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Term 1 Week 11 Newsletter 2024 - end of Term

Tala Moemai

Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,
 Our beautiful pēpē has a name! Introducing Atarangi Frances Kahukura Wooles Moemai. Born Friday 5th of April and weighing in at 2.93kgs.



Atarangi has had a challenging start to life and has been in the Neonatal ward (NICU) since birth. Lucy and I haven't had the pleasure of holding her yet but it has been nice for us to share a photo with you that has less tubes, wires and gadgets. The massive support from our families has meant I have been able to rotate between Lucy and Atarangi and not worry that they are alone. Lucy is now out of ICU but not on the ward yet. She is under close supervision and has had visits to see Atarangi from her bed. We look forward to getting snuggles with baby soon and ask for you to keep us in your prayers and thoughts. Thank you to the teachers, students and families that have asked after Lucy, Atarangi, Ella and I. We can feel the wairua and hope to see you all soon. Ngā mihi nui,

Catholic Character

Dear Lord, please embrace your loving arms around my family and friends. Keep them always protected, secured, loved and blessed. Amen.

Peter 4:8-10 Above all, love each other deeply

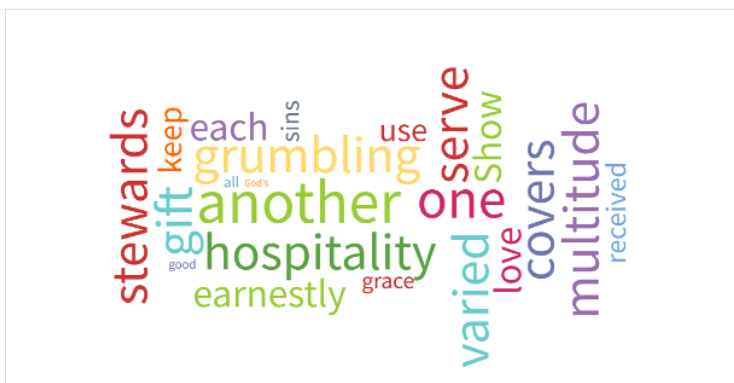
Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Peter shares the need for Love, Hospitality, and use of Spiritual Gifts to serve one another.

The most wonderful thing happens when we love each other with a fervent love: a multitude of sins is covered. What does this mean? First, it means that when we love, we are not hating and reacting and sinning. We are kind, patient and interested in others. Second, it means that when we love, we are living with a forgiving spirit and we are forgiving others, not living with a sinful and unforgiving spirit. And third, it means that when we

love, we are more likely to reach out to others, open our hearts and homes in hospitality, to help, listen and to serve each other in love.

As Christians we are part of a large family, and we should behave as brothers and sisters. May these verses inspire us to embrace our whānau and community with love, hospitality and to use our gifts to build up the group.



Home garden need a boost?
Our GTT garden has fresh compost available for your whānau.
Come and help yourself! Fill a bucket or a bag and enrich your garden.

Save the date- Matariki Hāngī



- We are looking for:**
- a couple of strong men to help with the fire
 - spare food from your garden
 - Fruit from trees (apples, pears etc)
 - Pumpkins/kūmara/potatoes
- OR plant and grow a cabbage for our hāngī
- Look out for other ways to help closer to the time!

Garden to Table



Today in the kitchen, we made a Cabbage and Apple Slaw
Nitya, Thinbeth and I were grating radishes then we were grating carrots. We got to try bits of what we cut. It tasted quite yum. After that we cut apples for the hāngī, because we are starting to get ready. The apples are for the apple crumble. By Nyakua. In the kitchen we cut some red and white cabbages. Aarav, Sharvil, Niki and I grated apple. I scraped it off the grater into my hand and it felt squishy. Then I took it in the salad bowl and stirred it. Then I went to the garden and said "it's time to eat in 5 minutes". The teachers of the garden to table were Olivia, Esther, Maddi and Sonya. By Ruby

Esther taught us how to cut apples. First we had to put the apple with the flat end down. We cut the apples in half using a bridge. Make sure the tip of the knife is on the board and cut it in half. We flipped the side over so that the flat side is on the bottom. Then we cut that in half, cut each piece 3 times and put it in the bowl. By Ruby and Thinbeth.

Today in the garden...
Robbie and I had a tool. It was green and it had a spiral thing on the bottom. We twisted it around to put some air into the compost. By Amaan.

Robbie, Amaan, Brooklyn, Ceydeaz, Avery, Olivia and I went to go and get big sticks. They were from harakeke. The sticks were to make a little fence around the brassicas. By Cleo and Brooklyn.

After we got the sticks, they had pods on them. Me and Amaan cracked them into a bucket and there were lots of black seeds inside. Olivia said we had to put the seeds inside the bucket. By Robbie. I think the next group is going to save the seeds and then use them again. You know, how we are supposed to save our resources. By Brooklyn

In the garden we had the sticks and there were dry leaves. We had to pick off the dry leaves. They were black and a bit of

brown. We broke them off and put them in the compost. By Avery

Ceydeaz, Ezira and I plus Emily were collecting dry leaves that were around the school and garden. The dry leaves were thin and crisp to touch. They were scattered all around. Some of them were brown, dark brown and a little bit of light brown.

Some dry leaves were turning yellow. By Brooklyn

Michael and I made little nests for the brassicas (Rory). To make it warm and comfortable (Michael). A brassica is the family name for tonnes of plants for example cauliflower and cabbage.

We were using pea straw. We put it around the brassicas to make it warm like a blanket. By Rory and Michael.

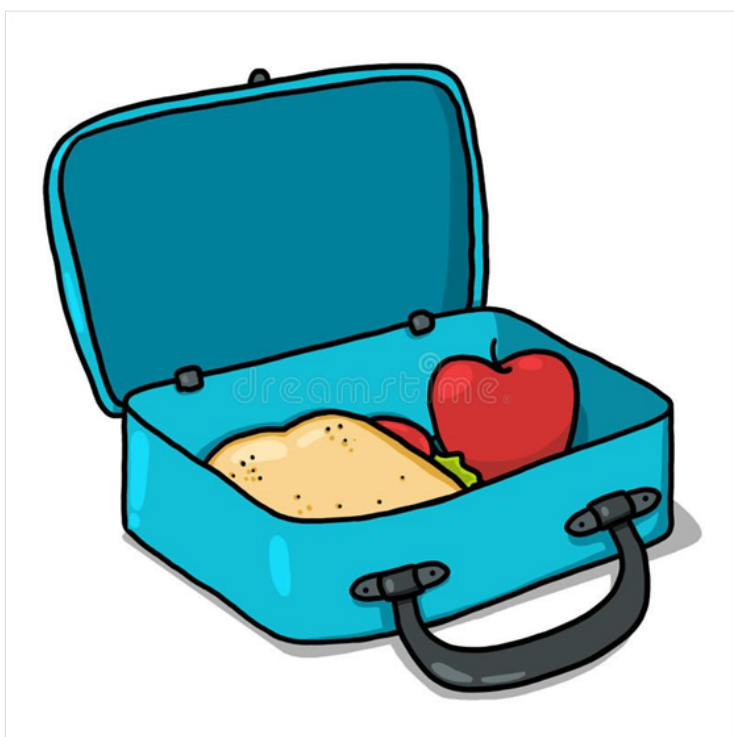
Cleo, Gabby and I all picked up compost close to the gate and put it in a red bucket. We took turns picking up compost and putting it in the bucket. The compost was gooey and stinky and disgusting. By Hosanna.



Healthy Lunches

HEALTHY FOOD - A school lunch with a fruit and/or vegetable snack and a water drink bottle are essential for providing children with the energy and nutrients they need to get through the day. Please ensure you pack enough food for your child to get them through the day. Reminder we are a **WATER ONLY** school no flavoured drinks or juice please.

REDUCE WASTE- We are most impressed with the efforts many are making to reduce waste. Please remember as a school we aim to keep our waste to a minimum so less rubbish to the land fill.



Room 1

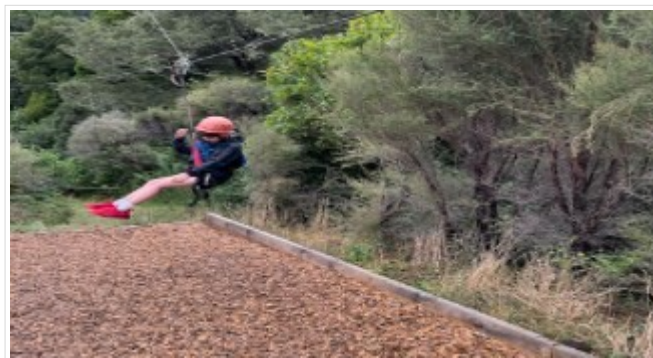
Room 1

Little snippets of Room 1's memories of our awesome Kaitoke Camp trip earlier this term.

Remember that time when..... we all were dancing around a campfire, singing songs, toasting marshmallows over the crackling and popping fire. -Toby



I zoomed down the superfox screaming my lungs out, my heart was beating faster than a race car, hoping the zipline wouldn't break or get stuck in the middle of the zipline... -Mia



I love the floating sensation I get from zooming down the damp yet bright forest and the massive rush of adrenaline. - Kruz

We went on the waterslide and my friends were too scared to cross the log so we went in the water first...

...But we all went down at the same time. I could feel the little rocks underneath the tarpaulin. I felt the wind hit my face. People were laughing and happy. - Marilyn



I plunged off the kayak. It was so cold I could feel my fingertips shrinking, I could feel my body freezing, I could feel my toes hurt. They felt like they were getting nibbled on. I could also hear my friends giggling and laughing and cheering me on. I could feel goosebumps swimming into my arms. It was so cold.

-Mason Caseley



We all were dozing off and dreaming until an earthquake struck the cabins and it all woke us up, the whole room was shaking and my heart was pounding as fast as a motorcycle, and I quickly grabbed my bed and tried to stand up but it was no use, so I went to see if my friends were okay and they were just as horrified as me. - Kayla



Suddenly our instructor had to check our shelter building. She kicked it and nothing broke off but some of i could see that

some of the sticks got unstabled. I remember at that moment my heart was beating . I was determined to win. Then the last mission was to get in and see if our shelter building was waterproof. I was really scared and nervous...-Angelina



Room 2

It has been a busy but successful term for Room 2. Camp was a real highlight for the Year 7/8 students and the Year 6 students had a great time making stop-motion movies with Clare while we were away. Both classes have been focusing on Statistics for Mathematics this term. Next term, we will be looking at Fractions and Geometry. The students have also been unpacking our overarching theme of Kaitiakitanga and looking at how they can be Kaitiakitanga of themselves, their whānau and our school.

Next term we'll be looking at how we can be kaitiaki or guardians of Motu Kairangi. On that note we are planning to have a syndicate trip walking along the Pass of Branda to survey Motu Kairangi, identify its treasures and the threats to these in order to better understand how we can be better guardians of our immediate area.

At the moment this trip is scheduled for Wednesday 15 May (Week 3 of Term 2). If you are available to help by coming on the trip or by providing transport or both, please email me (Ben Gittos) ben.gittos@hcm.school.nz

Do come in and have a look at the amazing work the students have completed so far early in Term 2.

Below are a few photos of our term.



Room 3

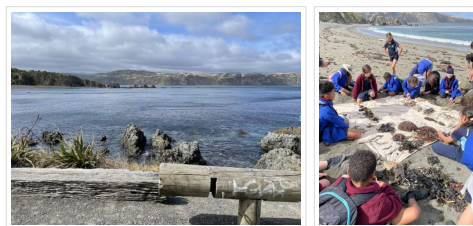
Room 3 has been making the most of our garden produce over the last few weeks.

We decided to preserve the rosemary that was trimmed from our large bush. We picked the leaves and flowers from the twigs and then dried them in a food dehydrator. We are not sure what we are going to do with the rosemary yet, but watch this space...room 3 is thinking of rosemary products we can make! Keeping with our garden theme, and since we had the dehydrator in class, we decided to cut and dry apples. As we were cutting, we were learning about fractions. We then solved the problem of how many pieces of apple each we would get...how many people in our class? how many pieces of apple did we cut?...

The end result was...delicious!



local history and even did some Maths statistics work on the beach!



Room 7

In room 7 we have been learning about how to express our feelings in English and Te Reo Māori:

Ke te pēhea koe? - How are you?

Ke te pai ahau! - I am good! Ke te pōuri ahou. - I am sad.

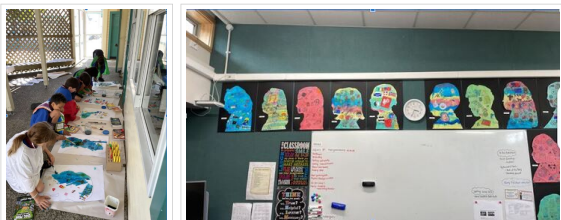
We were all very happy, every time we went out bike riding this term.



Room 5

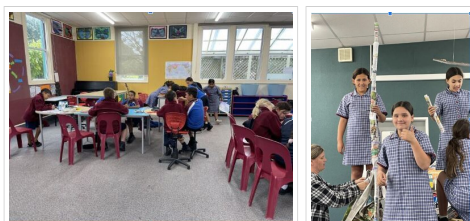
Room 5

We have had a very busy term looking at how we can be kaitiaki of our school and local environment. We have worked hard to finish our portraits which reflect our individuality and personal interests.



We have had our regular Garden to Table sessions each week working in the kitchen as well as the garden, learning about looking after the garden and using produce from the garden in the kitchen.

We had a great few days while Year 7 and 8 were at camp making animations using lego, a session using Lego Spike and organising and running a tabloids session for the Junior school and a collaborative art project with Room 3 to go into the Hall.



Our trip to Seatoun and Breaker Bay gave us an opportunity to explore our local area's history and we followed up this day with some research on the Wahine Disaster. We learned about our

This week we enjoyed shared writing together with room 8.



Room 8

The last couple of weeks in Room 8 have been busy. We enjoyed a very reverent Last Supper on Holy Thursday, together with the children praying silently on their own, remembering how Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. This week we have been learning about using perspective when drawing. Please enjoy the pictures of our giants!



Room 11

In Room 11 we have been learning about maps and how they represent places around us. We have also been exploring shapes by looking at how many sides they have and where we can find them inside and outside of the classroom. We are also learning how to recognise different emotions that we might feel. We have been looking at these through stories and representing emotions with art.



Term 2 winter uniform

Winter uniform is to be worn in Term 2 and 3.

Holy Cross school uniform is sold at the NZUniform shop, location details and store information :

The **NZ UNIFORM** shop on Thorndon Quay stocks all Holy Cross School uniform.

Address: 168 Thorndon Quay, Pipitea, Wellington 6011.

Hours: Mon - Fri 9.00 am - 5.30 pm, Sat 9.00 am - 4.00 pm, Sun **CLOSED**.

Ph 04-238-4727

Note: Skivvy - long sleeve navy (optional) is **NOT** stocked at NZ Uniforms and can be purchased at The Warehouse, Lyall Bay.

SECOND HAND Uniform - We often have a selection of second hand uniforms for purchase from the school office at a significantly reduced cost.

SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES:

1. Students must come to school wearing full uniform of their choice within the uniform range, that is clean, tidy, and in a good state of repair.
2. Students must bring a hat to school each day in Term 1 and 4. Hats must be worn at both playtime and lunchtime. Our school policy is "NO HAT, NO PLAY".
3. Long hair must be able to be tied up for activities that can be dangerous if hair was to be caught (eg. tech). Hair styles should be sensible with no extreme hair colouring (eg. green, purple, etc).
4. No coloured clothing is to be worn under shirts, if something needs to be worn it must not be showing.
5. Fully plain black shoes must be worn with no additional colours being visible. Slip on shoes are not acceptable footwear.

6. Sandals may be worn with no socks on warmer days in Term 1 and 4.
7. No sports/PE uniform to be worn to or from school.
8. No makeup is to be worn or brought to school.
9. Students are allowed to wear simple stud earrings.
10. Students are allowed to wear an item of significance that represents their culture, such as pounamu or cross.
11. Students are responsible for looking after their uniform and personal items. The school takes no responsibility for these items if they are lost or damaged.
12. PLEASE ENSURE YOU NAME EVERY ITEM OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING (including shirts, shoes and hats).

Year 1-6 winter uniform

- Shorts - navy elastic waist
- OR
- Skort - navy 4 pleat
- Holy Cross polo shirt - blue,white and maroon
- skivvy - long sleeve navy (optional)
- Tracksuit pants - long navy (optional)
- Socks - navy cotton $\frac{3}{4}$ length
- Cotton navy tights (optional)
- Holy Cross jersey maroon with logo
- OR
- Holy Cross polar fleece - maroon with logo
- Holy Cross jacket - blue
- Shoes (all black)

Year 7-8 winter uniform

- Shorts - navy elastic waist
- OR
- Skort- navy 4 pleat
- Holy Cross polo shirt - blue,white and maroon
- Skivvy - long sleeve navy (optional)
- Tracksuit pants - long navy (optional)
- Skirt -tartan box pleat (optional)
- Blouse - Holy Cross white short sleeve split hem with school logo (optional)
- Shirt - Holy Cross long sleeve sky blue (optional)
- Socks - navy cotton $\frac{3}{4}$ length

- Holy Cross jersey -maroon with logo
- OR
- Holy Cross polar fleece- maroon
- Holy Cross jacket - blue
- Shoes (all black)

Term 2 sports fees

Term 2 Sports Fee details - please arrange to pay either by cash to the office or internet banking to the school account by Week 1 of Term 2.

Internet banking ASB (12-3174- 0252703- 00)

The fees for Term 2 basketball for Year 3 and 4 will be \$75 per player. We still need a coach/parent supervisor for this team to go ahead.

The fees for Term 2 basketball for Year 6-8 will be \$55 per player

The fees for Term 2 and 3 Netball Year 5-6 and Year 7-8 will be \$70 per player

Thank you to Kevin Sinnott and the UP foundation for funding some of our Year 5/6 basketball girls team.

Thank you to all our whanau and tamariki for the amazing support towards our Easter Raffle! An incredible \$4,552.50 was raised, well over double the amount raised in previous years! We have been blown away by that result and are so appreciative of the hard mahi of our school community.

As the amount raised is more than anticipated, the Parents' Group is in the process of discussing with the school how we allocate the additional funds towards other need areas. We will keep you posted on the outcome of these discussions. If you have any ideas on areas that you would like to see supported, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email us at PSG@hcm.school.nz or come and chat to any of our friendly group.

Playground update

You may be wondering what is happening under our Pohutkawa tree! This area began its redevelopment just before the Christmas break. We are on track to have the project finished for the start of term 2 and look forward to seeing this space open and ready for our community to use.

Bookfair is coming in Term 2

Looking ahead to term 2, we are very excited to be holding the Holy Cross Book Fair in week 4. Last year our community got behind this event and we were able to fill our library with so many new and beautiful books for our tamariki to enjoy.

Our goal this year is to raise money for some new library furniture to create an even more exciting space for our tamariki to enjoy. We cant wait to share more with you next term. If you are interested in volunteering or helping with this event, please reach out via email

PSG@hcm.school.nz or speak to Malisha.

Thank you so much for your support this term. We hope you and your family have a wonderful break!

The Parents' Group

Celebrating Birthdays



To those celebrating their Birthday, have a wonderful, fun filled day. Our birthday wishes go out to the following students: Declan, Isaiah, Lofi, Toby, Braxton, Emily & Robbie.

Subway



The Parents' Group have arranged with Subway from Term 2 you can order Subway online You can still order the old way by cash and dropping off to the office with Subway envelope.

Step by step guide to online ordering.

1. Visit subwayexpress.co.nz and select SUBWAY school lunch programme.

2. Create an account or login by following the prompts.

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Kia Ora Holy Cross Whanau

Easter raffle - a huge success!

3. Select Holy Cross School and complete the student name and class fields. You can then choose to start a new order.

4. Follow steps 1 to 3 to build your Subway.

5. Confirm your order and pay via credit card.

You need to place the order by 9am on Friday morning in order for the Subway to be delivered to school at lunch time.

Community News

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Quiet Days

Thursday 11th, 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

In these unquiet times, let's gently reflect on insights from the life and works of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert and, in peace, draw fresh strength and hope. There is no fee, however, a koha is greatly appreciated.

Morning Prayer / Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

Join us for a contemplative morning mass to start the day.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

ALL are welcome.

Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Monday, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street,

Island Bay

Join our ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the ancient Christian traditions of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. All are welcome.

Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Venue: Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Join us for our weekly craft gathering.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

Miha Māori - Māori Mass

Every Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

The Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are open

Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces.

Cloister Café: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre: 9am to 3pm, Tuesday to Friday



If your child loves doing cartwheels, handstands, trampolining, flips, dancing, or parkour, then they will thrive at Bigair Gym! Bigair Gym classes are excellent for fun, focus and fitness! Children learn new skills and develop personal confidence and self-achievement! Strong focus is given to safety and technique, ranging from fundamentals to advanced skills. The structured classes follow a Bigair Badge Programme, which creates focused learning, and allows children to achieve and feel personal progression! Bigair classes include GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING, TUMBLING, FREE RUNNING (that's parkour with flips) & CHEERLEADING! Inquire about Bigair BIRTHDAY PARTIES too!

Bookings are open now for Bigair Gyms popular Holiday Programme. Full & Half Day sessions are available.

Book online for the April Holiday Programme and Term 2 Gym Classes at www.bigairgym.co.nz

Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay: ph. 383 8779, e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz at 14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.

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School Holiday Programme

Running out of ideas to keep the kids entertained these Holidays?

Sign them up for our April School Holiday Programme!

Days in the School Holiday Programme are perfect for any little Zookeepers, conservation champions, or nature lovers at home. Throughout the Holidays our Learning Team will be running four different workshops that focus on different aspects of the Zoo world.

Sign your child up to learn about Zoo Design, Animal rehabilitation, Zoology, or for the chance to be a Zookeeper Apprentice...

Te Nukuao Wellington Zoo is a charity. Every time you sign your child up for a Holiday Programme with us, you're supporting the work we do to save wildlife and wild places.

Ph: 04 389 3692 or

wellingtonzoo@wellingtonzoo.com



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Drama Classes

In the Wings: Afterschool Drama classes for students 10-14 years old (*will consider students outside this age so please enquire), Wednesday, 4-5pm, Hataitai Centre. Term 2 classes start on the 1st May. Free trials available.

Email katie@inthewings.co.nz or check out www.inthewings.co.nz



Parish Newsletter and May Mass roster