

# Term 2 Newsletter

Care for our Common Home

## Pou Māori



"Mō tātou te taiao ko te atawhai, mō tātou te taiao ko te oranga"

"It is for us to care for and look after the environment to ensure its wellbeing, in doing so we ensure our own well being and that of our future generations"

A focus for both Marcellin and McAuley syndicates this term is the development of Pou Māori. Each class will be developing their own designs to representing a narrative from our local area. This is the final stage of this project and we look forward to its unveiling later in the term. Alongside this, all students will be developing their understanding of their own personal mihi and we ask that you spend time with your child completing the TIPS sheet which will be sent home in the coming weeks.

## PB4L Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Holy Cross we take great pride in following our three school rules, Respect People, Respect the Environment and Be a Learner. Part of respecting this is wearing the correct **winter** school uniform in Terms 2 and 3. This includes a school jacket, black leather shoes and also the **correct PE kit**, vital for the upcoming cross country practices. With the renovation of the toilet block, the drinking fountains are out of action and it is important that your child has their own **drink bottle** to ensure they stay hydrated throughout the day.

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### RESPECT PEOPLE

Acknowledging the stories from our community

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### RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Taking pride in our school

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### BE A LEARNER

Caring for our common home

## TERM 1 2017



### Andrew Chinn

In Term 1 we were again treated to an amazing visit by Andrew Chinn.



### Black Caps Visit

What a surprise we had when the Black Caps came to visit with new cricket gear for us.



### Movie Night

Our community came together for our first movie night hosted by the PSG

## Marcellin Syndicate

This term there will be four topics, starting in week 2 for Rooms 7 and 8. Each topic will integrate the 'Care for our Common Home' theme through different subject areas, and run for two weeks in each class. Please let your class teacher know if you have any ideas, resources or skills you can share.

'Flower Power' is an RE topic. We will be learning through the God strand that we have an inner yearning for peace and beauty. We appreciate God's creation by being grateful and caring for them.

'Past and Present' is a Social Sciences topic focusing on continuity and change. We will be learning that the past is important to people and starting to understand how Holy Cross School and the Miramar community are significant for individuals and groups.

'Musical Instruments' is an Arts Topic. We will be learning how sound is made and changed using beats, rhythm, pitch and tempo. We will be making and performing our own music and enjoying recorded and live music created by other people.

'Patterns' is a Maths topic. We will be learning about patterns of shapes, colours and numbers in the world around us. We will be creating our own patterns as part of our class contribution to the Māori Pou.

Each Wednesday the Marcellin Syndicate will be getting together for a Discovery Time session. Older and younger students will explore collaborative learning activities to develop their key competencies. During these sessions the students will have opportunities to revisit the concepts and vocabulary from last term's 'Think - Talk - Create' topics.

Warmest Regards - The Marcellin Syndicate Team

## McAuley Syndicate

This term, students in the McAuley Syndicate are very fortunate to be able to attend two special sessions (private screenings for students of Holy Cross!) as part of the **Docs for Schools** festival at the Roxy Theatre. Both fit beautifully into our theme for this year - 'Care for our Common Home' and come with learning material from the Roxy Theatre to support these documentaries.

**Naledi: A Baby Elephant's Tale** Wed 17 May at 10am  
**Slowing Down Fast Fashion** Friday 19 May at 9:30am

Students in Rooms 2 & 3 will be starting to explore how they can contribute to the camp fundraising targets - and are reminded that they can start their own personal fundraising projects that will go towards their personal camp account at any time. They will also be exploring an RE topic of 'I am Sacred ... Made in the Image of God' in the first half of the term - a letter will be going home in the coming weeks about this unit.

Room 6 will be continuing with the theme of Kaitiakitanga by investigating bugs that live in our school gardens and the roles they play in those ecosystems. Our investigations will be integrated through literacy, science, technology, te reo Māori and Religious Education.

Rooms 1 and 5 will building on the theme of Kaitiakitanga with an integrated topic that investigates native animals around the world with a focus on the native animals of Aotearoa / New Zealand.

Building our fitness levels will also be a focus for all classes in the McAuley Syndicate as we prepare and train for Cross Country on 24 May.

Warmest Regards - The McAuley Syndicate Team

## KEY DATES

- **PSG Meeting** - Monday 8 May and 5 June (7pm in School Staffroom)
- **Year 8 Orientation at St Patrick's and St Catherine's** Tuesday 9 May
- **Pasifika Fono** - 15 May at 6pm in Staffroom
- **Powhiri for Docs Film Festival** - students involved please meet Wednesday 10 May 7pm at Church Hall
- **New Entrants Parents Evening** - Thursday 11th May at 5pm Rm 12
- **Holy Cross School Cross Country** Afternoon of 24 May
- **Little Angels Playgroup** Friday 26 May and 30 June 1.45-3:00pm
- **Samoan Language Week** - Sunday 28 May - Saturday 3 June
- **Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day** - Tuesday 6 June
- **St Patrick's College Open Day** Sunday 11 June at 1.30pm
- **Dental Van at Holy Cross** - Week 8-10 of Term 2
- **Eastern Zone Cross Country Yr 4 - 8** - 7 June
- **Pasifika Support Group** - Wednesday afternoons in Library - odd weeks (Term 2 - Weeks 1,3, 5 etc)
- **Vinnies Lounge** - Wednesday afternoons in Library - even weeks (Term 2 - Weeks 2,4, 6 etc)