



Term 1 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term One! It is wonderful to meet the fourteen new families that have joined the school and to share holiday stories with our returning whanau at the Learning Conference this week. We hope that you are energised and refreshed ready for the exciting term ahead of us.

Catholic Character and Learning : This year you can expect to hear your children talking about being made in the image of God, being called to be the best they can be, being good citizens, working to make a difference in the world, having fullness of life and strengthening a growth mindset as opposed to a fixed mindset.

The starting point for these ideas comes from understanding what it means to be made in the image of God. Being 'created in God's own image', means that we as humans have been given some of the attributes or qualities of God. We've been made in his likeness. We have the ability to create things that don't already exist (writing, painting, building), to make moral decisions (choosing right from wrong), to make choices (we have the gift of free will), to love (recognising that we need to often put others before ourselves but still love and care for ourselves). We are logical and intelligent and we are spiritual beings. When we have fullness of life we make the most of all of these attributes. If we have a growth mindset, we believe in our ability to take up the challenges that come to us in all of these areas and to learn as we grow.

We would hope you enjoy sharing your child's learning as we explore these ideas and all come to understand our wonderful human potential and the difference we can make together.

IMPORTANT DATES

12 February (Tuesday 6 pm in the hall)

Netsafe Information evening

18 February (Monday)

9:15am Term 1 Pōwhiri.

Fun Sports Afternoon

1:45pm -2:45pm

22 February (Friday)

Family Picnic Evening

5:00-7:00pm

(Postponement date

1/3)

25 March (Monday):

Teacher Only Day –

Restorative Practices

training- linked to

Positive Behaviour for

Learning. We apologise

for any inconvenience

caused but the trainers

were not available

before the school year

started.

RESPECT PEOPLE

Take time to get to know the new students and families in our community.

RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Pack your snacks in reusable containers to reduce the waste in our environment.

BE A LEARNER

Share a family FIDS project with your class.

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In Think, Talk and Create we are learning to be clever thinkers and clever talkers. Our overarching concept for 2019 is “**Citizenship- Designing our Future Together**”. Each of the 4 topics have a specific Citizenship focus and the children in R7, R8 and R12 will spend two weeks learning the language and concepts from each topic. For the last 3 weeks of this term we will all be learning about Easter. Please let your class teacher know if you have resources or ideas you would like to share in this topic. Remember to share and talk about the topics when your child brings home their Think, Talk and Create stories from school.

Firewise is a Social Sciences Topic

We are going to be learning:

- That fire can be dangerous
- To be careful with matches, lighters and candles
- How to keep safe in a fire emergency
- How to get help in an emergency



There will be a T.I.P.S activity to include your family in our learning. This will include:



- Knowing your address for when making an emergency call
- Deciding with your family where a safe place to go to is, in case of a fire

Holy Week is a Religious Education Topic about Easter

We are going to be learning:

- About Jesus and the events in his life
- To talk about and describe what happened on each day of Holy Week
- To say, in order, the events of Holy Week
- The importance of Easter in our Catholic Community

We will be celebrating Easter as part of our School and Church Community.



Healthy Lunch Boxes is a Health and PE Topic

We are going to be learning :

- What our body needs to be healthy
- To identify healthy and unhealthy food items
- To describe different cultural foods that can be part of a healthy lunchbox
- To plan for a balance in our lunchbox of healthy and treat foods
- To find ways to reduce packaging in our lunchbox



Minibeasts is a Science Topic

We are going to be learning:

- To name and describe different butterflies
- To describe the body parts and explain their function
- To explain the life cycle of a butterfly
- To identify the habitats of different butterflies and how we can care for them
- About the importance of butterflies in our world



Thank you for attending the Parent Conferences in Week 1, we enjoyed meeting with you and getting to know your child. The next time we formally meet will be to set goals for your child's **Anniversary Report**. The students in years 0-3 have anniversary reports until they have been at school for the equivalent of 120 weeks. Your class teacher will contact you close to each anniversary to celebrate achievements and plan for the next learning goals. If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher.

GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

**Nga mihi o te Tau Hou!
Happy New Year!**

We hope you had a fantastic break with your tamariki and it was wonderful to see many of you at the Learning Conferences and work out ways to set your child up for a successful year.



NetSafe

We would like to encourage families to attend the NetSafe evening on Tuesday 12 February at 6pm in the Holy Cross Hall as our topic will be around the strategies to keep ourselves safe online and we encourage you to discuss these at home.



Our focus for our learning is based around being a citizen. This includes what it means to be a member of our parish, a good digital citizen and a contributing member of our school and community. Our overarching theme for the year is '**Citizenship - Designing our Future together.**

Some of our learning intentions and targets for Term 1;

- I can share my pepeha orally and visually.
- I can write about the background and culture of myself and others in my class
- I understand the purpose and meaning of the sacraments of initiation (baptism, reconciliation, communion, confirmation)
- I understand the roles and responsibilities of being a member of the school community, parish, local community and a citizen of New Zealand.
- I am able to share my lenten promise with others.
- I have the tools and knowledge to be a good digital citizen to keep myself safe online.



Reminders

Students will be engaged in **Garden to Table** activities **every Tuesday**. Students are required to wear PE gear and must have closed in shoes.

Students are required to bring their **PE gear** every **Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Thursday** so they can participate comfortably in physical activity.

This term **Rooms 1,2,3 & 5** will be participating in **swimming lessons every Wednesday** afternoon and all students will return to school by 2:55pm. Please ensure your child has their togs and towel ready for their lessons.

Year 7 & 8 / Rooms 1 & 2



Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful break with your tamariki. We have had a fantastic break and we look forward to teaching your tamariki this year. Our overarching theme for the year is 'Citizenship- Designing our Future together.'

We will begin the term with a strong message about 'Pride' and what our expectations are as learners. We will be targeting areas such as taking pride in our learning (e.g. presentation), in ourselves (e.g. growth mindset), and as Holy Cross students (e.g. pride in their uniform). We will follow on with a Social Science focus on what is citizenship and how our actions affect those in our community. We will begin with an inquiry around our family journey, linking to them as Holy Cross School citizens. Students will explore the 'FIDS' model and use this approach to facilitate their inquiry with a strong focus on citizenship and leadership. We will also explore closely Jesus as a leader, and those who inspire us as leaders.



PRIDE

Reminders:

Year 7 & 8 **Technology** starts 12th of February at Mt Cook Primary.

Your child will take part in **swimming lessons** every Wednesday afternoon with the first lesson on the 13th of February. Please remind your child to have their swimming items ready.

Students are reminded to bring their full **PE uniform** every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please help your child to have these organised.

Lent begins Wed 6th March.

What is Citizenship?



PLEASE NOTE: This year is camp year for our Year 7&8s. They will be camping at Teapot Valley down at Nelson from 16th to 20th of September. Please note these dates on your calendar. More information to come later in the term.

Other News and Information

MUSIC

Thanks mainly in part to the generosity of the **Richard Horsham Trust** and **Arohanui Strings Trust** we are able to offer the following music enrichment programmes to our tamariki at Holy Cross for 2019.

Rooms 7, 8, 12 will have 30 minute sessions every week with specialist music teacher Anna Jewitt where they will be developing their musical literacy through singing and musical games as well as working with tuned / untuned percussion.

On Tuesday afternoons, Rooms 3,5,7 and Year 6 students from Room 2 will be learning how to read and perform music via the ukulele with the opportunity to be part of a ukulele festival near the end of the year. Students will also be learning Dance, Drama and Coding during the year on these Tuesday afternoon sessions.

On Thursday afternoons, Year 7 & 8 students will have the option of having lessons in drumkit, piano, guitar or bass guitar with specialist music teacher, Jonny Avery.

For 2019, students from Years 2-7 have the option of violin / cello / double bass lessons and also go to orchestra sessions on Tuesday afternoons.

Students from Years 5 to 8 also have the opportunity to join the Cultural Group in Term 1 and the Artsplash Choir and Dance groups later in the year.

These programmes will take a few weeks before they are finally set up but look out for the newsletters that will be advising you of how you and your child can make the most of these opportunities.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact
Tim Carson
(tim.carson@hcm.school.nz)



EAT MY LUNCH

Eat My Lunch will start again from Monday 11th February for those students that have signed up to receive a lunch for Term 1.

TERM 1 POWHIRI 18th February 9.15am

A time to welcome new students and members of our community. We warmly invite all whanau to come along and show your support.

REMINDERS Year 4- 8 children are required to bring their **P.E. uniform to school every day**. This will ensure that they are able to participate in daily physical activities.

We are currently reviewing the sports shirt as our supplier cannot accommodate our requirements, we will keep you updated on our progress.

*As it is the summer term please ensure your child has a **named hat, wears sunscreen and brings a water bottle each day**. Hats are available from our office and cost \$10.*

*Please return the **permission / acknowledge slips** for Swimming Lessons (Years 5-8) and Technology Lessons (Year 7-8) as soon as possible to ensure the smooth running of these activities.*

*We expect all students to take pride in wearing their school uniform. Please support us by ensuring your child wears the **correct school uniform** to and from school including their school shoes.*

Hairstyles and colours - please support us to uphold and maintain the school rules-no coloured hair and hair to be tied up and neat and tidy at all times. No rat tails or patterns cut in to hair.

School newsletters are available on the school website www.hcm.school.nz on Wednesday afternoons.

A reminder to please call the office on 388-7189 if your child is going to be late or absent.

Happy birthday to
Maggie

