



Play



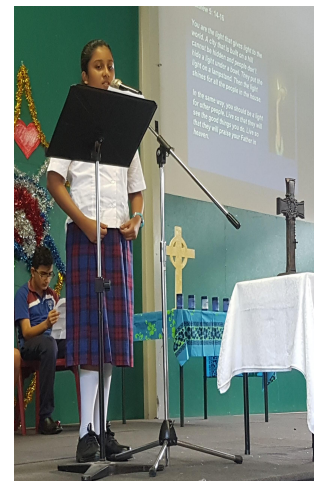
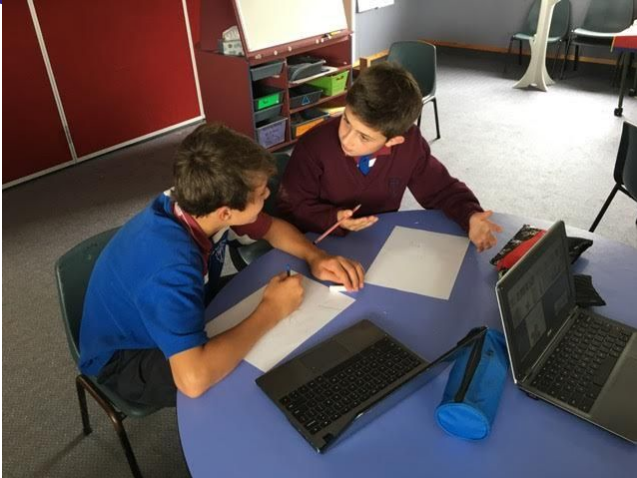
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Learn

The Voice of Learning

Students develop a "Voice of Learning" within and outside the classroom, by extending themselves and learning alongside others. We support our students to try new things and we celebrate their achievements. We work to provide authentic, real- life learning opportunities for our students. We support them to process and talk about their learning. We focus on supporting students to develop the motivation, skills and capabilities to become lifelong, connected learners. This term we held Student-Led Conferences which provided an opportunity for students to discuss their learning and set goals together with their whanau and teachers. We also introduced Play-Eat-Learn - a positive strategy to support learning , cooperation and overall well-being. We are loving the change!



The Voice of Celebration.

We love to celebrate learning success in its many and various forms. This term there have been numerous special events within the school and wider community - such as Pedal Ready with Wellington Regional Council, a whole school Emergency Evacuation drill, Pest Free Miramar, trapping pests training with Zealandia, Love Cycling Wellington Regional Awards and let's not forget students worked hard to fill the Lantern with gold balls as they 'Let Their Light Shine'. We celebrate too the personal and group achievements of our students and their families.



What is coming up in Term Two?

Syndicate foci - At the start of term more information will be shared about the focus for each syndicate area but here is an outline of what we'll be covering. If you are able to support us with any of these foci PLEASE let us know, as we value your input, interest and expertise.

Think -Talk and Create Topics including: Magnetism, Matariki and Healthy Eating.

Garden -to Table with a special science focus.

Kaitiaki Leadership and William Pike- Docs4schools and Science badges.

Consultation: Throughout Term 2 we will be holding consultation meetings to ensure we hear your voices and ideas for the current and future direction of Holy Cross School.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday 30th April: Term 2 begins

Wednesday 2nd May: School Photo Day

Thursday 3rd May: Cultural Group perform at Miramar ECE Centre

Wednesday 9 May: Powhiri for opening of Doc Edge Film Festival

Friday 11th May: Term 2 Powhiri

Wednesday 16th May: Eastern Zone Netball Years 5-8

Thursday 17th May: Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 22nd May: Vision and Hearing Testing Year 7 & new students.

Thursday 24th May: St Patrick's College Taster Day

Friday 25th May: Little Angels Playgroup 1:45-3:00pm

Wednesday 30 May: Eastern Zone Cross Country

Friday 1st June: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Only Day

Monday 3rd June: NO SCHOOL - Queens Birthday

Celebrating Cultures in our Community

We have a very special Samoan ceremony to share with you.

On Friday one of our parents took part in a special ceremony to celebrate the completion of her Malu as a way of honouring her Samoan culture. Celeste and Michaela felt privileged to be part of this significant event and went along to support Avalani and her mum at a Samaga Pe'a, celebrating Risa receiving her Malu. Here is a description of the ceremony from Avalani.

Samaga Pe'a (Ceremony)

A native lotion made from mixing lega (tumeric) with coconut oil is used to rub over the legs and arms. This is the official completion of the whole process of having a group of men/women tattooed. During the ceremony, an egg is cracked and dripped on top of the head of each individual to symbolise that the tapu or rules have been lifted and to symbolise, New Life.

Malu

Women's Samoan Traditional tattoo.

Malu - house

Stars - women are the stars or guide in the family

Lines - behind the calf represent the foundation of a house

X - Partnership between women and men in a family. Equal responsibilities
(one cannot function without the other.



Celebrating Success - Our whole school treat for filling our lantern. Achieved by living our Values and upholding our three school rules.



WELL DONE HOLY CROSS- HAPPY AND SAFE
HOLIDAYS.


School photos will be taken at on 2/05/2018

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You do not order your child's photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.

1-2 weeks AFTER PHOTODAY you will receive an order form to order your child's photos. The photo packs available are below.

Pack A \$40.00 	Pack B \$35.00  <p>Packs include: <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> <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>	Pack C \$29.50  <p>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00  <p>Pack E (Class) \$15.00 </p> </p>
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Family/Sibling photos

If you would like a Family/Sibling photo to be taken, please complete the request form on the reverse side and return to the school office before photoday.

PHOTO DAY WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY

To request a Family/Sibling photo be taken at

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL w

- Complete all details below
- Return completed form to the school before photoday
- Only return form if you require a family/sibling photo be taken.
- Do not pay now. You will receive a payment envelope (with a proof of the photo) to place your order after photoday

Eldest Child _____	Class/Room _____
Siblings _____	

Family/Sibling

Pack \$30

10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar

Complimentary

Includes file voucher. Email the code on the voucher included in the pack, to us, and we send the file by return. Also includes complimentary B&W 5x7's.



**THE ABOVE SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST FORM
IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE
ON MONDAY 30TH APRIL**