

School Newsletter

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CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

In the readings this coming Sunday Jesus invites us to think about our world.

God loves and cares for all of us and wants us to love all the other members of our global family - God created the world for the whole of our global family to live on.

We know that some parts of the world suffer from unusual changes in the weather, where there have been floods or droughts that have damaged crops and homes, and put people's lives at risk.

Scientists say that this climate change is caused because of the way we treat the world. The world has been our home for so many years and has taken care of us. Now, some of us take too much from the world. Something has to change so that everyone can share in all the resources of the world without spoiling things. It's not too late to do the right thing.

We know our small actions can make a big difference. Yesterday the whole school walked to Worsler Bay for a beach cleanup. Our goal was to make a positive difference to this beach environment and the creatures that live there. Thank you to the many whānau members who joined in and helped.



This week we invite you to pray this prayer together and to think of small actions you might take.

God of everything, you have made a wonderful world. Help us to think about the times we have not taken care of the world, ways we can care for our world and to see how we can change so that everyone can live together as one.

God of love, help us to act with love to take of the world you have given us. Help us to love one another, even when it is difficult and to be good neighbours to everyone in the global family and to the earth that holds us all. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

This is the last chance to sign up for the 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 24th February**. **There is an information meeting for parents only at St Patrick's Church on Saturday 18th February 2:00-3:00pm and Children and parents on Sunday 19th February 2:00-3:00pm.**



PŌWHIRI:

What an amazing celebration we had last Friday, welcoming over seventy new people who are now part of our school community. This event is always a very special time for us, as the new families or community members take the time to introduce themselves to us; this is a very moving part of the event.

We thank our Year 8 students who stepped up to take on leadership roles and we congratulate the whole school for their active participation in the pōwhiri. Our cultural group shared a powerful performance that was enjoyed by all, including the preschool students from the Early Childhood Centres who came along to show their support for their friends who were entering the next part of their learning journey.

KA HIKITIA GROUP

Ka Hikitia will have their first gathering on Wednesday, 22 February 2017 at 8:30am in the Room 6.

TE REO WORD OF THE WEEK

tākaro(hia): play
Kua **tākaro**hia e mātou ngā kēmu e rua.
We've **played** two games.



To: Zoe for today, Babylonia on Friday, Kayleigh-Ann on Saturday, Shalom on Monday.

Save the Date

What: Parent Consultation Evening

When: Thursday 23 February, School Hall
6:00- 7:30pm

Come along and hear about our school focus for 2017, share your ideas, meet the teachers, visit your child's classroom, take away ideas and activities. An informal opportunity to socialise with other parents. After concluding the classroom visit **please stay and enjoy a Sausage Sizzle put on by the PSG**.

What: Earthquake/ Tsunami Evacuation Drill

When: Friday 24 February

To ensure everyone knows and understands the procedures we follow if we have to evacuate the school. This is a very important event. Please return all forms prior to the Evacuation and please read all documentation about this.

What: Parish- School Mass, School Hall

When: Sunday 12 March 9:00am

A wonderful way to celebrate with and show support for our Parish Family. It is expected that students will attend this event.

What: Interviews- Parent -Child-Teacher

When: 16 and 21 March Parents to book a time

This is a time for you and your child to meet with the class teacher, celebrate learning and set goals.

What: The Amazing Andrew Chinn, Family Concert

When: 23 March

This amazing singer, songwriter will be spending the day at Holy Cross, working with our students. In the evening there will be a free concert for all to enjoy. Come along and celebrate with us.

PSG MEETING:

The first PSG Meeting of the year will be held on Monday 6th March at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Congratulations

What a star! Congratulations to Ethel Renata, Room 6 classroom teacher who has been awarded a university scholarship to support her PhD; Ethel will begin her Doctorate this year. As you know Ethel completed her Masters last year and she is now embarking on this amazing journey. Well done Ethel, what a great example you are to us all- reminding us that we are indeed lifelong learners!

Also congratulations to Maria Lui-Fai who received a Merit Award in the Under 13 Girls Central Region Junior Softball Tournament for 2016-2017 season. Well done Maria.

Well done Chelsea Wong who has performed on stage at the Annual Chinese New Year Festival since she was about 18 months old!

JUNIOR NETBALL:

Junior Netball for students in Years 1-4 starts this Saturday a notice will come home today with more information. As soon as MK advise us of the times of the games we will let you know. **If you have not yet paid your \$30 netball fee or returned the Sports Code of Conduct form please do so by Friday.**

Community News

Miramar Central School is celebrating its 26th **Annual Ethnic Food Fair** on Friday March 3rd, 5pm-7.30pm -38 Park Rd, Miramar.

No need to cook dinner that night, drop by and enjoy a variety of delectable ethnic dishes, stalls, games, and entertainment.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Holy Cross School has 20 free spaces for the 2017 Weetbix Tryathlon to be held on Sunday 19th March at Kilbirnie Park for years 7 - 15 go register contact Susie Sumner at Susie.sumner@hcm.school.nz