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Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter 2020

Catholic Character

To support this Lenten journey your child brought home a reflection sheet with a cross for every day of Lent. Each week they will be writing a reflection in class as part of their RE lessons about the small changes to their daily actions that have a positive difference to the people and world around them. We look forward to sharing these reflections with you.

When we have a hard day, we can think about a happy memory. It can help us get through a hard day. The Gospel on Sunday tells us about an important and happy event in Jesus' life called the Transfiguration. Jesus led his three closest disciples — Peter, James, and John - up a mountain where his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. A voice from a cloud told the disciples to listen to Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus told his disciples not to be afraid.

There were hard days to come, when Jesus died on the cross but his disciples could remember that Jesus was the Son of God and that he had told them not to be afraid. This memory of Jesus shining in glory will have helped his disciples through those difficult days.

When we have a hard day, we can remember that Jesus loves us and watches over us. We can listen to Jesus' words, "Rise, and do not be afraid." We can also think about our own happy memories and thank Jesus for always being with us.



Flagpoles and Cross

On Monday morning, weather permitting, we will have a short reflection time and blessing of the cross, gifted to the school by the Year 8 students of 2019, and the flagpoles which have been also been gifted to the school. You are welcome to join us at 8:50am.

Consultation Evening and Community Picnic

What a fantastic night! Thank you to all those who were able to attend what we hope was both an informative and fun community gathering! We were delighted to see approximately 120 people and were most impressed to see so many delicious, healthy food choices with minimal waste.

We loved seeing parents join in the games and activities and look forward to a fun beach evening in term 4!

We have received very positive feedback about the timing of this event as well as the opportunity it provided for people to chat informally with staff.

The displays will remain in the hall for a week or two and there will be a display in the foyer too, if you haven't already,

please pop in, have a look and add your thoughts, ideas and questions.

Hand washing technique (UK NHS): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjelWLnEg>



Health Safety and Wellbeing at Holy Cross School

Keeping Our Children Safe and Knowing What To Do

Throughout the week of 16-20 March we will be reviewing and practicing our various emergency drills including: fire, lockdown, earthquake and tsunami.

Practicing what to do in the event of an emergency is known to have saved lives. Please speak with your children about the fact that these drills are there to help and support us so that in the event of a genuine emergency we would know exactly what to do; this may lessen anxieties some children experience.

NOTE: On Friday March 20 we will have a full-school evacuation to the top of the Athens Street zigzag. Parents or emergency contacts are required to collect and sign their child out.

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.

Coronavirus COVID-19

We continue to be guided by advice received from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education regarding coronavirus.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Advice being received stresses the following: the best thing to do is to practice good preventative measures, particularly good hygiene, this includes:

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after eating, as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Keeping your child at home if he or she is unwell.

Teachers have been reviewing these practices with their classes and we urge you to review them at home with your children as well.

Further information can be found on the Ministry of Health website which has excellent advice and information.

See below a link to a handwashing video shared by MoE- we will add this link to our newsletter and website- it is good practice at any time.

Garden to Table



Today in the kitchen we made Broccoli Flatbread with sunflower seeds and pesto. Elaia, Maggie and Mikey chopped up the broccoli and we made the dough out of poppy seeds. We cut up some herbs and we cooked the dough until it was crisp but not burnt. We carefully flipped them over using the fish slice to cook the other side for a minute until it was golden.

by Meela McPherson

Today in the garden we filled the wheelbarrows with compost to put in the garden beds. We used seaweed fertilizer mixed with water in the watering can to add nutrients to the soil. We put seeds into envelopes to save them. We also sowed seeds for the upcoming neighbours day.

by Esther Bourke



Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Denis and Anastasia who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Community Notices

GIRL GUIDES

Space for Your Daughter in Strathmore Age from 7 - 9 years

GirlGuiding is growing in Strathmore and there's room for more girls to join. Here are just 3 of the reasons girls choose GirlGuides:

1. They get to do fun things with their friends every week.
2. They get involved in the community.
3. They learn new skills in a safe environment.

All this one night a week each term, in a safe environment. Go to <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/> to find out more.



"L.O.D Dance offers a variety of dance classes to students of all ages – pre-schoolers to adults. Contact us now for more info on how we can help nurture your child's Love of Dance! www.loddance.co.nz"



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