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Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter 2024

Principal's message

The last couple weeks have been busy for the senior syndicate teachers and students as they prepared to go to camp Kaitoke. I had the pleasure of attending the camp for the 3 days whilst connecting with our student leaders and new students to the school. I have been to lots of camps, but this one was special for me attending as the Principal. During camp, we focused on 3 key things;

1. Having loads of fun!
2. Our theme for the year "Kaitiakitanga"
3. Living the Holy Cross WAY!

Here are a few moments I was privileged to be a part of:

Whānau moments:

- New students creating friendships with their peers.
- Students sitting with different people at meal times and during activities.
- Everyone was invited to play games and hang out.
- Students creating connections with people they wouldn't normally hang out with.

Aroha moments:

- Current students teaching new students the Holy Cross WAY!
- Students having mana enhancing interactions with each other.
- Supporting those that found things hard like a fear of heights, the dark or being away from home.

YES! moments:

- Giving new activities a go, especially abseiling and the flying fox.
- Learning how to be away from parents at night.

- Learning how to be independent and problem solving issues like losing things, overcoming fears and how to deal with different social situations.

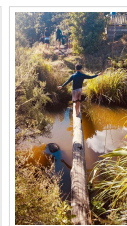
Kaitiaki moments:

- Understanding that natural resources are limited and we need to protect them. For example; short showers, not wasting food and looking after the plants and land around us.
- Protecting our own mana and the mana of others by living the Holy Cross WAY!
- Put ourselves in other people's shoes to understand what is important to them.

I would like to thank a few people. Tēnā rawa atu koutou. Our parent helpers - Bridget, Ema, Steve & Jeremy. Our teachers - Ben, Miss Petris, Mrs Stefanidis and Kate. Our families - for helping to fundraise, baking yummy treats and supporting us to be ready for camp and lastly, the students for showing Whānau, Aroha and YES! They were kind, they were inclusive and they were brave!

Ngā mihi nui,

Tala



Catholic Character - Simone Meech Acting DRS

On Monday 12th February our teachers participated in a commissioning Mass at St Mary of the Angels. Archbishop Paul and fellow priests celebrated Mass for educators from Catholic primary and secondary schools in the North Island Archdiocese of Wellington. The Mass recognised recipients in the Wellington Archdiocese who have taken up additional study and Professional Development in Catholic Education.



Ash Wednesday on 14th February marked the beginning of Lent. This is a special time before Easter where we get ready and think about our relationship with Jesus. It lasts for 40 days, just like when Jesus spent time without eating in the wilderness. Holy Cross will be using the Caritas Program caritas.org.nz to guide some of the activities that our tamaki/ children will do to prepare for lent. The Caritas theme for Lent 2024 is "The Time is Now! Ko Tēnei tonu te Wā!" As we focus on the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent, we naturally connect with God and look to serve others. It is indeed a time to renew our relationship with God and to consider practical ways we can be bearers of God's love to those around us. As Pope Francis says, "Our life is made of time and time is God's gift, and it is therefore important to make use of it by performing good and fruitful actions."



Holy Cross Strategic Plan 2024

Over the next week, we are looking to finalise our strategic plan for 2024 & 2025. Thank you to our families, teachers, staff and board members who have all contributed to the process. Here is a copy of our strategic plan in draft form. Please feel free to read this and send feedback to Matua Tala at adminstration@hcm.school.nz.

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/4263/holy_cross_school_strategic_goals_2024_2025_draft_version_.pdf

Here's what we have been doing



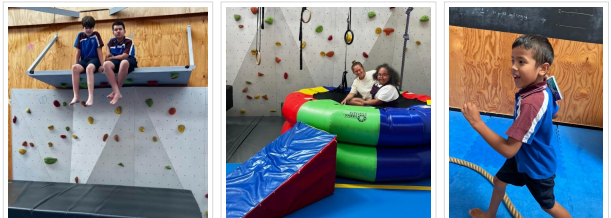
In room 7 we have had Kalypso's mum, Veronica, visiting us to teach us about Lunar New Year.

2024 is the year of the dragon. We learned about the other animals in the lunar calendar and the story about the great race to define the order of the animals. We made dragon masks and lanterns together and learned about the lucky colour red.

At the end we all got fortune cookies. They were delicious. Thanks Veronica!



On Monday's a group of students attend Bonobo Gym. We have goals around developing strength, stamina, being brave and problem solving. Students work together to figure things out and notice each others strengths. We encourage each other when things are challenging, learn new skills and we have a lot of fun!



Year 5 - 6 tech week

Here are some photos of our tech challenge and lego animation.



Garden to Table



This week in the garden we observed and described what we could see.

In the garden, I notice that the Kumera is growing and the peas that I planted last year. There are more plants than last time. More Thyme and Rosemary. The sad thing is that last time we planted sunflowers but they died. By Brooklyn

In the garden I notice that most plants grew over the Summer. I noticed these white flowers called alyssum. I also saw some zucchini and parsley. It is going to seed. Some plants are dying. By Hosanna

In the kitchen today, we were making pizza. We added Rosemary, Parsley and Sage from the garden.

Today in the kitchen I made pizza. First I poured the flour then the rice milk. Then I started to mix and stir the milk and flour. After I rolled the dough really hard until it was great. Then I put the tomato and oil on and spread it on the pizza. Then we put the pizza in the oven. By Larkham

Today we make pizza with making washing chopping sprinkling cleaning helping vacuuming drying mixing stirring. We are chopping herbs and I am sprinkling. By Nik



Room 5 Garden to Table 27th February 2024

Gardener of the day - Anira

Today my group the mushrooms were in the kitchen. Declan and Asher came to ask for apples so Zoe and I went to the Peace garden and picked up apples off the ground. We picked more apples around the garden and gave them a good wash.

I liked cutting up the a apples and eating them as well. They were juicy, crunchy and sour. There were huge as well as tiny apples.

We need to be careful in the kitchen cutting the apples. We also need to be careful in the garden when we were cutting veges and fruits. We also need to be careful not to step on any plants, veges, fruits and flowers.

I would add honey to the apple muffin recipe. I learned that you cut off the bad parts of the veges and we don't just pick the good ones.

My favourite activity was washing the apples as it made me feel refreshed and cool!

Chef of the day - Mila

Today in the kitchen we made apple muffins. Everyone was chopping up apples. Hawi was mixing flour, sugar and cinnamon all together. Amaya and Nerine were mixing eggs, oil and milk. The mixture looked like apple and caramel,

I thought it was a good recipe because it would taste delicious with all the effort put into it. I thought it was good because some of the apples we cut up were not that nice. We made them look better after though.

We need to be careful in the kitchen not to miss bits where there are bugs in the fruit or you will be eating bugs! We had to be careful not to cut our fingers. I wouldn't change anything about this recipe as it looks yum but maybe could add pineapple.

My favourite activity was cutting up the apple. Seeing the apples rotten, mouldy and fresh made me happy.

Inspire Photography

Just a quick note from Inspire Photography. Soon the photo gallery will go online. This is where whānau can view and order their favourite photos. The first two weeks of the ordering period will be for fundraising for our school and 10% of all sales will go back to our school.

A couple of weeks after this ordering period closes, the orders will be delivered to school.

The gallery will remain up for one year, so don't stress about missing the deadline, however the fundraising period for our school is only available for the first 2 weeks so we would really appreciate you ordering photos in this period.

Archdiocese of Wellington

Attendance Dues are the compulsory property and insurance fee which parents and caregivers legally commit to pay when they enrol their child(ren) in a Catholic school.

The dues are used to pay for the costs of new school classrooms, gymnasiums, technology blocks and other buildings, pay off existing mortgages and pay for the insurance on all school property.

The Archdiocese of Wellington collects attendance dues on behalf of the proprietors of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

- Phone: 0800 462 725
- Email: dues@wn.catholic.org.nz
- Text: 021 089 07902

Financial assistance is available to families experiencing financial hardship (loss of income/redundancy, family reasons, etc.). It is a condition of the assistance application that the family has an affordable regular payment in place.

Please contact the school office for information about applying for a rebate of attendance dues.

SchoolDocs

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/4260/quick_guide_to_schooldocs_for_the_school_community.pdf

Birthday Celebrations

Wishing the following students a very *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*:

Lilith, Mary, Ruby, Zac G & Jonathan.



Community News

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/4222/msp_2024_1.4_page_banner.pdf

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/4261/flyer_details_2024.pdf

Girls and Women

PLAY. DREAM. LIVE

FREEBIES & GIVEAWAYS!
FOOTBALL/FUTSAL
FERNS VISITS!

WELLINGTON GIRLS FUTSAL FESTIVAL

Monday 25th March | 9:30am - 2:30pm
Year 3-4 | Year 5-6 | Years 7-8
Ākau Tangi Sports Centre
\$25 per team

REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL TODAY!
Due to popular demand, entries are capped so be in quick!
For more information, please email sandy@capitalfootball.org.nz

Register teams at www.capitalfutsal.org.nz/team-registration

Opportunity for Families to Meet the Hurricanes

As Summer sports start to wrap up WRFU would like to give our communities an opportunity to meet some of our local Rugby Heros. Next week our Hurricane players will be out and about in the local clubs.



For anychild/parent who is keen to register for rugby this season.

<https://www.wrfu.co.nz/junior/player-registrations>

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