

# School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 1 3rd May 2017

Welcome back to school, Term 2 2017. What an amazing start to the year we had in Term 1. We hope you enjoyed the newsletter we shared, with many wonderful photographs to 'tell our story'.

We are extremely proud of the programmes for learning we provide as we know they equip our students very well for the ever changing world in which we live.

For the first few weeks of this term all classes are working to create beautiful tiles for our pou Māori; we will have an official unveiling of these before the end of term.

A newsletter, which will outline key learning foci, dates and events, will be coming home later this week.

## CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

At the end of last term we sent our students off for the term break with an invitation to reflect daily on the question, 'How have I made the world a better place?'

Answering this question provides a powerful way for us focus on matters of importance; it invites us to be mindful of others, those close to us as well as those further away. Let's continue to do this.

In the gospel reading coming Sunday Jesus tells us a parable in which he is the gate which takes us to God. At the end of the reading Jesus says, "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

Living life to the full doesn't mean having all the latest toys or the most fashionable clothes or the biggest house.

And it doesn't even mean just having all the things we need in life, like enough food and somewhere safe to live, although this is a really important part of living life to the full.

It also means being the best person that we can be, living our lives well and having the chance to use all our gifts and talents for the good of all. By using and sharing our gifts and talents we will indeed help to make the world a better place.

This week we invite you to sit down at the dinner table and each night acknowledge and celebrate the gifts and talents of one member of your family.

# Welcome

A very warm welcome to the new students and their families who have joined the Holy Cross School Community this week. Please take time to introduce yourself to Rosa in Room 5, Jonathan, Toby and Mya who have all started as new entrants in Room 12.



To: Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthday over the school holidays; Vianna, Astyn and Lily T. Also Happy Birthday to Julianna Del Pena for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Malachi for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## TE REO



### Karakia

*Kia hora te marino*

*May peace be wide-spread*

*Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana*

*May the sea be like greenstone*

*Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei*

*A pathway for us all this day*

*Aroha atu, aroha mai*

*Give love, receive love*

*Tātou i a tātou katoa*

*Let us show respect for each other.*

# A few reminders

## ROAD SAFETY:

Please keep in your prayers the family and school of the seven year old Gisborne child who was tragically hit by a vehicle after school yesterday. We will send a message through to the school on behalf of the Holy Cross community.

Next week is Road Safety Week, and we will be sending home a TIPS sheet for you to complete with your child(ren), inviting you to revise road safety around the school. Please make the time to work through this with your child and please be very mindful of others when dropping off or picking up children here at school.

## CONCERNS

At Holy Cross we aim to maintain honest and open channels of communication. If you have a concern or problem regarding your child the following process is to be followed, firstly, speak with your child's class teacher. If the problem persists make an appointment to speak with the Deputy Principal of your child's



syndicate. If the problem is still not resolved, make an appointment to speak with the principal.

Under no circumstances are parents to discipline other people's children. **School matters will be dealt with at school.**

## TOILET UPGRADE:

As you can see, the toilet upgrade is well underway. It is hoped that the work will be complete by the end of the month, in the meantime please continue to keep your children well clear of the worksite at all times.



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

In Term 2 & 3 girls must wear their winter uniform of tunic, white polo shirt and maroon jersey with either white socks or navy blue tights and black shoes (leather shoes keep children's feet dry). The tunics or senior girls skirts can be purchased from the warehouse in Lyall Bay. The senior girls blouses and boys shirts can be purchased through the school office. We also have new stock of school jackets for sale in the school office.

## Sports News

### BADMINTON AND MINIBALL

This is a reminder that Badminton and Miniball start next week so please make sure that you have paid your fee to the school office by the end of this week. If you have any questions please talk to Mr Ross.

### MOTU KAIRANGI NETBALL

Holy Cross School has two teams entered into the Moti Kairangi Netball Satellite competition. The season begins next Saturday. Coaches will be in touch with teams regarding training sessions.

We require one family to take responsibility for the weekly BBQ pickups from Pak 'n' Save for this term. Please let Mrs Graham-Mika know if you are able to assist.

# Congratulations

A big congratulations to Macy Cook ex Holy Cross pupil and sister of Evie Cook in Room 1. Over the Easter Break Macy won one of the top awards in the world of New Zealand ballet; an Alana Haines Award of \$5,000 which she will put towards her dancing, and a four week summer scholarship at the San Francisco Ballet Theatre in the USA. Macy is the first part-time student and Wellingtonian to win since the prestigious event was set up in 1991.



## GARDEN TO TABLE

The winter garden will soon be supplying us with vegetables for the weekly cooking sessions. Check out our delicious recipes and photos on the Holy Cross Facebook page.

We are always keen to have more volunteers. Please let the office know or email marja@hcm.school.nz if you have a few spare hours on a Tuesday morning.



## NEW PSG MEETING DATE

The next PSG Meeting will be held on Monday night 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.



Vote for us to receive a share of \$4,000 from the Station in Miramar. Holy Cross is one of the four groups being supported through Good in the Hood at Z Miramar. That means we'll get a share of \$4,000—but how much depends on how many votes we get. To vote for us, all you need to do is buy something from Z Miramar during May and you'll be given an orange token to put in the voting box (or if you're a Z card holder, you'll get two votes!).

So please head down to Z Miramar during May and vote for us! You can also support us by encouraging people you know to vote too. Thanks for your support!

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Wellington Entertainment Book offers loads of savings for cafes, restaurants and activities – lots of 25% discounts or two for one deals. At \$65, it represents great value. It is available in book or digital form (the digital option can go across two devices) and the school benefits from each sale. A great Mother's Day gift for nanna or birthday gift for a family member.

You can also buy for family and friends in other parts of New Zealand through our link. Order your book online [entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/943q153](http://entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/943q153) or you can order a hard copy book at the office.

## WELLINGTON MARATHON

The Wellington Marathon is on 18 June 2017 and includes a Kids Magic Mile with major spot prizes from Mizuno and Thermatech, girls and boys mountain bikes, plus family travel on Bluebridge. Every Heart Racer receives a Heart Racer dry-fit running t-shirt, regular newsletter with training /nutrition /fundraising advice, an online fundraising page, plus a FitBit Surge for those who raise over \$750! [everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017](http://everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017)