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Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter 2023

Principal's comment

It is wonderful to welcome new whanau into our midst at our Powhiri- Mihi Whakatau. Today we welcomed

- Jael- Cynthia Vaka Tuiatua, Makalika Antonio and Manisa Dawod who are joining Room 11
- Cattleya and Dreius Mativa who are now in Room 7,
- Brooklyn Mativa in Room 3,
- Angelina Mativa and Millie Isaia who have added value to Room 8
- Lilith Brown and Alazanda Meridith- Faletolu who are joining the ranks of Room 2

I shared the following message about our theme for the year which is very appropriate for new arrivals to our kura./ school.

'Our theme this year is Journeys. We asked staff and whanau what they thought was important to learn about journeys and together we came up with the following 3 big ideas.

1. Journeys are physical- you take a journey from one place to another. These lovely people who are joining us now make the physical journey to Holy Cross School everyday. They probably didn't do that last year- they may have gone to a different school or preschool even but now they travel everyday to our school.

2. Journeys are historical- people like our ancestors- the people we are related to over a long period of time, made journeys that eventually brought them to New Zealand. That is why we are all here now. In my pepeha which I shared with you, my ancestors came from England- Ingarangi and Ireland- Aerana. All of us have stories to discover about our ancestors and their journeys- I hope this year our students new to Holy

Cross and our Holy Cross Whanau will get to talk about that with our whanau and with other classmates and teachers at Holy Cross. Historical journeys are important to know about- we can learn a lot from finding out why people made those journeys. They also help us to feel a special connection to other places too. I worked in England for 3 years and visited lots of places but I felt a real connection to Ireland- it was the funny sayings people said, the food people ate and the ways people related to each other that reminded me of my family.

3. The third big idea about Journeys is that they are very personal. Every body's journey through life can cover similar events in very different and personal ways. Listen out Holy Cross whanau to the personal journeys that our new whanau may share about how they came to be bringing their tamariki to Holy Cross- sometimes it is because it is the next big life event: starting school. That is another step along the journey we all know about. But it can be a very different experience for each person. We journey together and we can learn from each other.

Staff and students are enjoying the learning around different aspects of Journey outlined above. If you want to know more, talk to your tamariki/ children or your classroom teacher.

Thank You to all those parents who joined us today and supported our Powhiri-Mihi Whakatau. We appreciated you being there. Our next Powhiri will be on the 12th May in term 2 and Holy Cross School whānau are invited to join us. Special acknowledgment to our Seniors who have stepped up into the role of rangatahi/ leaders in this special event. They led confidently in whaikōrero- speaking, waiata- singing, performing and supporting our manuhiri- visitors. It was great to see them blossom.

Catholic character

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday next week with a special liturgy. Father Bill will come along and support our service-

whānau are most welcome to join us at 11.30 in the hall when this will take place.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Traditionally this has been a time where people have made commitments to fast or do without things in their lives in order to honour God and prepare for Easter. Current celebrations of Lent focus more on actions that give or add something to the lives of others- taking time to pray or do something special for someone who has a need, raising funds for a cause or focusing on peace and social justice issues. Holy Cross will be using the Caritas Program- caritas.org.nz to guide some of the activities that our tamaki/ children will do to prepare for lent.

The theme for 2023 is based on Jesus' words about himself- 'I am the Light of the World'. Light shines bright in the darkness- the floods and disasters that have happened in New Zealand over the beginning of Term 1 have brought darkness into the lives of many New Zealanders. Fiji is identified as the country of focus in the Caritas program but there is a real need for us to focus on the lives of those seriously affected by the floods and Cyclone here in New Zealand. Let's take time over this Lent period to remember to pray for the health and wellbeing of people in affected areas and acknowledge their need in some way- this will help bring some Light into the darkness.

NZEI Paid Union Meeting

NZEI, the teachers union, have been in negotiation with government around a new employment contract. The majority of teachers at Holy Cross belong to NZEI. In the past there have been a number of meetings for staff to choose from, enabling us to manage attendance at paid union meetings without disrupting the school.

Unfortunately, this time there is only one meeting for all the teachers in Wellington to attend. This will take place on Wednesday, March 1st, 2-3pm. In order to give our staff the right to attend this paid union meeting, we are asking that parents who are able to, pick their children up from their classes at 1.30 pm.

A letter has gone home today, if you could please fill out the form to indicate your arrangements and return the slip to the school so we can plan accordingly.

Thanks for your understanding.

Lyn Hough (Acting Principal)

Whole school photos Wednesday 8th March 2023

The Inspire Photography Team are excited to be at Holy Cross School this year! We will be photographing your children and their classes on the **8th of March, 2023**.

If you would like your children to have sibling photos, please fill in our Sibling Photo Request form.

Follow this link to the form >>

https://www.inspireschools.co.nz/holycross_sib23.html

Please Note : *Submissions for Sibling Photos will be closing on Friday the 3rd of March.*

Out of School Siblings will be photographed on the 8th of March starting at 8.30am.

In School Siblings will be photographed during the school day.

A few weeks after your photo day, our online galleries will be ready to go and we will deliver A5 sized sheets with personal passcodes for each child.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in contact with the Team at Inspire, info@inspirephotography.co.nz or ring 04 384 8009.

Attached is some information about the costs.

Students should wear neat and tidy summer school uniform with hair tied back from their face and clean shoes!

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2936/sch_infoforparents.pdf

Schooldocs



You can view our Policies and Procedures, please click on the following link.

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin.aspx>

Our username is :hcm and password : schooldocs

This term we are looking at LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY (board)

Review main board-level policy

Student Attendance

Enrolment

Privacy (board)

Official Information Requests (board)

Uniform / Dress Code

Health Nurse Clinic

Do you ever have questions about your child's health and want a reliable source of information?

We have a lovely health nurse- Tracey Hilt who will be at school fortnightly on Mondays from 1.30 onwards. Her first clinic is Monday 20th February. Tracey is able to provide information or help support you around any questions you may have about your tamariki's health and well being. She will also be working in classes supporting the delivery of some of our health lessons around basic health and hygiene.

We are grateful for Tracey's support of our kura.

Whole school evacuation notice

A reminder for parents-please put this in your calendars. A whole school evacuation with parent pick up will take place on Friday 31st March at 2.30pm- parent pick up students at 2.45pm from the top of Athens Street. This helps us to prepare for an earthquake/tsunami event.

Notice - Teacher only day

A notice for parents- please note your calendars.

Monday 24th April is a MOE accord teacher only day, the following day Tuesday 25th April is a public holiday. Classes resume on Wednesday 26th April 2023.

Room 2 Kakahu (Maori Cloak)

Our Room 2 Kākahu

In Rm 2 we have made a kākahu, which means cloak. Our kākahu shows how different we are in our cultures and personalities but just like fire and water, we need each other, and can support each other.

(Amalia Y6)

Rm 2 Kakahu Feathers - Descriptions

I chose stars to represent the stars that were shining in the night sky. It also reminds us of Matariki Stars as well. The colours I used were light blue fading into dark blue and yellow for the stars. The fading colours also represented the dawn sky when you see the Matariki.

(Meisha Y7)

One of my feathers represents things that I like. For example, there's the character Kirby from a video game that I like to play. I like Kirby because he has super powers that get him out of tricky situations. I think Kirby is a little bit like Maui because he is really smart and plays tricks on people.

(Lily Y7)

My design has rainbows because rainbows have colours that you see in everything. My favourite colour on a rainbow is yellow. Yellow represents the sun, and the sun creates warmth for plants and trees to grow. The colours blue and purple remind me of royalty, and they remind me of God and Jesus who are important religious people. Mary wore blue and it's so special because blue used to be hard to make and it represents how special Mary is to us all.

(Serene Y7)

On my feather I have fire and water, on different sides from each other. I did this design to show the differences between people, so every one is unique and different. It's important to show things can be different because some people want to be like other people instead of being ok with themselves and it's ok to be different.

(Amalia Y6)



Garden to Table

Today at Garden to Table we made apple crumble. We washed our hands and put on aprons. We scooped off the skin and peeled apples. I mixed the salt and the ginger all together. My favourite was eating it. We ate sitting at tables in the hall. By Cleo

I peeled and cut an apple. I cut rhubarb and smelt ginger. By Rory

Today in the kitchen we made rhubarb and apple crumble. We washed our hands and put on an apron. I liked kneading the crumble and I peeled and cut an apple. We cooked it. Then we ate it. By Robbie



We had a tour of the garden and then we took down the apples from the tree and took them to the kitchen. Then we ate some carrot, tomato and apple that we picked from the garden. Olivia told us all the tools that you need when you are at garden to table. Like the spade. The spade is used for digging. The shovel moves the plants. By George

The apple that we picked from the garden was sour. The second apple was only a tiny bit sour. You use the hand fork to get the harder pieces like any roots out of the ground. We used pliers to snip any hard branches. By Nitya



Sports Corner

Mini Polo

Last Friday we (The Year 5 & 6 Holy Cross Dolphins team) played our first game of Mini polo at Kilbirnie pool. For those who do not know, mini polo is a water sport. Although we were nervous because it was our first game playing a new sport, we were also excited. We saw heaps of school teams and they looked pretty cool. We played our first game against Island Bay. Although we didn't win we learnt very quickly how to play the game and had lots of fun. We even scored a goal! Can't wait until we play our next game- I'm sure we will be much better! From Zoe, Anna and Millie.



Subway



Subway starts on Friday 17th February. There is a slight increase in the cost.

4 inch \$4

6 inch \$6

12 inch \$10

Envelopes will be available in each classroom and from the office.

First PSG meeting 2023

Kia ora friends and whanau of Holy Cross school,
Our first PSG meeting for the year will be next Monday.

Date: Monday 20th February

Time: 7.00 pm

Where: Staffroom

Great to have a few new faces on our email list! You're all very welcome and we'd love to see you there.

Give me a shout if you have any questions before then.

Keeping Our Community Safe

An accident on the corner of Brussels and Para Street (a college student on their bike was knocked over) occurred on Wednesday 8th February at 3.15pm. A reminder please to all parents to keep a close eye out for students and please keep your speed down.

Happy Birthday



Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday: Peter, Wesley & Tyrese. Have a wonderful birthday celebration.

Community Notices

Bonobo Gymnastics

- KIDS & TEENS AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
- BIRTHDAY PARTIES
- PARKOUR CLASSES
- WEEKEND CLASSES
- GIRLS ONLY CLASSES
- KIDS WORKSHOPS
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Register for free trial

Contact for more info

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info@bonobo.co.nz
Unit 3/56 Kingsford
Smith St, Rongotai

www.bonobo.co.nz

Suzanne Aubert Scout Group



Suzanne Aubert Scout Group

Located at: St Anne's Hall, 22 Emmett St Newtown

Scouts have restarted for 2023! Our focus is fun and adventure in the outdoors: camping, cooking on open fires, tramping, biking, rock climbing, kayaking, archery – are just some of the activities that we do. If this interests you – give Scouting a go! Come and join us on Monday nights:

- Keas (5 to 8 year olds) 6.30 – 7.30pm
- Cubs (8 to 11 year olds) 6.30 – 8pm
- Scouts (11 to 14 year olds) 6.30 – 8pm

For more details either email SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz or contact Rob McCullough on 0221771007.

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aubertscouts/

Girls Got Game



Vacancy - Fundraising Administrator



PADA is a small NGO charity located in Johnsonville. We provide education and training for healthcare providers supporting parents experiencing anxiety or depression due to pregnancy, childbirth, and early parenting.

Our current Fundraiser has taken on the role of General Manager which is why now this position has become vacant.

Here is the link to the position advertisement. <https://pada.nz/turanga-watea-vacancies/>

Maranui Swimming Club



JOIN NOW

**Club Night – Friday
7.00pm – 8.00pm
Aquadome**

(Located at rear of Wellington East Girls College,
accessed via Gate A off Austin and Paterson Streets)

We provide swimming and coaching in a fun and non-competitive
environment for kids between 5-14 years.

Cost: \$85 per year

For more information or to complete a registration form visit www.maranuiswimming.co.nz
or email maranuiswim@gmail.com or come along for a free trial on a Friday night.

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