

School Newsletter

Week 5: 1st MARCH 2017

CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

Catholic Character: Yesterday was Ash Wednesday and we were delighted to host the 9:30am Holy Trinity Parish Mass.

As we begin our Lenten journey, we pray for the humility to walk back into the open arms of God.

To mark the start of the season of Lent, each family has been given TIPS (Teacher Including Parents in Schoolwork) sheet along with a copy of the Learn and Share calendar- in which Caritas challenges us all to make a difference in others' lives by making small changes to our daily actions. The calendar gives us a new challenge each day- it may be an action, a prayer, something we create, something we give, something we find out about or something we change about the way we live. As a family, please take the time to discuss this calendar and the associated activities during Lent. This is a wonderful way to share your faith with your children and to model ways to show care for and awareness of others.



To: Elissa on Friday 3rd March, Anastasia Saturday 4th March, Shivnesh on Wednesday 8th March.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Zoe and Phoenix who became an Auntie and Uncle last week to a new baby girl called Luca weighing 7lbs this is a very exciting addition into their family



PARENT CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION

EVENING: Last Thursday an evening was held to share our 2016 achievement results, the projected direction for the year- your ideas and thoughts relating to this, some of the resources we will be using and to informally meet with the teachers and other families. The power point we shared has been added to our website, so if you were unable to attend, please take the time to view this. If you have any questions or ideas please contact Celeste directly.

TSUNAMI EVACUATION DRILL:

Thank you for your support with this very important event. We congratulate you all for making this a priority and for confirming or updating your contact details. Please remember to advise us of any changes in the future.

We managed to get the whole school to the top of the Athens Street zigzag in ten minutes and were impressed with the smooth collection process.

A huge thank you to both Virginia Blewman and Kathee for the way they coordinated the drill. **Note:** The first contact person listed for your child should have received a text message before the evacuation- please contact the office if a message was not received.

Andrew Chinn Concert and Family Evening: Thursday 23 March. Andrew is a world renowned singer, songwriter and he will be in the school working with our children all day on the 23 March.

That evening we have asked him to put on a concert which will involve your children so please make every effort to attend, it will be a fantastic evening and there will be no charge for the concert.

TE REO WORD OF THE WEEK

manaaki(tia): look after, care for, show respect or kindness to
Ka manaaki te tangata whenua i ngā manuhiri. The people of the land/marae will care for the visitors.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COLLECTION

A big thank you to Mrs Chris McBride, Kathleen Brown, Tim Carson and our collectors Sapphire, Gerard, Michelle, Elissa, Lily, Ameer, Maria, Khushi, Caitlyn, Mario, Jessica, Shivnesh and Rehutai who did a great job collecting money for Catholic Social Services to help with all the wonderful work that they do in and for our Community. A total of \$6,400 was raised with our students collecting \$110.00. Well done



BOOK YOUR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Parent-Child-Teacher interviews are being held on **Thursday 16th March** and on **Tuesday 21st March** to book go to the www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and type in the code rce3c to book an interview with your child's teacher. If you are unable to go online please come into the school office we can do this for you.



Reminder: All students will finish school at **2.30pm** on both **Thursday 16th March** and **Tuesday 21st March**.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have started this year with a great group of Student Librarians. Welcome to our new librarians, Manuela, Amelia and Pili from room 5 and thank you to the librarians who have continued from last year. The library benefits enormously from all their hard work. There is a complete list of the Student Librarians on our school library website (which will be running from Friday). <http://library.hcm.school.nz>

We are holding a Tuesday lunchtime story time session this term with audio books of short stories. Students can quietly colour in pictures or draw their own while they listen.

The library is open at morning tea and lunchtimes from Monday-Thursday and after school on a Thursday until 3.25. Parents and children are welcome to come in to browse or borrow.

Sports News

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Swimming training sessions for the Weetbix Tryathlon. Please see the dates and times below.

Date	Venue	Training
Wednesday 1st March 3.15- 4.15	Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre	Swimming training
Friday 3rd March 3.15- 4.00pm	Holy Cross School	Run/Bike Transitions
Wednesday 8th March 3.15- 4.15	Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre	Swimming training
Friday 10th March 3.15- 4.00pm	Holy Cross School	Run/Bike Transitions
Wednesday 15th March 3.15- 4.15	Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre	Swimming
Friday 17th March 3.15- 4.00pm	Holy Cross School	Transition training and flag making

YEAR 5 – YEAR 8 NETBALL

Information regarding Motu Kairangi 2017 season is available from classroom teachers or school office please ensure registrations are returned to the school office by **Wednesday 8th March**.

JUNIOR YEAR 1-4 NETBALL DRAW

Saturday 4th March at EBIS.

Year 3/4 Holy Cross Rubies - meet your coach on Court 4 at 11:50am

Year 1/2 Holy Cross 10:25 on Court

Please Remember:

- Your skill session is at the same court each week (see the attached court allocation)
- Your junior coordinator will allocate you to a court for a game.
- Players will need to wear appropriate foot wear and have short nails.
- We have a very strict no jewellery rule, this includes earrings please. We cannot let anyone take to court even if they are taped!

HEAD LICE

It is the time of the year that head lice are active so please remember to check your child's hair every Friday and please treat before sending your child back to school. Information on a non-chemical but economical and effective treatment can be obtained from the school office.



SUBWAY ON FRIDAYS

This is just a reminder to **please take home a subway envelope** from your classroom and fill it out at home with the correct amount of change then drop it off to the Library between 8:30am – 8:45am. Thank you.

PSG MEETING:

The first PSG Meeting of the year will be held on Monday 6th March at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Our role is to support the school and co-ordinate fundraising activities and we welcome everyone along who would like to find out more about the role of the Parent Support Group.

If you are keen to help in any way, but can't make the meeting, please email us at psg@hcm.school.nz

Community News

Holy Trinity Parish Mass
10am Sunday 12th March
at Holy Cross School Hall

We will be celebrating Mass together in the Holy Cross School Hall. We look forward to seeing as many parishioners there as possible. There will be morning tea available afterwards in the hall, so please bring a plate of food to share. For those who are unable to be at this Mass, there will be the 5.30pm Vigil at St Patrick's Church.

Please note: These will be the only two Masses in the Parish that weekend