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Term 3 Week 1 Newsletter 2022

Principal's comment

There was great excitement on Monday when we arrived back at school - our pump track was finally finished! Mike from Track Build has been so faithful in following through the process and making sure we finally got it complete. Mike's workmanship and dedication has been outstanding. So we are learning how to negotiate the berms (steep corners), fly over the rollers (the bumps in the middle) and go with the flow. Classes over the next two weeks will take opportunities to practice riding the bikes around the track. Once we are confident that children know what they are up to, we will open the track to wheels at morning interval and lunch. We will keep you posted on when this will happen.

Term 3 also brings us closer to the Board of Trustee elections. This will be held near the end of the term. Serving by being on the board is a very valuable role to play in our school community. Boards of Trustees govern the school- they make sure that everything that needs to be done is done ethically, legally and as well as possible, in the best interest of all students. The role does involve attending 2 meetings a term with reading beforehand to prepare for the meeting. If you are interested in stepping up into this role, Paresh Patel (our current Board chair) or myself would love to chat with you.

Next week, Tuesday and Wednesday brings an opportunity for whānau and teachers to meet around student progress. Please make sure you book in for a 10 minute interview where more information can be shared on how school is going for your tamariki. This is a great time of sharing for all. Tamariki are welcome to come along to the interview and contribute as well. To prepare for the interviews, make sure you have read the reports that came home at the end of the term and have some comments to share. Teachers will update the whānau section of these following the interview and you will receive a colour, signed copy at the end of week 3.

<https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/view-session/1>

Catholic character

It has been a joy to return to some of the practices we have as a community that remind us of how important our faith is in the function of our school. One practice we are reigniting this term is a weekly karakia/ prayer service. We have had a chance to reflect on how we can make our time together in prayer more effective and meaningful. Previously it was the senior student's responsibility to lead karakia but we believe all tamariki can be leaders and often learn more when they are active participants in practices that reinforce their faith. Every Friday each class will have an opportunity to lead karakia starting at 9am in the hall. Younger students can be supported by older students (tuakana/ teina) to help them be successful. I'm sure these will be special times as we pray and worship together. Parents are welcome to slip into the back of the hall and join us at these times. Please remember to mask up.

Week 1 R 12

Week 2 R 1

Week 3 Powhiri- no school karakia.

Week 4 R 5

Week 5 Teacher Only Day- no school

Week 6 R 7

Week 7 R 11

Week 8 R 3

Week 9 R 6

Week 10 R 2



Holy Cross Way celebration

Our tamariki thrive when they know they are learning well and making good choices. This term we are helping to make this very obvious in our weekly karakia and community time on a Friday. We have special Whānau, Aroha, YES! Awards that will be given out identifying two children in each class that have made some great choices or who have been noticeably following the Holy Cross Way.

This week we are celebrating the following children

R 1- Matilda - consistently showing the Holy Cross Way this week by being helpful and willing.

R1- Faris - Demonstrating our school values this week by supporting new staff.

R 2- Mia - showing aroha by being an 'upstander'- speaking up when someone was being treated unfairly.

R2- Kayla - showing aroha by being an 'upstander'- speaking up when someone was being treated unfairly.

R 3- Mila - Consistently showing our school values and being the first in Room 3 to get a golden globe.

R 3- Hawi - Making an excellent start to Term 3 and showing the Holy Cross way, Consistently

R 5- Kruz - Showing Aroha by including others in sporting and learning activities.

R 5- Ninor - Starting the term on a positive note, completing tasks on time and making sensible choices.

R 6- Declan - taking up the challenge of the pump track and trying out new skills.

R 6- Avery - Organising your ideas in writing and using your writer's voice.

R7- Gabriella - Consistently high efforts and good progress in Reading- YES

R 7- Thinbeth - taking on new challenges in your learning- YES

R 12- Ceydeaz - being kind to her friends.

R 12- Roman - Showing kindness to others and being brave.

R 11- Māia - Helping our new children learn about being at school

R 11- Serah- Helping other children in Room 11.

Term 3 Our schoolwide focus for the year is Connections

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Learning Conferences/Celebration of learning

1. Book a time to come along to a Learning Conference on

Tuesday 2nd August or Wednesday 3rd August 2022

Go to <https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/view-session/1>

- login with your email address and a password which must contain a special character
- click add new student, enter your child's name and follow the prompts.

We are using a new booking system this year, it is a bit different, if you have any problems please don't hesitate to contact the office so we can assist you.

- Come along and celebrate your child's learning at the **10 minute conference**.
- Talk about the final section of the report - the teacher will type in the main points from this Learning Conference.
- Following the conference, the completed report will be printed off in colour, signed and sent home.

We hope you find this process helpful. Our intention is firstly to provide a snapshot of your child's progress to date and

secondly to include the child and family in discussions about working together to support learning.

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Kiwi Hoops

A reminder for students to please bring their PE gear to school for Kiwi Hoops practice - Basketball skills

Thursday : Room 3, 6, 7, 11 and 12

Friday : Room 1, 2 and 5

Garden to Table



Gardener of the Day

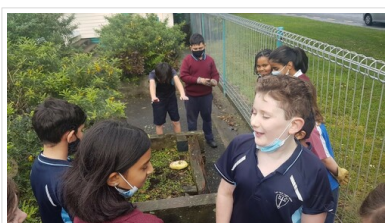
Today in the Garden Olivia was away so Mr Sa was in the garden. We started looking outside for jobs- Leya, Dhrumil and I were going to the hall getting the bamboo sticks and string to fix up a damaged fence. Flynn, Ninor And Rory were collecting and cleaning up the compost, while Cahal Toby and Marlon were weeding on the corner. Lydia, Parina and Daniel were weeding on the other side of the garden. Something I enjoyed doing was helping people fix the garden up. We also had a weta funeral. Toby, Cahal and Marlon organized this and prayed for him. Next time I hope we will be careful of standing in the plants.

By Angelina

Chef of the Day

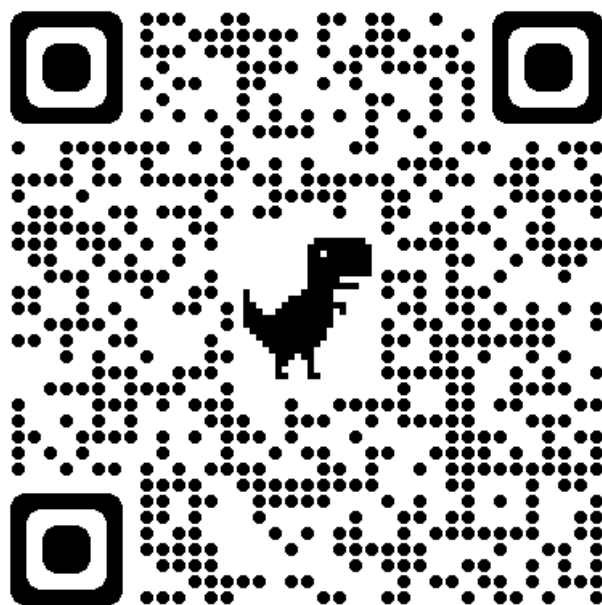
Today in the kitchen we made kumara coins with bonfire mayo. We made it by slicing some kumara from our garden into small sized circles, then we divided it into 2 baking trays. After that we put some salt and oil into the trays, then we had to use our hands to spread out the oil over the kumara. We then spread the coins (circle kumara) into 1 layer, then baked it for 10 minutes and then flip the coins and bake for another 10-15 minutes until golden.

By Ryder



BOT Elections

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Happy Birthday and Welcome to school



Special birthday wishes to Kayla, Meela, Oscar, Charbel, Amalia, Elebron, Zoe, James and Lian. We hope your birthday was a fulfilled day.



A big welcome to Rohan and Charbel who started school this week. We hope your week has been lots of fun and you have made some new friends at Holy Cross School.

Archdiocese of Wellington

Message from The Attendance Dues Team

Now that we are sending all invoices/statements by email to families, please contact us if you have changed your email address so that we can update your account. Invoices will still be posted to families without an email address.

The Term 3 invoice will be emailed to all families shortly. Please check that the invoice has not gone to your Spam/Junk Inbox and that all your children are listed on the statement. If you have not received any invoices this year, please contact us.

Financial assistance is available to families experiencing financial hardship (loss of income/redundancy, family reasons, etc.). It is a condition of the assistance application that the family has an affordable regular payment in place.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

Phone: 0800 462 725
Email: dues@wn.catholic.org.nz Text: 021 08907902

Community Notices



Wellington Catholic Social Services (CSS) is looking for a resourceful, persistent and energetic human to be our

nextCommunity Facilitator.

This interesting and challenging role involves identifying, developing and leading new and current projects that enable CSS to reach into the community, focusing on issues of poverty and marginalization. For more information and copy of the role description, email reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 043858642.

Winter Wellness @Matairangi ASB FREE Whānau & Community Wellness Day

Saturday 6th August

1:30pm - 4:30pm

ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie
-Matairangi room, Mezzanine Level

Nau mai, Haere mai &
Warm Pacific Greetings
Welcome! Bring your whānau to
connect with us for health support
and ideas for winter wellness.

There will be

- health checks,
- immunisations (child & flu),
- wellness packs,
- idea sharing,
- giveaways & more!

