

# School Newsletter

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Welcome back to the school year, 2017. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and that you are feeling refreshed. We wish you every Blessing for the year ahead.

## CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

In the readings this coming Sunday we will be reminded, that we are all God's children and we are all part of one big global family. In the readings we will hear about how important it is to live peacefully with our brothers, sisters and those closest to us. We will hear that if we do have a disagreement then it is important to make peace with those we have argued with.

Let's think about ways we can show peace and love with all our brothers and sisters around the world.

This week we invite you to discuss and offer this prayer as a family: Loving God, when we do wrong and hurt others give us the courage to admit our mistakes and ask for forgiveness from those we have hurt. Help us to forgive others so that we may all live in peace together. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

If you are interested in having your child Baptised or if your child is turning 8 or older and would like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Holy Communion please contact the school office for an enrolment form. Forms need to be completed by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. There is an information meeting for parents only at **St Patrick's Church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2:00-3:00pm** and Children and parents on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2:00-3:00pm**.



To: Izzy Hunt for 1<sup>st</sup> February, Cooper Taouma for 6<sup>th</sup> February, Albert Thompson and Hiwi Zaia on 7<sup>th</sup> February, Jael Laroza and Maia Laroza, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Lily Poe on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

# Welcome

We warmly welcome to Holy Cross our new deputy principal Tim Carson and the 16 new students, and their families who have joined our school. Serena, Lydia, Rahziel, Parina, Marilyn, Emma, Cian, Mia, and Meisha in Room 12, Maxwell in Room 8 Chelsea and Cordell in Rm 6, Helena and Maria in Room 5, Joshua and Zachary in Room 3, Rose and Maxwell in Room 2, and Hunter in Room 1. Please take the time to say hello and introduce yourself to any 'new faces' you see.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board of Trustees first meeting of the year will be held in the Staffroom at 6:00pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

## TERM 1 POWHIRI

This Friday 10 February we have our Term 1 pōwhiri and would love to have current school families with us as the new members of our community are introduced. The pōwhiri begins in the Hall at 9:30am. If you are able to be there to show your support please be in the Hall by 9:25am.

## FOCUS AND DIRECTION FOR 2017:

As you know each year we have an 'Overarching Concept' upon which we focus and develop throughout the year. For 2017 our overarching concept will be, 'Care for Our Common Home' which links beautifully to the Māori concept, Kaitiaktanga-Guardians of Our World. This focus will have strong Religious Education, Science, Social Science and Technology links. We look forward to sharing information and resources as well as hearing your thoughts, ideas and experiences at our **Consultation Evening coming up on 23 February**.

## INFORMATION CONSULTATION EVENING

Tuesday 23 February, 6:00pm -7:30pm. We invite you all to come along and hear about our 2017 areas of focus, to visit your child(rens) classrooms, talk with their teachers and look at some of the different activities they will be engaged in this year. There will also be an opportunity for you to have input and share your ideas/ questions with us.

## ERO REPORT:

Last year we received a very positive report from the Education Review Office., if you have not seen this, please go to our website and click on the link. The report acknowledged that the programmes and

practices we have in place at Holy Cross, support well, the learning needs of our students. It was recommended that we continue to strengthen and develop these; so in 2017 you will have opportunities to see the Think-Talk-Create, Garden to Table and Kaitiaki- Leadership programmes in action. Last year we had two 'open mornings' in which you were invited to come into classes to see our learning programmes in action; further opportunities for this will occur this year.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

Each year we hold a full school emergency evacuation drill to ensure our practices are known by all. Please note, our full school evacuation will take place on Friday 24 February. We will be sending home further information and will be asking you to update all forms to ensure we have your most current details.

We have also set up our Student Management System to send texts to the person you have identified as the primary caregiver for your child. -This person will be set up to receive important text messages. Please always ensure you advise us of phone number changes.

# REMINDERS

## START OF DAY:

Please remember that school starts at 8:45am. The School office is open from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Arriving at school on time, having had a good breakfast, is so important for a child's learning.

The **BREAKFAST CLUB** will be starting up next Tuesday from 8:00am - 8:30am in the Hall Kitchen. It will run every Tuesday and Friday mornings and is a great way to start the day with a bowl of weetbix, toast, fruit or a warm drink of milo. We are calling on any parents who would like to volunteer as it is with the help of these volunteers and the kind donation of breakfast items that help to make the Breakfast Club a big success.



## STATIONERY ORDER

Just a reminder to pay for your child's stationery order. If you require internet banking details please contact the school office.

## MILK PROGRAM

The Fonterra milk program providing a FREE carton of milk to all students on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesday will be starting up again next week. If you do not want your child to receive milk please advise the school office.

## EAT MY LUNCH

Students were sent home with a notice to sign up for the Eat My Lunch programme. If you are interested in receiving a FREE lunch for your child Monday to Thursday please return the form to the school office by no later than Friday.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE EAT MY LUNCH PROGRAMME WILL NOT RUN ON FRIDAYS** as this allows students to purchase Subway instead.

## Sports News



## SWIMMING LESSONS

This term Year 7 & 8 students swim on Wednesday afternoon from 1:30pm - 3:00pm. The students in these classes are dismissed from the pool and will make their own way home. Year 5 & 6 students on Wednesday afternoon from 12:30pm - 2:30pm. These students will be returning to school by bus at 2:30pm.

## JUNIOR NETBALL:

Netball for students in Years 1-4 will run for 8 weeks from Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April. Year 1 & 2 students will play 10:30am - 11:15am and Year 3 & 4 students 12:00pm - 1:00pm or 1:30pm - 2:30pm. **Fees are \$30.00 and must be paid when returning the registration form and signed Sports Code of Conduct forms to the school office.**

## Important Dates

- 10 February: Term 1 Pōwhiri 9:30am
- 13 February: Sustainable Coastline beach clean-up
- 15 February: Postponement date for beach clean up
- 16 February: BOT meeting 6:30pm
- 23 February: Parent Consultation Evening 6:00pm
- 24 February: Full School Evacuation