



Term 2 Week 8 Newsletter

Catholic Character

This coming Sunday we will hear about the birth of a very important person and how he received his name.

John the Baptist is a very important person in the Bible.

John's mother, Elizabeth, was not expected to have children, so when John was born it was a great gift to her and her husband Zechariah. Their friends and family were very pleased when the baby arrived. The first thing they wanted to know was his name.

John was an unusual name for his family but it was the name God had given him. It means 'God is gracious' and reminds us of God's kindness to us. As John grew up, his faith in God showed that it was a very good choice.

Please make the time to discuss the name of each member of your family, perhaps you have a family story about where your name comes from, why this name was chosen and what the name means. Names help us to understand who we are. Names are very important. Think about all the times that your name is used. In your school register, on your school bag, in clubs or competitions, in your passport. All these show that people know who you are. Throughout the coming week we invite you to 'live' the following prayer: God of all, help us to hear you call each of our names and inspire us to care for and build your kingdom here on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Catholic Education Convention:

Last week Tim Carson, our DRS, and I were privileged to attend the NZ Catholic Education Convention in Wellington. We heard many powerful messages but one that we heard from many of the speakers was a reminder to find joy in the ordinary, everyday events in our lives; living in the present moment and truly thanking God for the blessings we receive.



Congratulations



We congratulate Ameera Yokhanna and Karin Graham who for the past six months have been working towards their certificate in the Pasifika Teacher Aide programme and will graduate tomorrow. We would like to acknowledge their hard work and dedication in successfully completing this course and wish them all the best for tomorrow.

Important Dates

Thursday 21st June:

Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:00pm. In the Staffroom.

Wednesday 27th June:

Rooms 1,2,6,7,8 &12 go to Te Papa for Matariki

Wednesday 27th June:

St Catherine's Enrolment Interview with the Principal at Holy Cross School
Timeslots 2:50, 3:10, 3:50, 4:10pm see note sent home with Year 8 girls

Wednesday 27th June:

Parents composting course with our Garden Coordinator

Monday 25th June:

PSG Meeting 6:30pm
Staffroom



A big Happy Birthday to: Max Reynolds on 22nd June, Falantina, Laura, Jaiymee, and Ting on Tuesday 26th June.



A very warm welcome to Haven Fitu who started school in Room 12 on Monday. We hope that you have had a fun first week.

Root to Tip New Zealand's nationwide cooking competition for kids.

Tomorrow, two students from Holy Cross, Manuela and Amelia have been selected to cook at the RaboDirect Root to Tip regional heat for Wellington. The girls will be following the guidelines below:

- Incorporate the Root to Tip theme – use as much of the fruit and vegetable as possible e.g. pumpkin soup served in a pumpkin bowl, roast beetroot salad featuring roasted beetroot and leaves
- Use seasonal fruit and vegetables, ideally sourced from school, community and home gardens
- Creative use of ingredients to create delicious dishes
- Can be prepared in two hours max (both dishes)
- Produces minimum wastage (waste will be weighed)
- Kids can choose to design an entrée and main or a main and dessert.



The girls have been working incredibly hard to perfect their dish. Thanks to the Garden to Table Team especially Aleece Hunter and Olivia Boyd for the encouragement and support they have given to the girls. Next week the girls will share their experience with us.

Well done girls, we are very proud of you!

SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to Zerlinde who has been given the opportunity to attend the Netball PULSE Leadership course on Friday. What a wonderful opportunity Zerlinde we hope that you have fun and learn lots.

NETBALL

The netball **draw for Saturday 23 June** at the EBIS Courts:

Y7/Y8A - **Holy Cross Superstars** vs EBIS Kauri @ 9:00am on court 3

Y7/Y8D - **Holy Cross Diamonds** vs Kahurangi Wairua @ 9:50 on court 7

Y5/Y6B - **Holy Cross Warriors** vs Ridgway Kupuka @ 12:20 on Court 8

Y5/Y6D - **Holy Cross Rockets** vs Hataitai Lightening @ 2:00pm on Court 1

INTERZONE CROSS COUNTRY

We congratulate Maria L, Jessica, Rahia, Tama, Max R, and Lucy who represented Holy Cross School today at a very cold, wet and muddy cross country event. Well done to you all running in these difficult conditions.