



# Term 2 Newsletter 2019

## **CATHOLIC CHARACTER**

Today we had a pōwhiri to welcome ten new students to Holy Cross School. These students had with them, their whānau and the centers that have supported their journey to date.

Each time we have a pōwhiri endeavor to share a reflection that presents a wero or challenge for us all.

Today I spoke of my definition of Community– Coming Together in Unity. Community is a Gospel value and a core value of Holy Cross School. To be honest, it is this value that drew me to the school when I first came here as a teacher.

My wero today encourages three things:

1. **For each one of us to strive to be the best we can be** which will be different for every person. I shared examples of what this might 'look' like. I spoke of one student who as a five year old had been a reluctant writer. I shared the joy I felt when in term 1 this student bounded into my office clutching her writing book ready to share a piece of writing she delighted in!
2. **For each of us to support and encourage others to be the best that they can be.** In considering what this might look like an example I shared was noticing what others are working on and then celebrating their achievements e.g., we had a student who has been working very hard to learn to ride a bike. Many people – adults and children – have tried to help and encourage so you can imagine our shared delight when last term it all came together.
3. **For all of us to work to make the world a better place.** I believe the way this can be achieved is through **intentional acts of kindness**- a welcoming smile, greeting someone as we pass them, stopping to pick up a piece of rubbish, speaking only kindly of others. Little actions make a big difference.

During the pōwhiri I saw all of these challenges in action.

Our leaders and our cultural group, in fact the whole school put a great deal of effort into carrying out their roles- being the best they could be.

I saw students quietly acknowledging the efforts of others.

I saw teachers and whanau greeting and making an effort to speak to new families.

What a wonderful day. I do indeed feel very proud of Holy Cross School, the values strive to make a reality each day. Thank you.

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families who have joined our Holy Cross School community this week. We hope that you have had a fabulous week and made new friends. Welcome to Angelia Setefano, Isaiah Viliamu and Declan Yiasoumi

## FEEL



## IMAGINE



## DO



## SHARE



# Marcellin Syndicate Page

***In Think, Talk and Create we are learning to be clever thinkers and clever talkers.*** Our overarching concept for 2019 is “**Citizenship- Designing our Future Together**”. Each of the 4 topics have a specific Citizenship focus and the children in R7, R8 and R12 will spend two weeks learning the language and concepts from each topic. In weeks 4-6 of this term we will all be learning about ***Keeping Ourselves Safe***. There will be a parents information meeting around this programme so that you can support the learning at home. Please let your class teacher know if you have resources or ideas you would like to share for any of the topics. Remember to celebrate the learning when your child brings home their Think, Talk and Create stories from school. Look at the pictures and prompts below with your family to get the conversation started!

## Keeping Ourselves Safe



Can you remember your address and telephone number for an emergency?

## Assyrian New Year



How do you celebrate New Year in your family?

## Floating and Sinking



Plan an experiment to find which everyday objects float and which sink e.g., a spoon, a lego block, a pencil.

## Matariki Harvesting



Next time you go shopping look out for which fruit and vegetables are in season. You can plan to use these in a matariki feast!

The students in years 0-3 have **Anniversary Reports** until they have been at school for the equivalent of 120 weeks. Your class teacher will contact you close to each anniversary to celebrate achievements and plan for the next learning goals. If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher.

**Please support your child for learning each day by checking they have packed their school jacket, sports shirt, a healthy lunchbox and their reading folder. We look forward to sharing our learning in Term 2.**

# GARDEN TO TABLE



GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

We are so proud of Mounga and Albert who proudly represented the school at Parliament this week launching one of our our topics for this term 'Digging for Victory' - go to [bit.ly/dig-for-victory](http://bit.ly/dig-for-victory) and watch Mounga's interview with the Speaker of the House Trevor Mallard!

## STEAM Afternoons

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics

On Tuesday afternoons, Rooms 5 and 6 will be exploring **Nude Food** - environmentally friendly alternatives to plastic wrap and **Rude Food** - the journey the food takes through the digestive system.

Students in Years 5 & 6 will have the options of developing literacy in music through **Coding** with Mr Carson, working with Joakim Liman from **Predator Free Miramar** or writing their own songs with **Music Mentor** Brooke Singer thanks to the New Zealand Music Commission.

## Religious Education

To prepare for the church celebrations in Term 2 we will be exploring the life and times of Marcellin Champagnat and developing our understanding of the Ascension, Pentecost and the Trinity to coincide with these feast days.

Later this term, a major focus for our learning is **'I am sacred made in the image of God'** and a letter will be going home soon informing you of the topics we will be covering in the Health Unit.

## Digging for Victory

Tying in with Anzac Day celebrations and remembrance, we will be learning about how and why vegetables influenced New Zealand's war effort.

We will also be exploring how they can take action by planning and planting a Victory Garden of their own using a recycled container and look at how changing our own behaviours and making individual sacrifices impacts on the greater good.



## Reminders

Students will be engaged in **Garden to Table** activities **every Tuesday**. Students are required to wear PE gear and must have closed in shoes.

Students are required to bring their **PE gear** every **Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Thursday** so they can participate comfortably in fitness training. We looking forward to your support for the Cross Country in Week 3.

# Year 7 & 8

## CAMP NEWS

**Fundraising:** Thank you to all who have kindly supported our fundraisers. We had a very successful pizza sale- students thoroughly enjoying their lunch, and raising a healthy sum of money! We plan to run a couple more lunchtime sales and we will be offering soup on Thursday 16th May and wraps on Thursday 6th June.

We are also in the midst of finalising other fundraising activities. Please support your child as they continue to raise funds for their camp.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be a parent helper for our camp. We will contact you shortly with further details.



**Inquiry: I am Sacred, made in the image of God- celebrating the Life we have been gifted.**

As part of this students will be exploring aspects of Hauora- physical, emotional, mental and social. Students will explore elements relating to food, being active, coping with emotional pressures and body changes. A parent consultation will take place on Monday 13th May @ 5pm to explain the topics we are covering particularly around puberty.

**Leadership:**

It has been wonderful to see our senior students stepping up to the role of being young leaders of our school. Students have led morning prayers, fitness sessions for junior and senior classes. They have led masses and have taken on the roles of whaikorero and kaikaranga at our pōwhiri. Our seniors have been fantastic role models last term and we know they will continue to grow in their leadership brand.

## Sports Extension Activities

**Basketball** and **Netball** start in Week 2 and can we please remind those students who have chosen these extra curricular activities that fees must be paid as soon as possible. Basketball for year 7 & 8 starts this Friday at 4pm and netball starts next Saturday. MK Netball teams will be announced today with a follow up email to come. If you can help with coaching or managing please let us know. The Eastern zone netball tournament at the ASB will be held on the 15th of May, so look out for a notice about this too.

**Cross Country** - The school cross country will be run on Friday afternoon of week 3. Please feel free to attend the event and encourage your child to get running! The fitness base of cross country is food for all winter sports. The eastern zone event will be held in Week 5.

## **Reminders for ALL our Holy Cross Whanau**

- We expect all students to take pride in wearing their school uniform. Please support us by ensuring your child wears the **correct school uniform** to and from school, including their school shoes.
- Year 7- 8 children are required to have their **P.E. uniform at school every day**.
- **School newsletters** are available on the school website [www.hcm.school.nz](http://www.hcm.school.nz) .

# Other News and Information

## KEY DATES

**Wednesday 15th May Eastern Zone netball**

**Thursday 16th May BOT meeting 6.00pm**

**Friday 17th May Holy Cross School Cross Country**

**Friday 24th May Little Angels Playgroup  
1.45pm-3.00pm**

**Wednesday 29th May Eastern Zone Cross Country**

**Monday 3rd June- Queens Birthday - school closed**

**Thursday 20th June - BOT meeting 6.00 pm**

**Friday 28th June Little Angels playgroup  
1.45pm-3.00pm**

**Friday 5th July End of term 2**

## BOT ELECTIONS

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to join the Holy Cross School BOT. Please complete the nomination form already sent in the post and return to the office before Friday 24/5/19 if you are interested.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Thursday all students had class and individual photos taken.

In two weeks time your child will come home with a proof order envelope. Please place the correct money for your order in the envelope and return it to the school office. Alternatively you will be able to purchase the photos online using the key code printed on your child's order form.

The due date will be clearly labelled on the order form.

## PSG NEWS:



**SUBWAY:** Help required on Friday mornings  
8.25 - 8.50 am. Call/txt Marija 0274 734 222 or email  
marija.vidovich@hcm.school.nz

**NEXT MEETING:** AGM Monday 6/5/19 at 7pm Staff room

**New Entertainment books now available!**

The Entertainment Books for 2019/20 are now available. Packed full of useful discounts they make a great last minute Mothers Day present. Entertainment Books are available as a hard copy book as well as a Digital Membership.. For every book purchased the PSG receives \$13.

Buy yours now at

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/943q153>



A big Happy Birthday to the following students who have celebrated a birthday since our last newsletter: Raphael, Julianna, Daniel

## YUMMY STICKER PROMOTION

Keep munching on those apples and send us your stickers when you are finished. The more stickers collected the more sports gear we can receive. Promotion ends in September, Thanks.

