



# Holy Cross School

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Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter 2021

## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the first three weeks of term! Time is indeed precious.

A number of years ago I heard, Sir Stephen Tindell, founder of The Warehouse, say,

**'The most precious gift we can give our children is the gift of time'.**

This is such an important message for all of us; spending quality time with those around us, making time to be present, really present.

As we head into the weekend, I challenge us all to consider how we use our time. Let's make time to connect, to refresh, to enjoy and give thanks for our beautiful surroundings and let's make time to pause and reflect this season of Lent.

## Catholic Character

The season of Lent takes place in the 40 days leading up to Easter, it begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday.

This week, due to Level 2 restrictions, we were unable to hold our school- parish liturgy here at school however all students took part in a special Ash Wednesday liturgy in their own classrooms. This liturgy was prepared and presented as a YouTube clip by our senior leaders and DRS, Mr Solia.

Lent is a time when, like Jesus in the desert, we spend 40 days working to grow closer to God. Lent is a time when we try extra hard to help other people. We look at our lives and prepare ourselves for Easter. We try to pray more and share more, thinking less about ourselves and more about other people – our neighbours at school, at home and around the world.

Your child has been given a special reflection sheet, with ideas to prompt thinking more about others. We encourage you to

discuss these ideas, add your own and truly make a difference this season of Lent.

A family prayer for Lent:

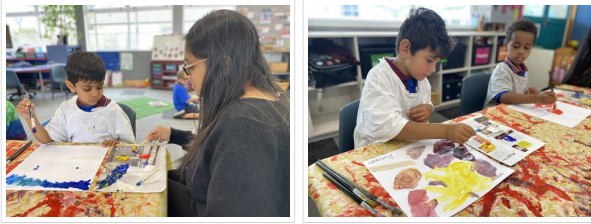
God of life, your Son Jesus went out into the desert to spend time in prayer and be closer to you. Help us to draw closer to you this Lent, in our prayers and in our actions. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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Kia ora to all the Marcellin Syndicate students and whānau!

We are excited to welcome Michael, Nyakua, Louis, Ceydeaz, Thinbeth, Mateo, Ben, Rory, Lucas and Aarav to Room 11, Hawi to Room 7 and Lyn to Room 12. Everyone is settling into school really well and enjoying making new friends.



### Swimming

This term we will be going swimming every Tuesday at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. We will leave school at 1.30 pm on the bus and the first lessons will begin at 2 pm. We will arrive back at school at 3.20 pm.

Our lessons begin in Week 5 (2nd March).

Children will need to remember to bring their togs, towel and goggles in a bag. Please don't allow your child to wear their swimming togs to school under their uniforms. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS (INCLUDING SCHOOL UNIFORM) ARE NAMED CLEARLY.**

We invite you to support your child with learning how to get dressed and undressed independently and also to chat with your child about how to take care of their belongings. Thank you for your support with this.

## Think-Talk-Create

This term the three topics we will be exploring are:

### Minibeasts

- Name and describe different insects

- Describe the body parts and explain their function
- Identify the habitats of different insects
- Explain the life cycle of an insect

### Healthy Lunchbox

- Identify healthy and unhealthy food items
- Describe different foods and explain what makes them healthy or unhealthy
- Explain how we feel when we eat certain foods
- Explain what it means to eat a balanced diet
- Find ways to reduce packaging in our lunchbox
- Learn about healthy cultural food we can have in our lunchbox.

### Easter

- Say, in order, the events of Holy Week
- Talk about and describe what happened on each day of Holy Week
- Re-enact the story of Holy Week

We love having whānau involved in our classroom programmes. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute to any of our Think-Talk-Create topics or any other aspect of our learning programmes.

We look forward to working together throughout the term!

Virginia, Corrie, Lyn, Brenda, Malisha, Karin, Kathleen, Marie, Jo and Lucy



*Nau mai, haere mai, piki mai, kake mai.*

### Our Learning so Far

Room 1 & 2 began the year with our traditional investigation of Te Tiriti O Waitangi. We talked about the problems with having two different translations and how the spirit of The Treaty, a spirit of partnership, inclusion and peace, continues to govern much of our lives as New Zealanders today. We discussed our own treaty as a senior syndicate and the values that we would carry with us in the year ahead, values such as respect, a personal sense of pride and kindness.

### Up Ahead

This term, our major focus will be on Caritas, a Catholic not-for-profit organisation, the aid it provides and the lessons for Lent we can learn from their work around the world. We will be growing our faith as we delve deeper into concepts such as 'developed nations' and 'developing nations', journeys, companionship, treasures, choices, reflection and legacy.

### Leadership

Developing leadership skills continues to be a major focus for Rooms 1 & 2. This year, we are going to push ourselves outside of our comfort zones through Education Outside the Classroom. Each term we will explore our local curriculum through outdoor adventures, reflecting on the lessons we have learned about ourselves throughout the process. Skills and dispositions such as communication, teamwork, courage, a positive attitude and integrity will sit at the center of our programme.

## REMINDER

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- Immunisations for Year 8 will be Friday 26th February 2021 and immunisation for Year 7 will be Friday 11th June 2021.
- Students must bring sunhats, PE gear and a rain jacket to school every day. We suggest leaving P.E gear folded neatly in cubbies so it isn't forgotten!
- Senior students should aim to be changed and ready for morning fitness by 8.40am.
- Swimming lessons take place Wednesday afternoons. Students are required to bring their togs and towels and **will need to make their own way home from the Kilbirnie Pools.**
- Our Beach Education Day will be taking place on **Wednesday the 24th of February.** We need parent helpers to make the most of our day on the beach and keep the kids safe in the water. Let us know if you can come along!
- Technology at Mt. Cook school has started every Tuesday afternoon ! Don't forget to bring covered shoes :)

### Garden to Table

Our unique and inspiring Garden to Table programme will continue to teach our children how to grow and harvest produce grown in the school garden, to then be prepared and shared in the school kitchen.

For this to be successful, we need you! This project relies on the support of volunteers to work with children in the garden and kitchen, sharing their experience, enthusiasm and knowledge.

You don't have to be an expert! Our Garden and Kitchen Specialists, Olivia & Aleksandra are always on hand to provide expert advice and oversee the sessions. You just need to be interested in helping children learn about growing produce, cooking and sharing food, and enjoy working with children.

Have we talked you into it? We'd love to hear from you!

Email Olivia on [\[redacted\]](#) for more information or to arrange to see a session in action.

and must have closed in shoes.

This term Rooms 1,2,3, 5 & 6 will be participating in swimming lessons every Wednesday afternoon starting in Week 5.

Our Beach Education Day will be taking place on Thursday the 25th of February. We need parent helpers to make the most of our day on the beach and keep the kids safe in the water. If you are happy to be in the water up to your waist for 20 minutes - let us know if you can come along!

Thank you to Aleksandra and Olivia for our fabulous Pancake Tuesday Celebration for Garden to Table this week!



### Garden to Table



#### Gardener of the day

Today in the garden, we learned about seeds, and how big they are. We learnt about the bean seed, pea seed, broad beans and coriander. We also wrote the garden rules. We learned how deep to sow seeds in. I noticed that some seeds are different colours and sizes. Seeds are found inside fruit or outside and some fruit in seed pods and from flowers like sunflowers.

By Matilda.

#### Chef of the day

In today's session in the kitchen, we made apple pancakes with Aleksandra. Something that I thought went very well is that Esther's pancakes didn't burn. Something you need to be careful about is we need to be safe when standing around a hot element. An idea that I hope we could make is chicken soup with rice noodles. My goal for next session is not to burn myself.

By Mia

### Up Ahead

Some of our other learning intentions and targets for Term 1;

- \* I can share my pepeha
- \* I can write about My story and The stories of other people in my class
- \* I am able to share and reflect on my lenten promises
- \* I have the tools and knowledge to be a good digital citizen to keep myself safe online.

### Reminders

Students are required to bring their PE gear on Monday and we ask that they leave it at school for the whole week and take it home on Friday. This way they will always have their PE gear for any day we do fitness, bikes or PE. Students will be engaged in Garden to Table activities every Tuesday. Students are required to wear PE gear





## Happy Birthday



Happy birthday to Angelina, Jenson, Zoe and Shalom

We hope you have a special birthday!

## Eat My Lunch



We are very lucky to have the ongoing support of Eat My Lunch, the company donates lunches to our school each week from Monday to Thursday and this will be starting up again on Monday 1st March 2021.

If you would like your child to receive a lunch please contact the school office as soon as possible by email or phone (04 388 7189) and we will add your child to the list. There are a limited amount of lunches available.

A message from the team at Eat My Lunch:

*Eat My Lunch started with a simple mission: That no child should be hungry at school. Since Covid-19 our mission is more important than ever as food insecurity increases in our communities. We'd love you to continue your support for Eat My Lunch and feeding hungry Kiwi kids."*

*-Kellie Burbidge (GM) and The Team*



## Community Notices

Seeds to Feeds:

Tickets are now available to our local Miramar/ Maupuia feast: Kaiwhenua Kairangi. Sunday 28th Feb 6-9pm. Check out Tickettailor or look on [www.mmcc.org.nz](http://www.mmcc.org.nz). Get in quick as we sold out quickly last year. Remember it's a pay as you can/ koha basis!

Kaiwhenua Kairangi

Together we gather to celebrate the season's harvest; produce grown at our local community gardens, schools, backyards and foraged gifts of our local ngāhere. We gather to celebrate the connections, support and kindness of community, the generosity of people and the soils.

With the local kai that binds and nourishes us, this will be a relaxed, deliciously crafted 3-course celebratory feast with an atmosphere of growing local food and community connection. No waiters, mismatched crockery, meet your neighbour, serve your neighbour and maybe even lend a hand with dishes. This is a community meal where everybody is welcome!

Supported by and in collaboration with; Bongusto, Shelly Bay Bakery, Esther's Kitchen, Elysian Foods, Wooden Spoon Boutique Freezery and more. All proceeds go towards building community food resilience here in Te Motu Kairangi.

How can you get involved? We are still seeking donations of local food, your homegrown/foraged fruit/vege, decorations, sponsored marquee and volunteers to help with dishes.

For more info: [Saskia@mmcc.org.nz](mailto:Saskia@mmcc.org.nz) / 0220859745  
Saskia Wanklyn (Pronouns: She/Her)  
Community Activator

Please note I work part time so may take a few days to respond. My office hours are generally Rāhina/ Monday and Rāapa/Wednesday.  
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**SEEDS TO FEEDS FESTIVAL 2021**  
 A SUMMER-LONG FESTIVAL CONNECTING COMMUNITIES AROUND LOCAL FOOD

**KAIWHENUA  
 KAIRANGI**  
**SUNDAY 28TH FEB**  
 MIRAMAR AND MAUPUIA  
 COMMUNITY CENTRE  
 6:00PM

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON'S HARVEST, PRODUCE GROWN AT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GARDENS, SCHOOLS, BACKYARDS AND FORAGED GIFTS OF OUR LOCAL NGAHERE. CELEBRATING THE CONNECTIONS, SUPPORT AND KINDNESS OF COMMUNITY, THE GENEROSITY OF PEOPLE AND THE WHENUA.

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**Te Puna Ōra  
 O Ngā Matamoe**

**Free local afterschool courses for inspiring coders engineers and inventors in Years 4-8**

Te Puna Ora O Ngā Matamoe (Matamoe Hub) is a new community and space for inspiring coders, engineers and inventors to learn and develop their skills and passion in the creative and digital technologies fields.

This term Matamoe Hub is hosting two FREE after school courses: Intro to Programming and Code Club!

<p><b>Intro to Programming:</b> During this seven week course students will gain an introduction to the world of coding, basic movements, games and animation, ultimately building their own project.          Tuesdays 3:30-5:30pm,          23 Feb – 6 April.          Free.          Students in Years 4 – 8</p>	<p><b>Code Club:</b> An after school club for students who have some coding experience to come together to enhance, grow and explore their passion for technology.          Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm          25 February – 8 April          Free.          Students in Years 4-8</p>
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We are located at Scots College, 1 Monorgan Road, Strathmore. These clubs are open to any student, you do not need to be associated to Scots College.

Register online: [www.matamoehub.co.nz](http://www.matamoehub.co.nz)

**SUMMER SMASH**  
 GIRLS CRICKET

**GIRLS ONLY**

**SUMMER SMASH**

TUESDAYS | 4.00 - 4.45PM | MACALISTER PARK  
 9 MARCH, 16 MARCH, 23 MARCH, 30 MARCH

FREE ENTRY FOR SCHOOLS (YEARS 3-6) – ENTER IN TEAMS OF 6  
 FREE T-SHIRT FOR REGISTERED PLAYERS  
 NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY  
 ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED  
 FUN, INCLUSIVE MODIFIED CRICKET GAMES  
 TRANSPORT HARSHIP FUND AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS TO ATTEND

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