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Term 1 Week 4 Newsletter 2020

Catholic Character

On Wednesday, we gathered as a faith community to celebrate the Ash Wednesday Mass; the season of Lent has begun. For Catholics, the Lenten season has always been a time to refocus on God alongside an invitation to get our lives in the right order. Our goal is to Live Lent! It is our time to live our faith with greater integrity and in deeper communion with God and our neighbor. Many of us grew up with an understanding that Lent was time to give up such things as chocolate or sweets. We now realise that it is not so much about giving up things but accepting the invitation to be all that God has called us to be—a holy, healthy, and loving person—a disciple of Jesus Christ committed to transforming my faith into real-life action. To Shine Like Stars Lighting Up The Sky. To support this Lenten journey your child has brought home a reflection sheet with a cross for every day of lent. Each cross represents an opportunity to transform faith into action. May God bless us all on our Lenten journey.



Servant Leaders In Catholic Schools

On Monday all of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in a very special day of reflection and learning. Alan Grant and Kelly Ross from the Catholic Schools Education Service and three of our staff worked with our 56 Year 7-8 students. The day included a reflection on effective leadership, learning about inspiring Catholic leaders and developing a deeper understanding of the Mass.

The students also took part in a number of workshops: proclaiming the Word, dramatizing the Gospel reading, writing prayers of the faithful and liturgical movement.

At Wednesday's Mass the students led these aspects of the celebration beautifully, with reverence and much deeper understanding.



As you will see there are many actions we take to keep our children healthy, safety and well at Holy Cross School, we find the key to maintaining a great environment for our children is through clear expectations, appropriate action and great communication links between parents and the school. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or feedback at any time about this or any other aspect of our school.

Community Consultation and Picnic Evening

This information is coming home with your child today.

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/319/community_sharing_invitation.pdf

You are invited to our Community Sharing Evening on Thursday, March 5th at 5 pm: sharing our learning (in the hall).

6 pm: picnic dinner (outside if the weather is fine and in classrooms if it's a cold or windy evening).

Bring your own healthy kai/food
Think, Talk, Create Garden to Table Senior Leadership

We want your ideas!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 4th, to go in the draw to win a prize

Name: _____

We are able / unable to attend the community sharing evening on Thursday, March 5th.

Number attending: _____

What are the interests and strengths of the people in your whānau?

How would you like to contribute to our programmes?

What did you love learning about when you were at School?

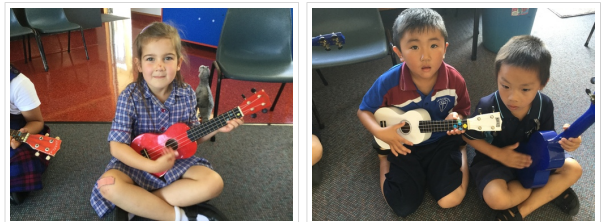
Health and Safety

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, over the course of the term we are profiling some of the different ways we safeguard health, safety and wellbeing in our school. Last week we touched on coronavirus, and this week we are covering cybersafety. Over coming weeks we will discuss other programmes and practices including Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS), behaviour management and hazard identification.

Our school takes very seriously cyber safety and our responsibilities to protect our children while using technology. We have very strong filtering systems to ensure that inappropriate content is not available to our students and all classes have age-appropriate lessons around online safety and what to do should they have any concerns about anything to do with technology. Parents may find it useful to visit Netsafe's pages (<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/>) for further information about online safety for children and teens.

Making Music

On Wednesday afternoons Rooms 7,11 and 12 are learning Music and Movement skills with Mrs Stefanidis. Here are some pictures of Room 12 learning to play chords on the ukulele.



Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Rory whose birthday is on the 29th February, we hope you have a special day.

Congratulations to Avalani and family who have welcomed a new baby sister to their family Vallina Utumele.



to take part in the [Parent Facebook](#) competition (daily prizes plus one scooter to give away every week!) and the [Share your Story](#) competition which has weekly prizes (plus a family pass on Bluebridge Ferries!)

Why Movin'March?

Not only does walking or wheeling to school reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate, we also get to slow down and get some quality time with our tamariki. Walking or wheeling to school solo or with friends can be a real [confidence boost](#) and families get to do their bit for the environment!

How to make it work for your whānau

- Instead of driving right up to the school gate, why not [Park and Stride](#)? Walk the last 500m or so to school and get your passport stamped at the school gate!
- Think about how you might get to and from school over March (and the rest of Term 1!) Check out Micro scooter's [safety tips](#) or [NZTA's Hike it Bike it](#) safety suggestions.
- [Walking School Buses](#) build community and teach children important road safety skills ready for walking independently as they get older.

WOW Passport Challenge

Each day we will stamp the walk or wheel trips your tamariki do to OR from school. All entries go in the nationwide draw to win one of 12 x \$400 My Ride vouchers. Let's get stamping!

Movin'March Parent Photo Comp

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin'March & win! It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) with #movinmarch. All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

NO HAT NO PLAY

We remind you that in Term 1 and Term 4 all students are expected to wear a school regulation hat. We have 3 choices- cap, bucket or Aussie hat.

These hats are plain navy in colour. The photos below show these 3 choices. Students not wearing the correct hat will be required to sit in the shade during break times.



LOST PROPERTY

We have found an adult size 12 grey Macpac coat with hood, if it is yours we have it in the office, plus also found is a child's size 6 black Kathmandu puffer jacket.

Movin March

On Monday 2nd March Holy Cross School will start the Movin' March challenge to get our community walking, scooting or biking to school. Read on to find out how your family can get involved.

March is Coming – Let's Get Movin'!

We're a Movin'March school and we can't wait to make the most of this beautiful weather and encourage your child/ren to Walk or Wheel to and from school. Explore the [website](#) for tips and check out the [parents](#) page on how to build active travel into your daily routine. This year we'll be encouraging whānau



Community Notices

Weetbix TRYathlon

The afternoon Sunday 15th March at Kilbirnie Park - we have been offered thirty subsidised places for the Weetbix Tryathlon. Please register your interest with susie.sumner@hcm.school.nz
 Age : 6-12 years swim, cycle, run
 Check the website for more details : tryathlon.co.nz

SUBWAY

There has been a slight increase in the Subway lunches (0.50 increase).

Please make sure you have the new envelope when buying a lunch from school.

Movies on the Green #2 & #3 - Tommy's Real Estate Summer Series proudly sponsored by Nicki Cruickshank and Sam Newble. Fundraising for the redevelopment of the Hataitai Centre and Village Green (157 Hataitai Road)

#2 Saturday 7th March - Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure

#3 Saturday 28th March - Karate Kid (1984)

Gates open 6pm, movies start at sunset

\$5 per person (adult or child) Under 2 yo free

Food and drinks for purchase or bring a picnic

For tickets and more information check out www.trybooking.co.nz/DKL, Facebook@movieonthegreen or www.hataitai.org.nz

Garden to Table

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/299/gtt_volunteer_recruitment_advert_hcm.docx

Parents' Support Group

The Holy Cross PSG contributes to the school by running fundraising and community activities and providing support where required.

Meetings are relaxed and friendly and it's a great way to get to know other parents and to lend a hand.

The next meeting is Monday 2 March, 7.00pm, in Room 8.

New members are always welcome, we hope you can join us on Monday.

Current fundraiser: School Keep Cups. Available from the office. Great for those morning coffees on the run. Only \$10 each.



Fermenting Workshop



With Chef Shepherd Elliott

Monday 2nd March 10.30am - 12pm

Learn the basics of fermentation! Join us for a hands on lesson on how to make a lacto ferment. Bring any questions around what to do with unfamiliar fruit & vege.

This workshop is themed around our Seeds to Feeds Feast - Rourou. If you would like to donate your ferment to the dinner that would be appreciated! Stay around to help make kombucha if you like!

Informal, accessible & all welcome! Koha appreciated.

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