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Term 2 Week 11 Newsletter 2020

Principal's Message

As each day unfolds I try to be mindful of those around me and be present to the moment; pausing at times to notice my surroundings, giving thanks for the many blessings I receive and offer a quiet thought or prayer for someone in need. Last night I walked up the zigzag at the end of Athens Street and paused at the top to enjoy the beautiful sunset as I looked down on Miramar.



I endeavour each day to learn something new, or reflect on my learning or new understandings.

In my office, I have a picture of some of our students around which I have written key words and phrases that guide my actions, some of these include: celebrate learning and be joyful; link learning to real-life authentic contexts; track learning to set next steps, know they learner...engage thy learner; think about what matters most- what will make the biggest difference; inspire a love of learning...

We are all given the opportunity to make a difference to others. Each morning, at the gate I see so many wonderful examples of students and adults, Living the Holy Cross Way. This week I would especially like to encourage an awareness of others.

We might show this by holding open a gate, greeting those we meet or see and stopping to talk.... These may seem like small actions but they make a big difference.

Have a wonderful week everyone.





Catholic Character

"God looked at everything he had made and was very pleased." Genesis

The importance of caring for our world is something for us to consider each and every day. It will remain a theme in our communications with you throughout the year. The letter from Pope Francis, Laudato Si', presents us with an invitation, a challenge, to show love for the world and love for our neighbour. This ties in beautifully with one of our school initiatives, "Living the Holy Cross WAY"; what does this mean to us and how we will accept this challenge?

The following prayer was published in Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'.

It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator. We invite you to read this prayer and consider all the opportunities we have to care for our earth and each other.

A prayer for our earth

All powerful God,

you are present in the universe

and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,

that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned

and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty,

not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united

with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,

for justice, love and peace.

https://cafod.org.uk/Education/

Secondary-and-youth-resources/Care-for-our-common-home

https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Laudato-Si-animation



Staff Only Day

We remind you that next Friday, 3 July is a staff only day. This means that our school term will finish on Thursday 2 July at 3:00pm.

Historic Lockdown Reports- Wellbeing and Celebration of Learning

Next week your child will be coming home with his or her completed Wellbeing and Celebration of Learning Report. Thank you for sending through your family comments; these will make the reports extra special. If you have not had a chance to complete your comment yet we ask that you do this before the end of this week- if you have any problems please speak directly with your child's teacher who will add the comments for you.

The questions are:

What did you learn about your child during lockdown?

What do you think are your child's greatest strengths?

What is something your family did during lockdown that you would like to continue with?

Is there anything else that you would like to write on your child's report that you are proud of during Term 2?

If you have not responded to these questions please email your response to administration@hcm.school.nz

Be sure to include your childs name and class.

Due to the size of the report and the format, some comments may need to be summarised but teachers will work hard to record the essence of what you have shared.

Congratulations to the Semu Family whose won the lucky prize draw for completing the whanau section of the report. They won a package with four books and CDs- The Wonkey Donkey's honkey-tonkey all-time FAVOURITE HITS- well done!



Happy Birthday

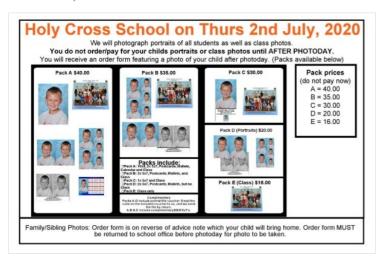


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Arnav, Ting, Laura- we hope you have a wonderful birthday!

School Memories

On Friday your child will bring home an advice notice about school photos and how to order these.

School photos will be taken on Thursday 2nd July. Please ensure your child wears clean uniform, long hair is tied back and off the face, school shoes are clean.



Garden to Table



Chef of the Day - Mikey

In today's session we made Green and Cheese Fritters with Aleksandra. I was one of the people that finely chopped the vegetables and set up the tables. I think that sugar with the fritters would be fantastic and hope I can eat all of the fritters. Thanks to Jude for helping us to bake the fritters. Jude is Maggie's grandmother and we hope we can see her again.



Gardener of the Day- Charles

Today in the Garden we learnt to grow new plants. This is called propagation. I learned that you can grow plants in different ways - by cutting, by runners and seeds. Today we turned the compost and we pulled weeds. We made some cuttings by cutting the stem and then we put them into the pumice mix. Now we will wait. Thank you Cilla for your help in the garden today too.





Uniform Update



Just to let you know we have made the decision to move all our uniform sales to NZUniforms from term 3. The reason for this move is to make things simpler and more stream lined for parents and a one stop shop.

The uniform will remain unchanged, NZUniforms also stock shoes, school bags, sports equipment, can screen print on site and provide alterations to uniforms if necessary. We feel confident NZUniforms will look after us well and we have an added bonus of one of our parents working there too!

The uniform shop is located:

NZ Uniforms Wellington 168 Thorndon Quay, Wellington, phone - 04 2384727,

email - wellington@nzuniforms.com

NZ Uniforms – web store Further details will be sent when the web store is open

St Catherine's College Enrolments for 2021



Enrolments are now open at St Catherine's College for 2021. The Open Night will be Thursday 25th June at 6pm and we will be taking tours. To book a tour you will need to go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz code:-tqnwc

Mr Bryan will be coming to Holy Cross School on Wednesday, 1st July at 2.30pm to have interviews (Please have your enrolment forms completed) or he can help with forms if needed. If you would like to make an interview with Mr Bryan, please email St Catherine's on office@scc.school.nz or phone 04 939 8988.

SKIDS holiday programme

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/609/skids_holiday_programme.pdf

Community Notices

Holiday Classes for Children at the Wellington Sewing Centre

The Wellington Sewing Centre in Coutts Street in Kilbirnie is running school holiday sewing and craft classes for children 8 years old and over: make tote bags, zipped cases, decorated cushions and trousers! For more information and to enrol, check out the website www.sewingdirect.co.nz. Small classes and individual attention!

Artrageous July Holiday Adventure: 6 – 17 July 2020

Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace; chaotic or

careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in!

Bookings essential. **BOOK NOW!**

Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am-3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

Wellington Harrier Season Open Day Saturday 27th June

Where: Meet at the Wellington Harrier Clubrooms on Alexandra Road Mount Victoria at 2 pm.

New members are welcome, we have social and competitive members.

We have Saturday club runs, club races and there's an interclub competition.

We also assist with training for primary/intermediate age children competing in the schools cross country competition. For more information please contact.

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