





END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER 2018

Seasons Greetings Students of Holy Cross, Whānau, Holy Trinity Parish and Wider Community

2018 has been a special year for our school, our focus has been: **"Let Our Voices be Heard"** We have focussed our learning in four key areas:

<p><i>The Voice of</i></p>  <p><i>IDENTITY</i></p>	<p><i>The Voice of</i></p>  <p><i>LEARNING</i></p>	<p><i>The Voice of</i></p>  <p><i>COOPERATION</i></p>	<p><i>The Voice of</i></p>  <p><i>CELEBRATION</i></p>
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An understanding of what this means has been achieved through our Think-Talk-Create; Garden to Table and Kaitiaki Leadership Programmes.

Intensive Oral language: Think-Talk-Create at Holy Cross School.

Strengthening language skills early on opens up the world for young children, not only in the language they are using but also their understanding of wider, more complex ideas and concepts; Think-Talk-Create does this beautifully.

New topics are to be explored every two weeks and built on and revisited throughout the year as part of Discovery Time.

We have had some really exciting topics this year including Diwali, Matariki, Recycling, Magnets, Musical Instruments, Rocky Shore. If you have any topics or interests that you think would be exciting for our juniors to explore, please feel free to contact us in the New Year.

Garden to Table:

Garden to Table provides teaching and learning opportunities linked to every aspect of the New Zealand Curriculum. The incredible learning experiences of our students has been reflected in two awards presented to Holy Cross Students in 2018.

Holy Cross School Runners-up in Wellington semi final Root-to Tip - creative cooking competition that encourages kids to create menus and recipes that incorporate resourceful use of vegetables and fruits that are seasonal and produce minimal waste.

Holy Cross School, had four finalists in the T&G and Garden To Table Young Gardener of the Year Competition. Josh Angelo was one of five very special young gardeners from around NZ to walk away with the coveted title of 2018 Young Gardener of the Year.

Kaitiaki Leadership and William Pike Challenge Awards

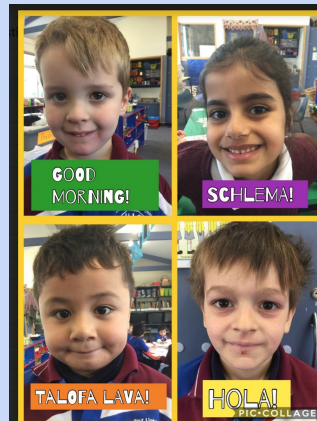
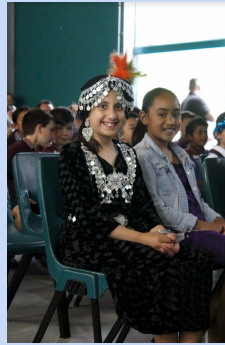
This year all of our Year 7 and 8 students were supported to complete the William Pike Challenge Award. The William Pike Challenge Award is a **structured, specialist year-long programme** designed for teachers to foster personal development in Year 7 and 8 students.

It includes the completion of 5 outdoor activities, 20 hours community service and 20 hours passion projects.

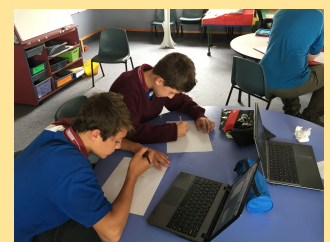
Our students experienced amazing opportunities thanks to the hard work of their teachers, the support of the Board of Trustees and local people, businesses and organisations.

We have put together a selection of photographs that reflect some of the great learning that has gone on in 2018. We invite you to enjoy these together.

The Voice of IDENTITY



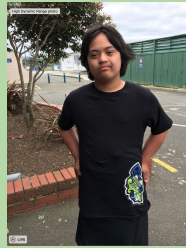
The Voice of LEARNING



The Voice of COOPERATION



The Voice of CELEBRATION



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019

At Holy Cross we are extremely proud of the authentic learning opportunities we provide for our students. We work hard to create a curriculum reflects our unique identity and the desires and needs of our community at Holy Cross School Miramar.

In 2019 we will work on strengthening the programmes and structures we have in place to facilitate a greater **coherence in learning pathways**.

To help with this we are going to introduce a framework that can be applied to every key learning area, a framework that will support our learners, both now and in the future. The development and understanding of this framework will encourage greater participation and involvement of our community and we look forward to working with you on this.

The project called **Design for Change** Use of this design thinking project will help our children to solve all kinds of problems and challenges both now and in the future. DFC offers a simple **four step framework** or formula called **FIDS for Kids**.



FEEL



IMAGINE



DO



SHARE

CHALLENGE: At our end of year liturgy we presented to you a holiday challenge to introduce you to the FIDS structure. Please make the time to carry out this first FIDS challenge.



Feel – As a family think about a person or people you know who you would like to do something special for over the Christmas period.



Imagine- .Brainstorm lots of ideas about things you could do



Do- Choose an idea that you think will have the biggest impact and DO this.



Share- When you come back to school at the start of 2019 share your story with your class- you might tell your class about it, you might write about it, you might share a photograph

Notices

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday 31st January 2019

Learning conferences

Friday 1st February 2019

Learning conferences

Book a time with your child's teacher either online

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz code : 4hhnn or contact the school office for a booking time.

Monday 4th February : First day in new classes

Wednesday 6th February Waitangi Day - school closed

Friday 8th February - Subway lunches start up again

Friday 12th April- End of Term 1

Stationery

Stationery lists for 2019 are available on the school website

www.hcm.school.nz and also through the Stationery Warehouse in Kilbirnie, they will have printed copies of each rooms stationery list on request.

You can also pick up a copy from the school office if you would like.

Christmas Mass times

Holy Cross Church, 90 Miramar Ave, Miramar

Christmas Eve 6pm Childrens Mass at Holy Cross School Hall

Christmas Day 9am Mass at Holy Cross Church

St Patrick's Church, 3 Childers Tce, Kilbirnie

Christmas Eve 5.30pm Childrens Mass

11pm Carols followed by 11.30pm Mass

Christmas Day 10am Mass

St Anthony's Church, 66 Falkirk Ave, Seatoun

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.30am Mass with Children

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS at Holy Cross

School hall 6pm on Monday 24/12/18. If you would like to be a part of the music group or nativity play please contact the church office ph 388 6953

Be Prepared for Summer!

In Terms 1 and 4 at Holy Cross students can wear the summer uniform. All students must wear a blue school hat when they are outside for sports and break times. There is a strict no hat no play policy to keep all students sun safe. Please take the opportunity over the holidays to ensure that your child has a hat to wear and a water bottle to drink from for the first day back at school. Caps are available to buy from the office for \$10.



Happy Birthday to Manuela, Haare, Serena, Sophia, Arnav, Isaac, Alex, Luke, Krishiv, Tsion, Enell, Kena, Jade, Lucy and Eric. Best wishes for a special birthday.

We bid farewell to our student leavers and their families- please keep in touch with us and keep us informed of your continued learning journey.

Included with this newsletter is an information sheet for the learning conferences, please feel free to complete some of the form prior to your appointment.

Copies will also be available on our website.

God bless you all, have a wonderful Christmas and safe holidays. See you in 2019.

Celeste Hastings

Principal

Thank you from the Parent Support Group

The PSG would like to thank you all for your support this year



We had our most successful Easter raffle ever, raising nearly \$2000



We raised funds throughout the year through the weekly Subway lunches and by selling Entertainment Books



And who could forget the hugely successful International Food Fair, raising nearly \$10,000. These funds will go towards improvements to the outside spaces

We couldn't have done it without you! Have a safe and happy holiday



Our Easter raffle funds went towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the school and community

We contributed funds to the development of the music room

