



# Term 1 Week 8 Newsletter

## CATHOLIC CHARACTER



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SHARE

Yesterday morning we gathered together to pray for peace in our world. We prayed for those who lost their lives or were injured in Christchurch on Friday. We prayed for their families, friends and the Muslim community, we prayed for the people of Christchurch and all of NZ at this sad time.

We continue to stand together as a Community united in love and care, with a commitment to ensuring our words and actions are those of kindness .

We invite you to share these prayers, which we have written, with your families:

- We pray for those who lost their lives in Christchurch on Friday... they were loved members of their families and communities, who will be sadly missed; may they rest in peace, Amen.
- We pray for those who have been hurt, may they experience love and care on their journey to wellness. Lord hear us.
- We ask for God's loving blessing on the families, friends and communities of those who lost their lives or were injured on Friday; may they experience love and support both now and in the future, Lord hear us.
- Lord, we give thanks for the people who work to help others: doctors, nurses, firefighters, police, and many others. We thank you for the courage and compassion they show. Lord hear us.
- We pray for our leaders, may they make courageous and wise decisions and may the messages they share be respected by all, Lord hear us.
- Lord, we know that you want us to be loving toward all people, may our words and actions be those of kindness at all times, We pray for peace and unity in our country and the world in which we live, today and always, Amen.

## Important Dates

**Thursday 21st MARCH 6PM**  
BOT meeting

**Friday 22nd MARCH** Whole school evacuation practice

**Monday 25th MARCH**  
Teacher Only Day (no school)

**Monday 1st APRIL** PSG meeting 7pm staffroom

**Friday 5th APRIL** Little Angels playgroup

**Friday 12th APRIL-** End of Term 1  
School holidays begin

**Friday 19th APRIL** Good Friday

**Sunday 21st APRIL** Easter Sunday

**Thursday 25th APRIL** Anzac Day

**Monday 29th APRIL** Term 2 begins

School newsletters are available on the school website [www.hcm.school.nz](http://www.hcm.school.nz)

**Friday 22 March Earthquake/ Tsunami Evacuation Drill**

**Monday 25 March TEACHER ONLY DAY:  
Children do not come to school on this day.**

### Helping children and young people to stay safe

Parents and teachers can help young people feel safe by:

- Providing reassurance and keeping to routines
- Staying calm and promoting a calm environment
- Doing enjoyable things together
- Taking time to listen and talk

Be guided by their questions, provide factual but age appropriate responses. Children and young people do not always talk about their feelings readily- ask them if they are feeling worried.

We have reminded our students that we have things in place to help keep us safe at school. We regularly have fire drills, earthquake and tsunami evacuation drills and we practice lockdown drills. We explained to students that of the jobs we have as teachers is to keep them safe at school and their family's job is to keep them safe at home- and we will always work together to do this.

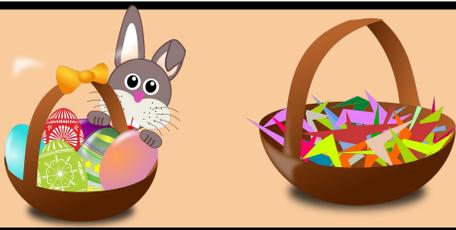
**Please check our website and facebook page for further information and links.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy birthday to Nalika, Joseph, Mia, Jonathan and Tinea

**Seasons for Growth**, parent programme: an opportunity to find out more about ways to support children through challenging times associated with separation or other life changing events. Open to all parents and to be run at times best suited to your availability. Contact the office or email [administration@hcm.school.nz](mailto:administration@hcm.school.nz)



## PSG Easter Raffle

With this newsletter you will also receive information about the Easter Raffle, along with your tickets to sell. Tickets are only \$2 and you will be in to win a hamper full of luxury items!!

To support this fundraiser we are asking families to donate one luxury item to the school office by Friday 5 April. Examples include Easter goodies, plunger coffee, luxury hot chocolate, a \$10 supermarket or Warehouse voucher, a special non-perishable food item etc. No alcohol please. Thank you for your support!

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to fireman Tom Dunn who visited rooms 7,8 and 12 last Tuesday and taught us how to keep ourselves safe and what to do in the event of a fire. Remember to **GET DOWN, GET OUT and STAY OUT!**

Fireman Tom returned with his crew and a Firetruck on Thursday to demonstrate the tools and equipment Firefighters use.



# GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

Today in the Garden the children discovered that some bugs have been eating our plants, so they embarked on a bug hunt.

They removed some small caterpillars which they have left on the table for the birds to eat. They have a bug book so are trying to identify the other bugs they find. A number of plants have turned to seed so the children are saving the seeds and will replant them later in the year.

It's a delight to see these classes in action, the students are totally engaged and developing wonderful life skills.

We would love to have more adult support so if you or anyone in your family would like to come along and help you would be welcome, no experience necessary!



### COMMUNITY NOTICE

Marist St Pats junior rugby has built one of Wellington's proudest and most successful sports clubs. The club is about children enjoying their sport and developing their skills. If your child is interested in playing you can register online at [www.sporty.co.nz/msprugbyjnr/2019](http://www.sporty.co.nz/msprugbyjnr/2019) or attend the registration days at the MSP indoor gym on Wednesday 20th March 5pm-6.30pm or Sunday 7th April 11am-2pm



## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Max Reynolds who won a silver medal in the beach flag event at the Surf Life Saving Nationals at Mount Maunganui weekend of 7-10 March. Well done Max!