



Term 1 Week 4 Newsletter

CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

We believe we are called to serve one another, just as Jesus served. We stand up for our faith and beliefs and we strive to enact these beliefs in our lives. The Catholic social teachings call us to care especially for the dignity of the human person. We are called to tend to the poor and the suffering, care for our environment, ensure just working conditions for all and work towards an economic system that allows for equal treatment of people. *'May your will be done one earth as it is in heaven.'* We pray for those suffering in our world today.

WORLD DAY FOR PEACE – FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Faced with the tragic continuation of conflict in several parts of the world, Pope Francis invites all the faithful to a special day of prayer and fasting for peace, on Friday 23 February, to be offered in particular to the populations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of South Sudan. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops encourage us to recognise this day and remember all those suffering as a result of war or unrest.

LENT TIPS SHEET AND CALENDAR

Last week students brought home a copy of the Caritas Lent Challenge Calendar. We encourage you to work with your child to choose a task to work on each week and to complete and return the TIPS sheet.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVACUATION

On **Friday 23rd February** from **2:15pm** we will be practising our whole school evacuation up the zig zag on Athens Street. **Parents must collect** or arrange for one of their emergency contacts to collect their child from this location. You will be required to **report to the classroom teacher**, your child will receive a stamp on their hand which they must show to one of the marshalls at the exit points at either end of upper Athens Street. For the safety of our students we ask that you **do not park your car up the top of Athens Street** but walk up zig zag or Otaki Street.



IMPORTANT PAPERWORK

Just a reminder that all Student Information paperwork, cyber safety and sports code of conduct forms **MUST** be returned even if there are no changes. We want to ensure that **ALL** contact information is up-to-date in preparation for our Whole School Evacuation on Friday



A very warm welcome to Angelina Younadim, Matilda's sister who started in Room 12 this week.

Important Dates

Thursday 22nd Feb
Year 7 & 8 Leadership
Retreat - William Pike Info
Evening

Friday 23rd Feb
Whole School Evacuation
2:00pm - Parents Must
pickup from top of Athens
Street.

Monday 26th Feb
Road Patrol Training

Wednesday 28th Feb
EZ Kiwi Cricket - Junior

Friday 2nd March
Boostrix/Gardasil
Vaccination Year 7 & 8
students

Little Angels Playgroup
Ages 3-4 Room 12 1:45pm

Monday 5th March
PSG Meeting

Wednesday 7th March
EZ Kiwi Cricket Seniors

Friday 8th March
Beach Cleanup at Breaker
Bay



A big Happy Birthday to:
Rory on Thursday 29th
February

REMINDERS

This week we focus on the process for taking and posting photo's, videos or names of students on Social Media.



Sharing Images of Students

Holy Cross School follows guidelines to protect students' privacy and safety at school when we **publish student information**. This includes sharing photos of our students. We encourage parents to also consider privacy issues when sharing photos and videos taken at school events.

We are happy for parents to take photos/videos of **their children** at sports day, cultural day, or other public school events. If copyright issues apply, such as at a school play, which forbid photos or videos to be taken, the school makes this known.

If parents want to share photos/videos on social media, they should consider the following:

- Show the images to your children and discuss them before posting them on social media. This will help your children understand that they should always think about what goes out to the public on the internet.
- If the images have pictures of other students, think about editing to remove them.
- Make sure that other students are not named in any online posts.

Parents should remember that posting of photos of other people can amount to harassment and they should take care to ensure photos are fair to other people. This ensures everyone can enjoy school events without worrying what will end up on social media.

Students are also expected to consider privacy and cybersafety issues when sharing photos and using social media.



We welcomed 11 new students, 3 new staff members at our Term 1 Powhiri last Friday. We were delighted with the leadership roles taken on by our Y8 students and the support shown by current school families.

PSG NEWS

PSG Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Support Group will be held on **Monday 5 March at 7pm** in the school staff room.

The AGM will be followed by the monthly meeting of the PSG.

All parents are welcome to attend.

Little Angels Playgroup



Holy Cross School warmly invites parents and caregivers to the Little Angels Playgroup. Please come and join us for fun and a cuppa from **1:45pm-3:00pm on Friday 2nd March and 20th April**

ANZ Future Ferns Netball

The Year 1-4 Future Ferns Netball is now underway on Saturday mornings if you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's coach or Matau Tala in Room 1. All students must have now paid their \$30 registration fee either to the school office or online.

