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Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter 2023

Principal's Message

Such a lot of learning goes on in a school relating to all aspects of our tamariki's/children's lives. Some of the skills that we need to learn and function in life are an ability to read and write and use maths in practical everyday ways. School is the first place where our tamariki/ children begin to specifically learn these skills. Over the next three newsletters I will focus on each of these basic skills and share information that we use to help us know how well our tamariki/ children are making progress in these areas. This week we look at reading.

We use an assessment device here at Holy Cross used by many schools around New Zealand called the Progress and Consistency Tool- PaCT. This measures each student's progress across a range of skills in reading, writing and maths outlined in the Learning Progression Framework. It is an online tool which teachers have been trained to use over the last 4 years. Twice a year, for tamariki/ children in Year 2-8, teachers will go through an assessment process to monitor progress and identify areas of learning that need support for the whole class or individual children using this tool. We have other tools as well that we use to understand how learning is progressing for every tamariki/ child including Running Records, phonics assessments and a more formal assessment used at the senior end of the school called e-asTTle. All this information helps teachers decide how progress is going for individuals and for the class.

At the beginning of the year we look at the PaCT information or data from the previous year across all three skills, reading, writing and maths. This helps us to make decisions about what we will focus on in the year ahead and if there are particular groups of tamariki that we want to see make improved progress.

In 2022, 76% of tamariki from Year 2-8 achieved at or above the expected level in reading. The Ministry of Education have priorities around making sure Maori and Pacific students are

achieving well. Of the tamariki who identify as Maori in our school, 77% of these tamariki are achieving at or above the expected level in Reading; 80% of Pacific students are achieving at this level also.

The table below shows how reading achievement has been over the past three difficult years. Despite the challenges, our tamariki have maintained consistent levels of great achievement.

Percentage of Children at and above expectation in reading at Holy Cross School:

Year	2020	2021	2022
All students	76%	76%	76%
Maori	87%	74.2%	77%
Pacific	73%	86%	80%

Looking to 2023, we want to continue to work on reading achievement in our school. We have adopted a new approach to learning to read based on New Zealand research out of Canterbury University- Better Start Literacy Approach. This began in R11 and 12 at the end of last year and is now rolling out to Room 7- Year 2. This approach will systematically be rolled out over all Year levels over the next few years. It supports all tamariki but especially those who may find reading a difficult skill to pick up as it has a stronger emphasis on phonetic knowledge and a structured way of building skills. We plan to have some parent workshops this year to help us all build our understanding of this new approach.

Our challenge in teaching reading is getting children started in the basics well. We hope this program will make it easier for all our tamariki to pick up those beginning skills and not lag behind, reducing the level of underachievement that is there for some of our learners.

For more information check out the following websites or talk to your classroom teacher.

Learning Progression Framework
<https://curriculumprogressiontools.education.govt.nz/lpfs/learn-about-the-lpfs/>

Progress and Consistency Tool

<https://assessment.tki.org.nz/Assessment-tools-resources/Curriculum-Progress-Tools-LPF-and-PaCT>

Better Start Literacy Approach.

[://www.betterstartapproach.com/families](http://www.betterstartapproach.com/families)

Catholic Character

We are enjoying the opportunity to prepare for Lent this year without any of the restrictions of previous years. Shrove Tuesday was celebrated in some classes followed by a whole school mass for Ash Wednesday. It was very special to have members of Holy Trinity Parish join us for this event led by Father Bill, assisted by Room 5. One of our Action items in our Annual improvement plan is to strengthen akonga/ students' understanding of the Catholic faith and traditions through joining with the wider community to celebrate these moments. We look forward to enjoying other gatherings together and provide opportunities for all to participate.

A focus we are taking here at Holy Cross over Lent is to support Catholic Schools affected in Flood stricken areas of the North Island. We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 10th March. Children wearing non-uniform are invited to bring a gold coin donation to class.

Healthy Eating

One of our school policies is HEALTHY EATING. If we could please keep this in mind when preparing our child's lunch box. Try to avoid foods that are full of sugar e.g biscuits, cakes, processed snacky foods, drinks and go for the more healthy option of fruit, vegetables and water. Also children are to leave lollies and fizzy drinks at home.

Staying Safe After School

With all the building construction going on at the moment on the school grounds, we would really appreciate it, if you could please supervise your child after school if they are playing in the playground. Let's keep our community safe!

Celebration of Learning

Please save Wednesday afternoon 5th April in your diaries- every term we open our doors to whānau and friends so we can celebrate the learning that has happened in class.

Sacramental programme



HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

Enrolment forms will be available soon for children in year 4 or older who have been baptised in a Catholic Church and would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. You will need to include a copy of your child's baptism certificate with the enrolment form. If you don't have your child's baptism certificate, get in contact with the Parish where your child were baptized to obtain a copy.

Bread Making on Shrove Tuesday by Room 6

Room 6 baked bread together in a bread maker on Tuesday. We practiced weighing and measuring carefully, following instructions and using all of our senses to experience (and enjoy!) the bread.

"The best thing I like is when we work together" by Hosanna

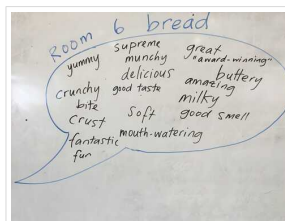
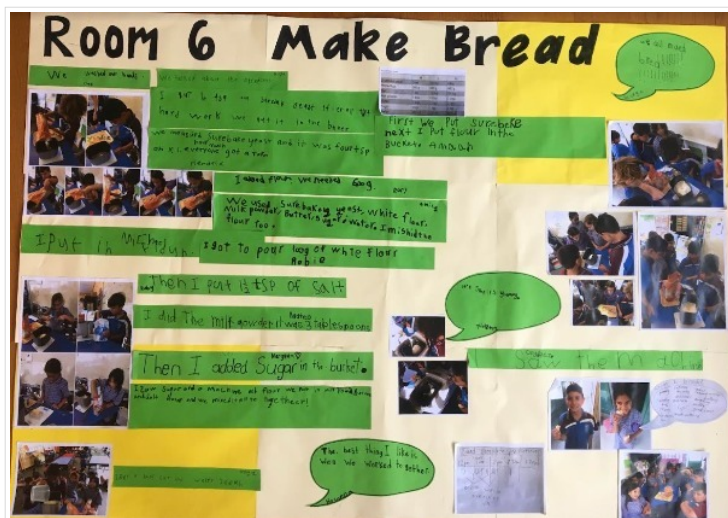
"It smells yummy" by Thinbeth

"We measured how much Surebake yeast and it was four tsp on XL" (the children chose the extra large size loaf to make!)

"Everyone got a turn" by Hendrix

"I did the milk powder and it was 3 tablespoons" by Mateo

"I saw the machine" by Ceydeaz



He Tohu National Library visit Room 1 & 2

**Note, this is Meisha's response to visiting 'He Tohu' at the National Library on Friday, 24th February 2023.*

A Glistening Light By Meisha

As my group flooded into the room I slowly followed behind unaware of what they had seen, peering around the corner all I could see was darkness. And within that darkness a glistening glow had erupted from in the room revealing the crowd of people surrounding this light but then I started to ponder. What was the illuminating light that glistened in the shadows that made the room feel a lot more lively?

Perhaps I should look more thoroughly.

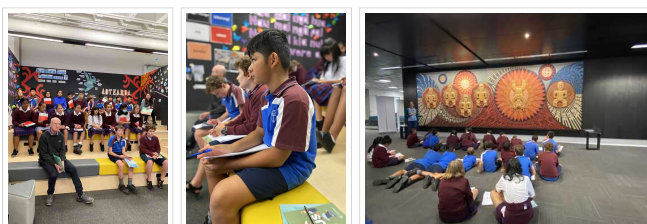
I came closer and closer to the mysterious light and to my surprise it was such a fascinating thing. There was a glass barrier of some sort surrounding it. In fact 9 of them actually I think one of them had Te Tiriti O Waitangi inside as we were instructed to gather around the boxes each having 1 treaty inside. I was fascinated by the little buttons on the boxes and the instructor spoke and said 'they are timed lights which are for if you couldn't see perfectly since the room has only a bit of light but since the documents are light sensitive they are timed so they won't get damaged by the light.'

Interesting. Then I took a look at the women's suffrage petition and noticed something, the people who had come to sign it not only had to write in pen and pencil but also colored pencils and crayons too! All sorts of stationery had been used to sign it, perhaps there were no limits of what you could use. 'The women's suffrage petition is the most light sensitive since people used crayons pencils and other materials'.

I tried to keep track of the key information but she spoke a bit fast 'the tears and rips are actually from rats and mice who nibbled on the treaty' 'The rats had nibbled on it because it was made out of sheepskin' '183 years ago the treaty had been signed'.

I was trying to focus in the meantime, it was still kind of easy but I was still pacing fast so I could catch up. I already had plenty of information but I kept going even if I had plenty.

Writing really fast I had a thought, it was about a privilege, the privilege was we got to see Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the women's suffrage petition and the declaration of independence because I'm sure none of my family have seen them up close. Inside I felt sparks tingling inside of me. Maybe I was so amazed that I didn't even know how to react. After our time had expired it was time for the next group to come in, before we left we sang Te aroha to the instructor as a thank you. We left the room, this time I proudly walked with the people at the front and all I could feel was many emotions inside of me getting ready to burst out and be amazed with a hint of curiosity.



The document that shaped NZ

My own personal experience seeing Te Tiriti O Waitangi

By Marlon Year 6, Holy Cross School.

I walked into the dark room. At first, I got a bit of a fright because it was so dark! I was awestruck. There were 5 glass cabinets filled with historic documents. The room made me feel proud to be a New Zealander. As I looked around, I felt a sense of shock. These documents had shaped millions upon millions of lives. He Whakaputanga, Te Tiriti O Waitangi, and the Women's Suffrage Petition. I had been waiting for this trip for ages. He Tohu was just as impressive as I thought.

As my vision cleared, I looked around. The mysterious shapes turned into my classmates. I was really excited now. The educator told us to form a circle. I stood right next to the cabinet with the original copy of Te Tiriti O Waitangi. I looked at all the signatures. The first one was from the British governor. Looking at all the signatures, I wondered what the chiefs who signed it would think about the world 180 years later.

The guide explained that there had been 542 signatures of Te Tiriti O Waitangi, starting with Hone Heke. I wondered if the rangatira knew just how influential they would be on the history of New Zealand. They had already declared themselves a country with He Whakaputanga and later would let women vote with the Suffrage Petition but this would set the laws that decided what New Zealand would be like in the future. I wondered if what we were doing now would change the way New Zealand would be in the future.

I looked around in the cabinets for signatures from Ngati Tuwharetoa (my iwi) but I couldn't find them. I didn't know why. I found out later that because of some of the language, (the word 'rangatiratanga' is not in the Ngati Tuwharetoa vocabulary) Ngati Tuwharetoa did not sign Te Tiriti. I felt annoyed that my ancestors had been left out of the most important documents in the history of New Zealand.

As we left the room, I thought about it. I had seen the document that shapes New Zealand to this day. I wondered how New Zealand would have turned out had Te Tiriti not been signed. Who knows, maybe New Zealand wouldn't be a country! To think we came from a humble group of islands that almost no one had heard of to one of the proudest nations in the world, it's amazing to think that it was all thanks to a piece of paper.

My mystical trip to He Tohu

By Cian. 27.2.23

A moment in time.

When I entered the room I was bewildered by the coolness. Strangely there was an aura of wonder in the air. It was as if this room was in a different time.

The roof was curved and the room was dark so you couldn't see the document.

There were the documents preserved in special glass cases and there were buttons you could press to make the cases light up. The lights were a special light that minimize the damage done to the documents. The documents can still get damaged

but since people only sometimes press the button they don't damage the documents too much.

I wonder if there really is a mystical aura or if my mind is playing tricks on me.



School Photos

A wee reminder: school photos this Wednesday 8th March. Please come in full, clean and tidy uniform.

The Writing Corner

What is Love? (by Hawi from Room 3)

Love is kind and patient.

Love is joy.

Love is respect.

It is **NOT** being selfish, jealous and rude. Love is **NOT** thinking your better than everyone. Love is **NOT** lying, it's telling the truth. It is **NOT** evil. Love is **NOT** getting angry fast.

Love is trusting people. Love is accepting others for who they are. Love is being grateful for what you have because God blessed you with it. Love is listening to the speaker when there talking to you and teaching you.

Today I am going to show LOVE by sharing stuff with people when they need it and being patient when people are working with Ben our teacher.



Garden To Table



Gardener of the Day - Oscar

In the garden we reminded our self about the compost and we ate apples. I liked the red apples . The four main ingredients in compost are:nitrogen, carbon, oxgen and water. We ripped up cardboard and put it in the compost.

Chef of the Day - Carter

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3003/roasted_vegetables.pdf

Today at Garden to Table, Room 6 roasted vegetables and worked in the garden.

After lunch, we had a class kōrero about our morning...

"We put on some gloves so that our hands don't get dirty. We used a trowel and a big fork to dig up some yummy vegetables. I dug up 2 roots - they were both on the same plant." (Margaux) "They were orange, but they were not carrots" (Ezira), "Michael thought it was a crunchy carrot!" (Ceydeaz).

"We dug up some potatoes, we put them into the yellow basket in the kitchen. They were washed and cut, then cooked and we ate them." (Mateo).

"We tried an apple and it was very sour. When I came in from garden to table it smelled like burgers!" (Cleo) "and I found the apple we ate" (Ezira). "Me and Margaux dug out parsley. It was a whole stick with parsley on it!" (Cleo)

"In the kitchen we chopped kumera and potato and onion and beetroot and the onion stung my eyes. We got a little cloth and put some water on it and then put it on my eyes." (Ruby)

"In the kitchen I cut the onion and then I put it in a glass and then the onions got cooked and then they got eat up!" (George)

"We smelled rosemary and it smelled like pizza! When I smelled the onion it tasted awful!" (Hosanna)

"The rosemary smelled like dough and ginger" (Hendrix)

"We cut a lot of vegetables," (Nitya) "like tomatoes."

"I cut some onions and I touched them and my eyes were on fire!" (Amaan)



A message from the Parent Support Group

Welcome to 2023!

The Holy Cross School Parent Support Group (PSG) are well and truly back into the swing of things! We have a group of energetic and motivated volunteers, wanting to make a real difference to our tamariki's experience at school.

This week we had our first official meeting of the year; however, the team has been working hard behind the scenes to get us ready for an exciting year ahead.

This year, the PSG are planning several initiatives for our school families to connect including:

- Bookfair
- Family movie night
- Easter raffle
- Playground updates
- Working Bee

Update to our outdoor play and learning areas:

We are starting development on our outdoor play areas for our students. Working with our students and teachers, we have established 4 key areas that we are focused on delivering by Term 2:

Year 7/8 Connection Zone

Dedicated space for our senior students to connect and learn in an outdoor environment

Open-Ended Imaginative Play

Repurposing of some of our current facilities to create opportunities for students of all ages to engage in imaginative play

Sensory play

Sustainable water play options as well as opportunities to connect with nature and music in an outdoor environment

Active Zone

Permanent sporting structures to allow for better use of our field

We have engaged a builder to help support this work and have presented our options to both the Board of Trustees and the Whānau Hui, both of which provided positive feedback and support. We will be working with our Whānau Rōpu members to develop te reo names reflective of the spaces and we have placed an application to the Eastern Suburbs Trust to help with

funding for equipment. The PSG is committed to having these projects thoroughly underway by the start of Term 2.

Interested in helping?

We were lucky enough to meet several of you at the whānau conferences in January where the lovely Malisha hosted a space for our parents to relax over a cuppa. We're always on the lookout for people to support us in any capacity they can - whether that be baking for events or helping with trades and services. We love to hear from you! If you are keen to share your talents, please add your details to the form below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfa-nx_jdoyNu-y4UoWyxA_YaeD-ae1spuhFyZj58O1SrhQlw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link

PSG Working Bee



**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
WORKING BEE**

We need your help!
We have odd jobs to complete around the school and would love your help to get them done! No need to commit to the full day, just whatever help you can provide would be appreciated

Jobs include: Fixing doors, sanding tables, outdoor painting, garden clean up, general maintenance

**From 11am - 2pm
Sunday, 19th March 2023**

Holy Cross School
Please bring gloves, gardening tools, sanding gear, tools or outdoor painting gear if you have any
Light refreshments provided
psg@hcm.school.nz

PSG Easter Raffle

https://hcmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3072/hcs_easter_affle_2023_2_.pdf

Easter Raffle

\$2 per ticket
for your chance to
win an Easter
hamper!

All funds will go towards purchasing additional stationery supplies, helping to relieve the pressure off our families. The more we raise, the more we can purchase so sell as many tickets as you can to your friends, family, work and team mates!

If possible, please provide a small donation:
Branded Easter Eggs/chocolate (Lindt, Whittakers), small Warehouse or Supermarket vouchers, luxury treat items such as beauty products or non-perishable food items i.e. plunger coffee.

Please drop donations to Leanne in the office by 28th March. For any sponsored items, please let the PSG know so we can recognise the businesses contribution on our social pages

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HOW IT WORKS!

Print your ticket sheet from the PDF or collect buyers' names and numbers and we will fill out a sheet for you.

Take a photo of your completed ticket sheet and email it to fundraising@hcm.school.nz

Transfer your ticket money into the PSG account. Please use your family name as the reference.
Account number
12-3174-0298859-00

Please drop donations to Leanne in the office by 28th March
Winners announced Wednesday 5th April 2023

THE HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Easter Raffle

STUDENT NAME HERE:

NAME: PHONE: Thank you for your support. Winners announced 5th April L1	NAME: PHONE: Thank you for your support. Winners announced 5th April R1
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NAME: PHONE: Thank you for your support. Winners announced 5th April L5	NAME: PHONE: Thank you for your support. Winners announced 5th April R5

\$2 per ticket, \$20 for a sheet. Please do not cut tickets up, leave the sheet whole. Please send a photo of your completed sheet to: fundraising@hcms.school.nz. Transfer your ticket money into the PSG account. Please use your family name as the reference. Account number 12-3174-0298859-00 Please return money and whole sheet of tickets sold/unsold by Tuesday 4th April. Winner drawn 5th April

To the following students who are celebrating their Birthday, have a fun filled day: Lilith, Hunter, Ruby, Anneke, Mia C & Jonathan.

and Happy Birthday to our January and February staff members - Olivia, Malisha, Kia, Kathleen, Aleksandra, and Suzanne.



Community News


Parish Newsletter

Lost

Mikey from Room 1 has lost his prescription glasses. They have a black metal frame and are in a black glasses case. If you have seen them please let the office know.

Birthday Celebrations





HOLY TRINITY PARISH
WELLINGTON - NEW ZEALAND

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(Parish Priest)
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www.holytrinity.parish.nz

2nd Sunday of Lent
Year A – 5th March 2023

Daily Mass Readings:

Sunday 5 Gen 12:1-4; 2 Im 1:16-10; Mt 17:1-9 Response: <i>Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.</i>	Monday 6 Dan 9:4-10 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday 7 Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Wednesday 8 Jer 18:18-20 Lk 16:19-31
Thursday 9 Gen 37:3-4 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Friday 10 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Weekday Masses
Tues 9.30am St Patrick's Church
Wed 9.30am St Anthony's Church
Thurs 9.30am St Patrick's Church
Fri 9.30am Holy Cross Church

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil
5.30pm St Anthony's Church, Seatoun
Sunday
8.30am Holy Cross Church, Miramar
10.30am St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie

Holy Trinity Parish Vision
We are a prayerful and diverse Catholic community in the Eastern suburbs of Wellington, drawing strength from one another to grow and become fully alive as missionary disciples.

'THE MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE'
There are moments in everyone's life when we see difficulties ahead of us, especially when facing important decisions. Jesus saw ahead of him a growing opposition from the religious leaders of the people: they would kill him if he proceeded with his mission. Yet he would carry out that task, and so he went up the mountain to pray that the Father would give him courage. In the vision of the transfiguration he saw he would rise from the dead and succeed. We pray our Risen Lord among us that we too may see his light, and by his strength make the right decisions.
Fr Bill

CARITAS REFLECTION – Week 2 * Do not be Afraid* The Caritas Reflection programme addresses before us this week's appeal with a focus on the massive Hunga-Tonga – Hunga Ha'apai volcano and subsequent tsunami that devastated many parts of Tonga on 15 January 2022. During that time Caritas Tonga provided practical, logistical and social support and assistance to households and communities most impacted since day one of this tumultuous event, while also having a deep concern for their own families and fear that it was not yet all over.
Prayer for this Week 2 – E te Atua, Lord, as we come down the mountain together, may we support one another as we seek to bring peace, justice and light into the communities we engage with this week.
Samoan Aulotu Mass Sunday 5 March 11am St Anthony's Church, Seatoun. All welcome

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Stations of the Cross – 7pm every Wednesday during Lent at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie

DATE	GROUP	ORGANISER
Wednesday 8 th March	OCIA Committee	L Foster
Wednesday 15 th March	Tongan Community	M Paasi
Wednesday 22 nd March	Apostolate of St Joseph	D Hyland
Wednesday 29 th March	Samoan Community	M Falana'i-Andrews
Wednesday 5 th April	Children's Liturgy	C London

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team - Wed 8 March 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room beside Holy Cross Church
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) gather at Margaret's home Thursday 9 March at 7pm
Parish Finance and Resource Team - Tues 14 March at Francie Dwyer's house.

Would you like to take part in our Easter Services? Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday Vigil, Sunday Masses. Would you do a reading, be a welcomer, take up the offertory, get your feet washed? **Please ring Tricia 934 3179 by 13 March.**

MORNING TEA at St Patrick's Church in Kilbirnie on the first Sunday of the month following the 10.30am Eucharist is gathering momentum and support. It is wonderful to see parishioners remaining behind to catch up with others, including visitors attending. We do however need some co-ordination of a roster to ensure that at least two people can arrive early, set up the upstairs foyer, bring a 2L bottle of milk, serve the tea/coffee etc...and then clean up and do the dishes and vacuum. If you are prepared to make a commitment on this roster please contact the parish office this coming week. From this it would be good to have a co-ordinating person that will take overall responsibility for this ministry.

Divine Mercy. We invite you to our prayer session every Saturday morning in the St Patrick's Chapel beginning at 10am and finishing at 11:30am. We pray for peace, our priests, our parish, the return of Catholics to the Faith and our own special intentions. It is a wonderful place and time for spiritual nourishment and commitment.

North Island Catholic Schools Commissioning Mass this rescheduled Mass is now taking place on Tuesday 14 March at 5.30pm at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St. All welcome.

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs have been distributed and are available at the back of the churches for the Bishops' 2023 Lenten Appeal. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2022 will be sent receipts for the 2022/2023 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year. Thank you for your generous support!

Holy Trinity Eastern Suburbs SVDP Conference - Your Vinnies
Once again thank you for your continued support - each can, packet, bottle and dollar that you donate is collected and sorted weekly and we aim to distribute it as soon as possible as needs arise. Here's some wonderful stories from the start of 2023:

Hawkes Bay Flood Relief: Our National Office put out the call for urgent donations following the Auckland/Northland Floods, and a fortnight later expanded that to cover the Hawkes Bay also. Our Conference was able to respond immediately with a \$1,000.00 donation.

Last week we helped a family who had an excessive car repair bill and needed some extra supplies to help make budgeting ends meet and put food on the table and in the lunch boxes. We were able to deliver fresh vegetables, milk, juice and eggs along with a big box of cans, lunchbox treats and cleaning products. And a beautiful reply: Thank you to the Vinnies team, what a blessing".

Last week we also went shopping for a range of needed cloths items and provided food for a wonderful large and caring family, at this busy and expensive time of school starting.

In January, we helped purchase a full school uniform and sports kit for a sole parent with three girls, all at different schools.

In early Feb, we helped with extra food for a young family and with clothes for their five year old starting school. Mum had to renew and replace a passport at a cost of \$400.00 and that blew the budget! We received the following text: "Thank you, I really appreciate this more than you know and I just want to say thank you for everything".

Visits and phone calls to those at home who maybe sick, lonely or just in need of a chat continue every single week.

Morning tea over 1.5 hours occurs every Wednesday at Kotuku Flats for residents, and in January we also facilitated a BBQ lunch at the flats and gave several large boxes of canned foods. We have a regular attendee who tells us: "I exist Wednesday to Wednesday waiting for my only social interaction with the outside world".

The purpose of this snapshot of activity is to give you a little flavour of what each can, packet, bottle and dollar that you give achieves when we pull it together, with your on-going prayers.

UPCOMING ROADWORKS KILBIRNIE STARTING 7TH MARCH. Please see noticeboard for upcoming roadworks on Rongotai Rd and Troy Sts. It is estimated this work will take approximately a month depending on the weather. There will be some bus detours and no parking zones while the work is in progress. *This is likely to cause delays so please allow extra time when travelling.*

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on Thursday 16th March at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets followed by supper. Topic: "Return to God - Listen to His voice" Want to know more? Ring David Monstra 027-447-7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Notices from Tipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions (Evening): Genesis – In the Beginning... Part 1: The Creation Story (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/> Part 2: Creation of Adam from Whēnua... (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/22/the-creation-of-adam/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

"Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to Jesus. He speaks to us in the Word of God and through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and stories of those who are in need. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no generous effort will be lost." Pope Francis, Twitter, 18/02/23

Current of Grace Conference 2023 at El Rancho, 24-26th March. "Receive Holy Spirit Power." Through the Holy Spirit you come to know God and experience His Love; enabling love of God, yourself and others. Register now - www.currentofgraceconference.info Speakers: Cardinal John Dew, Fr John Rae SM, Dr Mary Healy, Robert Falzon, with Archbishop Paul Martin SM celebrating final Mass. See the poster for more details

Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends for 2023 are 18 & 19 March, 19 & 20 August, and 25 & 26 November. Venue is Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington. Registrations close 2 weeks before. For more details go to the website <http://www.ccc-wellington.co.nz/> Phone: Kate and Simon Olson. Mobile 027 486 0700 or email simolsons@gmail.com

WelCom March 2023 edition is out this week Sunday, 5 March.
Contents include: "Catholic Cyclone Relief Appeals." Cardinal John Dew writes on Pope Francis Message for the 57th Day of social communications "Pope Francis' 10th anniversary as pontiffate. "Oceania bishops call for 'deeper ecological conversion'. "Wellington and Palmerston North dioceses' Catholic College awards 2022 and leaders 2023 - photo feature. "Plus, more features, local and international news and views. Young Church. The next edition of WelCom is April 2023.

Office Manager wanted for NZCBC and Catholic Enquiry Centre The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference and the Catholic Enquiry Centre are looking for an experienced Office Manager to help make our Wellington office in Thorndon Quay run smoothly. The CEC helps to make the Church more alive and Christ more known by informing and inspiring faith inquirers. The NZCBC is an agency for the national work of the Catholic bishops of Aotearoa NZ. The two agencies work closely together, side-by-side on L5, 204 Thorndon Quay. Details and to apply: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-ccc/>

Volunteer Refugee Resettlement Coordinator This volunteer role requires a commitment of up to 8 hours per week. Catholic Social Services (CSS) are looking for someone who is passionate about enabling former Refugees to get a great start in their new life in Aotearoa NZ. CSS collaborates with Red Cross, Catholic, other parishes and community groups in the Wellington area providing household goods to assist in the resettlement of people arriving into NZ via refugee pathways. he coordinator role is to ensure the smooth running of the resettlement project. It is anticipated that there will be 7 - 10 intakes across a year. For more information please contact Wellington Catholic Social Services on 043858642 or email reception@wn.catholic.org.nz

Masses have been offered for Lennie Rutten (anniv.) Euan Tullett RIP, John Fischer RIP

Let us pray for all those who are unwell especially, *M Stacey, Fr Kevin Purcell, A Connolly, L Paese, J Hunt, W Stevenson, W Quirke, E Wilkins and U Farkert.* And we pray for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community.

We also pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time including D Tilyard, D Wilson, B Krebs, P Henchan, J Tranter and M Handscomb.

SUNDAY MASS MINISTRY ROSTER - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (12 MARCH 2023)						
Ex 17:3-7		Rom 5:1-2, 5-8		Jn 4:5-42		
Prayers of the Faithful: L Bull						
Counters: R Whelan & P Palamo						
St Anthony's Church, Seatoun						
Time	Host/ Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	
5.30pm			G Kingston S Fogarty		D Johnson B Butcher J O'Connell	
Cleaning: Ashby/Waddington Families		Altar Linen: A Ablett				
Holy Cross Church, Miramar						
Time	Host/ Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	
8.30am	P Denton		B Takacs M Paasi	Lavea Family	P Palamo T Amilrano V Sinafoa	
Altar Linen: P Crotty						
St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie						
Time	Host/ Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	Commentary
10.30am	M Altard	A Greening D Smith	B Dodson B Soli	Vaka Family	D Hyland M Madar P Virtue F Va'aua A Vaka	I MacDonald
Rita Angus Communion Friday 10 March 11am - P Mazur						

Miramar Central School Food Fair

MIRAMAR CENTRAL SCHOOL

CULTURAL FOOD FAIR

HANGI PACIFIC ROTI
MEXICAN INDIAN BBQ
CHINESE CAMBODIAN
CAKES CANDYFLOSS
WAFFLES JAMS & MORE

GAMES ENTERTAINMENT RAFFLE EFTPOS

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH
5PM - 7:30PM
38 PARK ROAD MIRAMAR
PHONE : 049390684

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TAKEAWAY CONTAINERS TO HELP US REDUCE WASTE

Marsden's March Open Morning

SAMUEL MARSDEN COLLEGIATE SCHOOL - GIRLS ENTERING YEAR 9 IN 2024

Marsden School warmly invites families of girls entering Year 9 in 2024 to their first Open Morning for 2023 on Friday 10 March, 8.45am-12pm. Please register at marsden.school.nz/register

Scholarships for entry in 2024 are now open. For more information and to apply, visit marsden.school.nz/about/scholarships/

marsden.school.nz

Marsden, Inspiring Girls

Miramars Night Market

Miramar Night Market

Saturday, 11 March 2023

4pm - 9pm

Following the success of last year's very first night market in Miramar, Foxtail Events will be back again to bring you an even bigger and better experience this March!

Not only will we be showcasing a multitude of local talent from the arts and craft scene of Wellington, but we will have food trucks, coffee carts and entertainment for all!

Located at the Miramar & Maupuia Community Centre, this lovely venue built in 1911, is full of character and has great indoor and outdoor spaces for stalls, with a brand new playground for the kids to enjoy.

We will also be fundraising at this event with some raffles to raise money for Cyclone Gabrielle.

Children's Asthma Study (CARE) recruitment

CARE
the Children's Anti-inflammatory REliever Study

1 year

3 In person or Zoom visits + 2 phone calls

Inhalers provided free of charge

Asthma education

Reimbursement for data expenses

CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY
CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers. **To take part in this study you must:**

- Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- Only use a reliever inhaler

For more information, contact:

- Email:** care@mrnz.ac.nz
- Phone:** 027 327 1191 / 04 805 0201
- Web:** mrnz.ac.nz/currently-recruiting/care-study

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This study has been approved by Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee (20/NTR/200)

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