



# Term 2 Week 9 Newsletter

## CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Recently, a number of our students received the sacrament of Confirmation. In his homily, Cardinal John told us the story of a wonderful saint, Josephine Bakhita. Cardinal John described her as a saint of almost-unnoticed holiness. She knew that even the small tasks, the day to day things were really very important, because whatever she did, she did it for Jesus. She was a person of goodness whose love overflowed and her joyful spirit helped everyone to know the love of Jesus. Cardinal John linked her story to a wonderful document written by Pope Francis called "Christus Vivit" which means "Christ is alive." One of the key messages he shared in this document is "**Goodness can always be shared.**"

An expression I use also is "Carrying out intentional acts of kindness".

Every day I feel truly blessed when I see, in action, genuine acts of kindness.

This week I have observed: an older student noticing the junior bell ringer standing close to the door- she took him by the hand and led him into the middle of the playground so the bell could be heard by all.

-I have seen a student who accidentally hurt another child on the playground come in with her to get an ice pack and then sit with her until he was sure she was alright.

-I have seen a Year 8 boy talking with a younger child then showing him where to ride his scooter.

- I have heard children say to visitors, 'Welcome to Holy Cross School...'

Let's throughout the coming week be intentional in carrying out intentional acts of kindness. Let's also notice and acknowledge the day-to-day goodness we see in the world or experience ourselves. God bless you all.

## PLAY -EAT- LEARN

In term 4 of last year we introduced a different eating time at lunchtime. Children now come together to eat their lunches at 1:10pm. We have noticed a positive difference in terms of students readiness to learn, particularly in the afternoons and many of you have told us that your children's lunch boxes are coming home with far more food eaten.

## Plastic Free July

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

Plastic free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution so that we can have cleaner streets, oceans and communities. We invite you all to look at the website and to find out more about what you can do at home. We will be exploring the website with our students. Let's all make an effort to reduce the amount of packaged food in our lunchboxes. Buy in bulk instead of individually wrapped portions.

## Important Dates

### **Monday 1st July 1.40pm**

Assyrian music performance  
all classes

### **Friday 5th July**

Last day of Term 2

### **Monday 22nd July**

Term 3 starts

### **Monday 5th August**

School dental van in school for  
1 week

### **Thursday 8th August 6pm**

BOT meeting in staff room

Newsletters are available on our website and our new schoolapp [hcm.school.nz](http://hcm.school.nz)

### **Holy Cross School App**



We now have our new mobile App up and running for important school messages and alerts.

To download the app click this link

[holycross.apps.school.nz/share/](http://holycross.apps.school.nz/share/)

### **Parent Support Group**

Get your entertainment book now. Buy one today by using the link on the school website <https://www.hcm.school.nz>



Happy Birthday to Jaiymee, Laura, Ting and Willy, We hope you have a great birthday.

# GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

Chef of the day Ashwrina learnt a new way to peel garlic.  
*"You chop the top off and then you shake it in a jar and this makes most of the peel of the garlic come off. Today in the kitchen the class made a Matariki Soup which had carrots, parsnip, potatoes, onions and kumera. Matariki is a time for singing, dancing and feasting."*



Gardener of the Day, Ethan reports that the class has been experimenting with different ways to keep the cats out of the garden:

- Bed 1 - Sheep Pellets
- Bed 2 - Netting
- Bed 3 - White Pepper
- Bed 4 - Coffee Grounds + netting
- Bed 5 - Vicks Vapour Rub
- Bed 6 - Coffee Grounds
- Fennel Bed - Chilli Powder

*"We will find out which one is the most effective next week. We learnt that toxoplasmosis is a nasty bacteria that can be found in what cats leave behind that can make people very sick so we are making sure they stay away from our garden."*



## Health news

We have had several children absent from school with flu like symptoms.  
 If you child is feeling unwell and showing signs of flu, like a fever, cough, vomiting or diarrhoea, aches and pains, please keep them home until they have fully recovered.  
 You can help with your child's recovery by giving plenty of fluids and lots of rest.  
 Please help your child by showing them how to wash their hands with soap and water and covering their mouth when sneezing or coughing. More information with some good health tips can be found at [www.rph.org.nz/influenza](http://www.rph.org.nz/influenza)



## LIBRARY NEWS

Wellington City Library is holding their annual beyond the page literary festival these school holidays. The 2019 lineup is the biggest yet with performers, authors and illustrators from across NZ arriving in Wellington in the July school holidays for free events in our libraries. You can search for our local ones at <https://beyondthepage.nz/events/>



As the end of term approaches, overdue library book notices will be sent out. Please encourage your child to have a good hunt at home. If the book is really lost please go and see Kirsten in the library. Thank you

## Netball - Draw 29th June 2019

- 09.00 am Holy Cross Comets Vs EBIS Kiwis
- 09.50 am Holy Cross Rockets Vs EBIS Tigers
- 10.40 am Holy Cross Starz Vs Brooklyn Emeralds
- 11.30 am Holy Cross Tuis Vs Seatoun Breakers
- 11.30 am Holy Cross Kiwis Vs Ridgway Heights

