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Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter 2024

Principal's message

Message from the Principal - Week 9, Term 1.

Kia ora e te whānau,

Stepping into the principal role, I knew that things would be hectic and that I would be living in a world of learning new things daily just like our kids and staff. Normally, we look at what our tamariki have been learning in our newsletters. Today, I want to show what our staff have been learning to better the education of our students.

This term, our lovely staff have been a part of some personal development (PD) training with Sarah Thomas. We have focused on two key things (in teacher talk these things are):

1. Creating Culturally Sustaining Practices (CSP) through Relational Based Learning (RBL) pedagogies and
2. Understanding and using student feedback and feed forward to identify how we can elevate our teaching.

So what does this mean? It means that our teachers are learning to do two important things in their class:

1. Create strong relationships with our students so we can teach them in their world.
2. We need to listen to our students to see if how we are teaching works.

Throughout the term the teachers have been putting the theory into practice by using learning walls. A learning wall is a place that children can clearly see;

- What they are learning now,
- What the next step is in their learning,
- Examples of their learning and important things they need to know.

Throughout the year, teachers will refine their practices and learn how to set up learning walls for different areas of the curriculum. Well done to our kaiako (teachers) for giving this a go and continuing to strengthen their practice. Here are some of the learning walls.





Over the next five days we get the chance to rest, reflect and enjoy time with our families. Please take this time to enjoy lots of family time, relaxation and reflection. For me specifically, I get to prepare for the coming of a new pēpē (baby). Lucy and I would like to say a big thank you to all the families, staff and students that check in regularly to see how we are going and for the wonderful presents too. We will make sure we keep the community updated on the baby news.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tala

Catholic character

Sacramental Program

Last Sunday, on Palm Sunday, some of our tamariki who are taking part in the sacramental program this year, received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Patrick's Church. First they attended mass at St Patrick's Church for a couple of weeks, followed by the childrens' program which prepared them for the sacrament. As part of this preparation the children created a banner each to show who they are and what is important in their lives.

Congratulations to Haven Fitu, Angelia Setefano, Avery Kameta- Paese, Terissa Paese, Moana Sullivan, Cleo Te Huia and Zoe Govender who have taken another step in their sacramental journey.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Through this sacrament the Church celebrates Jesus' gift of forgiveness. We are reconciled with God, with the Church, and with the people we have hurt. There are three essential "acts" required of the penitent: an act of contrition, the act of confessing one's sin, and the act of making satisfaction which is commonly called the "penance".

Many prayers express contrition

There is no one formula for the Act of Contrition. In fact, there are many Act of Contrition prayers that can be used either for personal prayer or within the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are free to choose traditional prayers, or create one of our own.

Example: Act of Contrition

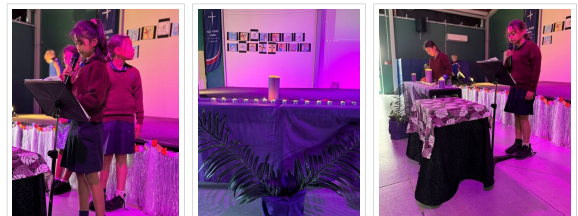
My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen



St Patrick's Day celebrations



Holy Week Photos





BOT Vacancy

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Easter Raffle results

Mōrena team,

Thank you for all your help with making our raffle to be the success that it has been!

This year will see us break last year's records and we will let you know the final tally once all the cash/online payments have come in. Currently we are sitting just upwards of \$3500.

Thank you Tala and friends for helping to draw the winners this morning. Please find the list of winners below.

First Prize - Sina - Isabella M

Second Prize - Terissa P

Third Prize - Ashers Grandma Maria S

Fourth Prize- Lisa - Maraia P (Terissa)

Fifth Prize - Allexia L - Tinale

Sixth Prize - Skyler and Tyler - Amalia

Seventh Prize - Janet K

We have been blown away by the amazing efforts of our tamariki and how they have taken up the challenge of saying "yes" to the selling of raffle tickets. Tino Pai!

We want to recognize the efforts of those tamariki that have gone over and beyond.

Well done and thank you to

Asher, Amalia and Ali S - 39 sheets!

Terissa P

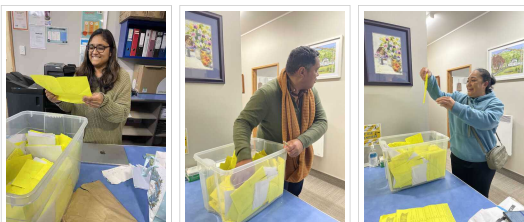
Alexia

Anira

Shout outs to

Zoe, Ryder and Hendrix, Mila and Reef, Rohan, Angelia and Moana

From The Parents' Group



What is happening in Room 3,7,8, & 11

Room 3 Hikoi around Seatoun

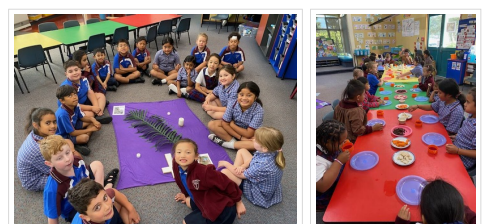
On our field trip, we did lots of things. First, we split up into our car groups and we drove to Churchill Park. The parent helpers were Kathy, Esher, Sophie, Dharmistha, Lyn, Sonya and Remon. Then we went to a spot and had morning tea. After that, we had a little play. Then we went into our walking groups. We listened to the sound of the waves splashing onto Kirikiri-Tatangi. Then, we went to this really high place, where we labelled Te Aroaro-o-Kupe, Te Au a Tane, Oruaiti Pā, Matiu Island, Mokopuna Island, Mākaro Island and Kirikiri-Tatangi. The really high place was called Oruaiti Pā. Then, we walked to Breaker Bay beach where Esher talked about seaweed. Then, we walked all the way back to Churchill Park. We had another play and we ate some ice blocks. Finally, we got into our car groups and drove back to Holy Cross. By Rory



Room 7

In room 7 we started Holy Week with prayers about Palm Sunday. Even though Jesus was "King of Kings" (Rev 19:16) he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey instead of a horse. People welcomed Him by calling out "Hosanna!" and honored Him by waving palm branches and putting their cloaks on the ground for Jesus to ride on.

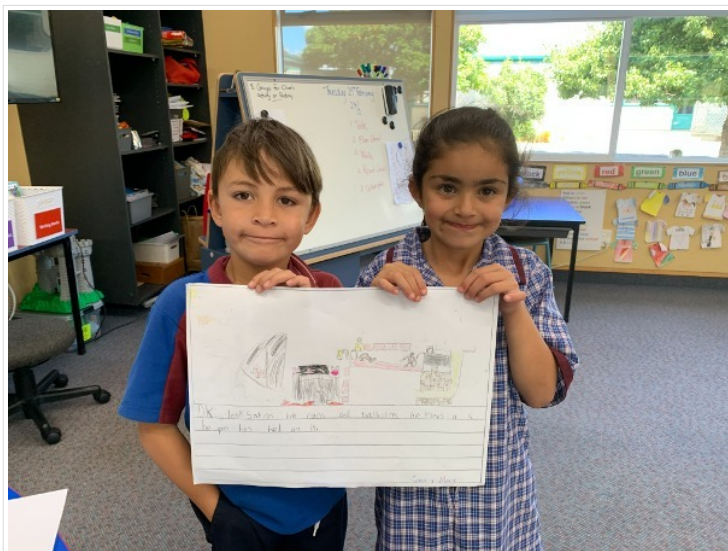
We learned that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples to teach them an example to follow: to serve one another. We then celebrated the last supper and heard the words that Jesus gave his disciples when he blessed and shared bread and wine in order to remember him: "This is my blood... this is my body". Some of our student dressed up as disciples and we all shared bread and red juice.



Room 7 has been learning about the history of Holy Cross School and The Past and Present of Miramar.

On 11th March we went on a walk through Miramar to visit places of historical significance.

Some of the places we learned about were St Aidan's Church, Holy Cross Church, New World, Gasworks and the Cutting. We particularly focused on how the Roxy Cinema changed over time. It was purpose built as The Capitol Theatre in 1928 to screen silent films, repurposed in the 60s as a shopping centre and in 2011 renovated to house the current cinema. We compared old photos with the present buildings and landmarks and learned how to read a map. The children were quite impressed when they walked through The Cutting, which was constructed in the 1900s.



Room 11

Room 11 have been learning all about the story of Easter and the order of events in Holy Week. We have used art to help think about the story and today we acted out the Last Supper.



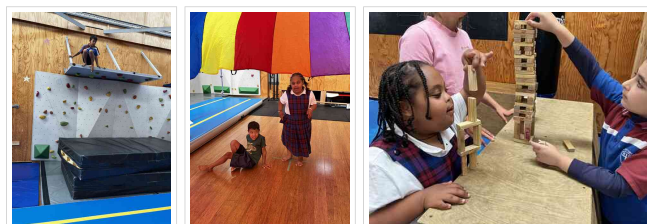
Room 8

We continue to be proud of the students in Room 8. They make very good decisions during the school day, follow our classroom rules and put in their best efforts when working. The children have been very reverent during our Holy Week learning and celebrations. Here are some photos of the shared writing the children completed. Sometimes we also have older children in helping us, which is great. Enjoy!



Bonobo visits

We have been really dialling up our perseverance and problem solving skills at Bonobo this term. Not to mention amazing team work. All tamariki have been trying new things and developing resilience around new challenges. Each week we are impressed by the can do attitude from our tamariki, they're embodying the Holy Cross Value of Yes and it is wonderful to see. In case you're wondering we can assure you, from personal experience, that the platform is really high, the tamariki make it look very easy!!



Uke a Dupa

Take a crazy carnival weekend on Cuba Street, add a bunch of people playing the ukulele, include some tamariki who can keep the beat and sing a tune and what do you get? Uke a Dupa! What a fun event that 12 wonderful tamariki made it to from Room 3 on Sunday. We sang, we paraded and we danced till we dropped and we just might do it again next year!

Thanks to whānau who supported us and made a great live audience and the NZ ukulele trust for making the event happen.



Swimming term 2



Swimming for middle and junior classes will start in the first week of term 2 on Friday 3rd May 2024.

Children will need to bring to school their togs, towel, goggles if needed in a bag each Friday.

The junior classes Room 7, 8 and 11 will swim from 12.30-1.30pm and the middle classes Room 3 and 5 will swim from 1.30-2.30pm. The children will be transported to and from the pool by bus.

Senior students Room 1 and 2 will swim in Term 3.

Garden to Table



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Today in the kitchen we made Green Fritters. The gardeners harvested green leaves and herbs and put them in the woven harakeke kono (containers) to take to the kitchen.

In the garden, we scraped white butterfly eggs from the leaves so that when they hatch they won't eat our food.

In our class, we are working on descriptive vocabulary. We practiced naming nouns and adding adjectives. See some of our sentences below.

Jessica and Charlotte were cleaning the dirty dishes in the sink. By Thinbeth

I found white butterfly eggs on baby plants. By Cleo

Me and Niki and Nitya were chopping green herbs on wooden chopping boards. By Aarav

I pulled out green herbs carefully. By Avery

Me and Thinbeth and Jessica used measuring cups for the flour and milk. By Nyakua

Nitya was vacuuming the dirty floor. By Jessica

Me and Charlotte were mixing the gluten-free fritters fast. By Larkham

We scraped off the white eggs. By Gabby.

I ate the juicy apple. By Niki

We each had to collect one leafy silverbeet plant. By Rory



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Sports term 2

Reminder to bring back forms before or straight after Easter (Week 10)

Sports available in Term 2 are:

Basketball Year 3-4

Basketball Year 5-6 (girls and mixed)

Basketball Year 7-8

Netball Year 5-6

Netball Year 7-8

Currently we have enough players for:

Year 5-6 Netball (2 teams), Year 5-6 Girls Basketball, mixed Year 5-8 boys Basketball with Y5-6 playing up in Y7-8 grade.

We need more players for Year 7-8 netball (we have 4) and Year 3-4 Basketball (we have 3).

If your child is interested in Basketball or Netball please see Clare to get a form.

Prices of each team will be advised once numbers are finalised

Birthday Celebrations



Celebrating their Birthday over the next couple of weeks, are the following students:

Cleo, Olani and Angelia.

Have a wonderful day celebrating your special day.

Cell phone policy

As you may be aware the Government has introduced regulations that require all state schools to put in place school rules regarding the use of phones. The regulations require that

schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunch time and breaks.

International research indicates that phones in schools are not conducive for learning and for student wellbeing. Therefore, these regulations have been put in place to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying. We understand that phones may need to be used before and after school times and will allow them to be at school for this purpose only.

Our approach remains the same as it has been and will be included in our SchoolDocs procedures and policies. All phones are collected by the classroom teacher and taken to the office, phones are returned to classrooms at the end of the day. In the event of an emergency and evacuation, the office staff will take all student phones with them.

If students do not hand in their phones and this is discovered, parents will be contacted and will need to collect the phone from school.

We ask parents/caregivers to speak to their child about these rules and reinforce the expectations of the school. Thank you.

Holy Trinity Parish newsletter

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Subway lunches now online



Order Subway Online

From next Term, online ordering will be available for Friday Subway lunches. Orders must be placed no later than 9am Friday, same day as delivery

Once you have set up an account, you are able to save your order for quick and easy ordering.

Cash payments can still be taken by the office should this be your preference.

Lunches will continue to be delivered by 12:30pm

Online Subway pricing

4 inch Subway (Ham, Beef, Vege, Turkey) \$4.50

4 inch Subway (Chicken) \$5.00

6 inch Subway (Ham) \$6.60

6 inch Subway (Beef and Turkey) \$7.30

6 inch Subway (Vege) \$5.50

6 inch Subway (Chicken strips) \$7.50

If you have any questions please email the psg at psg@hcm.school.nz.

Well Homes

Very simply, criteria for eligibility is Low Income (Community Services Card) and tamariki in the whare. I don't check CSC's, if a family believe they are low income and are reaching out for support then we'll see them. If it's a family home but have moko frequently stay, as long they're low income, CSC then we can visit too.

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Community News



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April Holiday Computer Classes.

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays at our Wellington City location for ages 5 to 16.

- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods and Servers

- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python, Java.
- Code and Create 3D Games
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Online Safety and Privacy

Information & bookings: grandtraining.co.nz or call 499-2211



The Total Touch Holiday Programme is ready to roll out these school holidays!

Proudly supported by Royal Roofing, Total Touch offer a 3 day holiday programme focusing on upskilling players from 5-14 Years old; in touch, the AWHI principles and having lots of fun along the way.

With key coaches, including TNZ Community Coaching Director and 4 x World Cup Gold Medallist- George Jahnke, Wellington Touch Senior Coaches- Mitch Bialy and Ike Tapine, these 3 days will be loaded with valuable content, skills and laughter.

Offering a specialised Under 14 programme this time around as well- we invite players from 5-14 years to join us these holidays- but get in quick- places are limited!

Upcoming Holiday Programme Dates

15, 17 and 18 April - NOTE no session on the 16th of April From 9-3pm at Petone Rugby Clubrooms- Udy Street, Petone Just \$30 a day

Register

here- <https://totaltouch.fmweb.nz/april-holiday-programme>



You are invited to attend a FREE TRIAL CLASS.

This will give you a excellent introduction into the self defence and safety awareness benefits of karate training. Beginner kids

Choose your free trial from these classes and dates

<p>Friday, 29th March</p> <p>Johnsonville, 6-6.45pm Titahi Bay, 5.30-6.15pm</p>	<p>Saturday, 30th March</p> <p>Johnsonville, 9-9.45am Waterloo, 9-10am Paraparaumu, 10-10.45am</p>
<p>Sunday, 31st March</p> <p>Johnsonville, 9-9.45am Karori, 10.30-11.30am Whitby, 10-11am Waikanae, 10-10.45am</p>	<p>Monday, 1st April</p> <p>Johnsonville, 6-6.45pm Miramar, 5.30-6.30pm Petone, 6-7pm Silverstream, 6.15-7.15pm Waikanae, 6-7pm</p>

To book in, simply scan the QR code. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Junior Have A Go Day at Wellington Hockey!

As we gear up for the open grade opening weekend, we're thrilled to host a special session aimed at introducing new junior players to the joys of hockey. Our goal is to foster enthusiasm for the sport while providing a fun and welcoming environment for young participants.

Here are the details of the event:

- 6th of April
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- National Hockey Stadium
- Ages 5-12 / Years 1-8

This session is designed for those who are curious about hockey and would like to give it a try. We believe it's a fantastic opportunity for kids to explore the sport, learn new skills, and make friends in the process.

We genuinely appreciate your support in promoting youth participation in hockey and look forward to potentially welcoming new players from your school community. Should you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your attention, and we hope to see some of your students at our Junior Have A Go Day!



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