



Term 1 Week 7 Newsletter

Bishop Paul Martin

On Saturday 3 March Father Paul Martin was ordained Bishop of Christchurch. Bishop Paul will be known to many of you from his time as rector of St Patrick's College, Kilbirnie during which time he visited Holy Cross many times.

We cannot help but be inspired by such a deep commitment in service to God. Pope Francis' favourite image of the priest is of *'one who is anointed so as to anoint others with the oil of gladness. The anointing which a priest receives at his ordination is not meant just for himself: it is to flow through him to those he serves. So at the heart of the priesthood is joy, a humbling joy received from God and a joy to be shared with others.'*

Bishop Paul is a wonderful example of someone who shares joy with others and we can fully expect that he will inspire the wider Christchurch community as they come to know him through his generous and faithful service. We understand that we are all given gifts and talents and that we are called to act accordingly and live each day for the greater good. We are called to be a light for Christ to others. We pray that each of us will respond to this call with joy. God bless Bishop Paul and each of us in our service to God.

Important Dates

Thursday 15th March
Year 4-8 Learning Conferences
School finishes at 2:30pm for all students

Friday 23rd March
School Assembly 11:30am

Thursday 29th March
Easter School Liturgy

Tuesday 3rd April
Good Friday **NO SCHOOL**

Thursday 5th April
Learning Conferences
School finishes at 2:30pm for all students

Friday 6th April
End of Term 1 - School holidays

Monday 30th April
Term 2 begins

IMPORTANT!!!!

Conference dates they are now being held on Thursday 15th March and Thursday 5th April

LEARNING CONFERENCES for Year 4-8 students are being held on **Thursday 15th March** and on **Thursday 5th April** to book an interview with your child's teacher go to the www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and type in the code **wck6j**. 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 15th March and Thursday 5th April**.

Year 0 – Year 3: If your child is in year 0 -3 your teacher will contact you to book a meeting in line with your child's anniversary reporting. However, school will finish at 2:30pm for these students too.



A big Happy Birthday to:
Georgia Clark on Sunday,
Tristan Hausser on Monday,
Tineia Letoa-Soli on Wednesday.



Year 7 & 8 students
"Try Something New" -
miming in Drama Class
as part of the part of
William Pike Challenge

Mounga Head Chef - Garden to Table

Home Garden: Mo'unga- Mostly we've been growing an apple tree, potatoes and silver beet. Every day I check to see whether things need watering- I am learning to notice the signs they need watering

Ashwrina: We have a garden in the backyard and one in the front. We have been growing tomatoes in the garden- cherry tomatoes. We also have trees and flowers. I would like to find out the names of these.

Kitchen Information: Mo'unga I have learnt that you must always wash your hands when preparing food- so then the germs can't get on the food and make people sick.

Ashwrina: When you hold a knife, to keep safe you hold it by the handle not the blade

Garden Information Mounga:: If a plant looks droopy give it some water. Most plants you water at the bottom because if you water the leaves the water evaporates but at the bottom it goes to the roots.

Ashwrina: It is good to wear gloves to protect your hands in the garden

My favourite GTT dish: Mounga: so far would be the zucchini muffins.

Ashwrina: crumble with, bananas and pear. It was healthy because it has no added sugars.

My favourite food is Mounga: oven cooked chicken with potatoes and broccoli.

Ashwrina: biryani- chicken or meatballs or just lots of potatoes and vegetables. The rice is usually yellow but it can be red.



FAREWELL FOR NOW

We farewell Sio Telefoni who is leaving Holy Cross School to go and live in Tonga until later this year. We wish her well and know that this will be a wonderful experience for her. We look forward to welcoming her back before the end of the year.

Parents' Support Group Update

Easter Raffle

You will have received your pink sheet of raffle tickets. Please return the whole sheet to the office with the money when you sell it (more ticket sheets available if required).

Thanks to those who have already dropped a raffle item into the office for the Easter hampers. We'd appreciate it if each family could make a donation of a 'luxury' item – ideas for items are on the front of the raffle sheet. Thank you for supporting this popular fundraiser. A prize will go to the family who sells the most tickets so please don't forget to write your name on the bottom of the ticket sheet.

International Food Fair

Mark the date in your diary – **FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER** (not November as advised last week). There will be an opportunity for everyone to be involved and we happily welcome extra hands. More details to follow.

Entertainment Books

We are selling Entertainment Books again this year. They are a good fundraiser and make a fantastic gift (eg. Mother's Day is coming up and you can buy them for cities around New Zealand and Australia). You can pre-order your 2018/19 book now through this link:

www.entbook.co.nz/943q153. If you would like a poster for your workplace to encourage your colleagues to buy through our link, please email us psg@hcm.school.nz.