

School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2 1st August 2017

CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

One of the ways the Church lives as the Body of Christ is through the special rituals we call the Seven Sacraments. Each sacrament is a visible sign of the hidden mystery of God's love.

All the Sacraments are community celebrations. Celebrations of our membership in the Body of Christ

- **Initiation:** There are three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Together they initiate new members and provide the strength and nourishment required for Christian life to flourish.
- **Healing:** There are two Sacraments of Healing – Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. They are gifts of spiritual and physical healing.
- **Service:** There are two Sacraments of Service – Holy Orders and Matrimony. The Church celebrates these ministries of love and service.


This coming Sunday 10:00am at St Patrick's Church in Kilbirnie twelve of our students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation as members of Holy Trinity Parish.

Through Confirmation they will receive the Holy Spirit, which will support them in their Christian journey, helping them to show people through their words and actions that they believe in Jesus.

Congratulations to Josh, Lupe, Ben F, Rehtai, Lauseana, Rociana, Audry, Laura, Xanthe, Liai, Anastasia, and Mouna for taking the next step in their faith journey. Please keep these students in your prayers.

Welcome

A warm welcome to students Amalia who started in Room 12 this week. Amalia we hope that your first few days at Holy Cross School have been fun.

 To Wilson and Elebron who celebrate their birthday today, also Audry for Wednesday, Ilo on Friday, Alexia on Monday, Fatimai and Xanthe on Tuesday.

UNVEILING OF THE POU MAORI



Pou Māori: Yesterday was a special day for the school, the day we unveiled our Pou Māori.

In 2013 we began a journey... the creation sacred pou that tell the story of Holy Cross School: past, present and future.

Faith pou: We are a proud Catholic school with firm foundations; we acknowledge our two founding orders: the Sisters of Mercy and the Marist Brothers. There are many religious, staff and families who have been part of our school community.

This history is represented in the first pou, our Faith pou. We remember and honour those people; it is our faith that brings us together.

Cultural Pou: Next we have eight pou that represent the many cultures that are part of our community.

Our desire is that every person who is part of our community- every person who comes into our school- will feel welcome and develop a sense of belonging- Turangawaewae.

Pou Māori: Yesterday we unveiled our pou Māori. They celebrate and honour our bicultural heritage. These pou tell many stories and have a deep spiritual meaning for us.

We pray that these pou - help us to remember and honour – those who have gone before us, those who are part of our community today – and may they help tell our story to those in the future.

We thank all who have contributed to these pou, especially Hēnare and Clint Walmsley, Ethel Renata and Nicky Birch who have helped to guide the process.

May God bless us all as we continue our journey.



Congratulations

Jordan Uelese a former Holy Cross student who has recently been selected to play for the Wallabies rugby team.

A message of congratulations was sent on behalf of the school community and Jordan replied, 'Awesome to hear from you, I have had an amazing journey and Holy Cross laid the foundation to mould the attitude I have today...I appreciate the well wishes and hope one day I'll come back and visit the school again'.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Thursday 3rd August is PHOTO DAY. If you have requested a family photo (with children/students who do not attend Holy Cross School) please go to the school hall by 8:15am. If you would like a Holy Cross School sibling photo please bring your form to the school office.

PASIFIKA FONO

All Pasifika families are invited to attend a **Fono** in the **staffroom on Thursday 3rd August at 6:00pm – 7:00pm** to review student data and look ahead to our Pasifika Plan.

HOLY CROSS OPEN DAY

Tuesday 8th August we are holding a Holy Cross School open morning **from 9:00am – 11:00am.** We warmly invite you all to come along and see our classes in action. On this day Think-Talk-Create, Garden to Table and Bikes in Schools will all be happening. Please come along and celebrate the great things that are happening at Holy Cross.

INFORMATION EVENING

Next **Tuesday 8th August** we are holding an Information Evening for new entrant and prospective families, **at 6pm- 7:00pm.** This is an opportune time to promote our school to friends and colleagues; word of mouth is the best way to advertise a school!

RAFFLE DRAW

Thank you to all those students and families who supported our Year 7 & 8 Camp Raffle. On Friday 28th July Constable Aaron Dann drew the winning tickets and we are delighted to congratulate.

- 1st Prize Winner** of the Mountain Bike Steven Talia
- 2nd Prize Winner** of the Meccano Robotic Set was Dave Ramsden.
- 3rd Prize Winner** of the Foldable Bike was Gareth Williams
- 4th Prize Winner** of the Model Cars was Paul Ryan.

MINI GALA DAY – FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST

Donations of gently used toys and books are being sort for the Year 7 & 8 White elephant stall. Please bring to Room 3. PSG are also seeking donations of \$2-\$5 items for the Lucky Dip.

Sports News

MOTU KAIRANGI NETBALL

The draw for Saturday 5th August at the EBIS Netball Courts are as follows:

Nga Mokopuna v EBIS Kokopu 9am, Court 8
HCS Opals v Brooklyn Crystals 9.50am, Court 4
HCS Rubys v St Francis Sparks 11.30am, Court 7

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

On **Friday 11th August** Year 4 – 8 students will be participating in Holy Cross School swimming sports. The bus will leave Holy Cross at 9:00am and return to school 12:00pm. A permission form with more information will come home this week. If you are able to help at this event please indicate this on the permission slip.

PSG NEWS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club runs every Tuesday and Friday morning from 8am in the kitchen. All students are welcome and encouraged to pop in for Weetbix, a hot drink and a chat before school starts.

We are looking for volunteer parents to help with the running of Breakfast Club - with the intention of increasing the number of day we run it.

If you have a spare morning each week - we would love to hear from you. Police Checks are required and forms can be collected from Kathee in the office.

Subway

We are continuing with Subway lunches each Friday. Orders and correct money to be taken to the library between 8.30 and 8.45am on Friday mornings please.

Please note there are NEW SUBWAY ENVELOPES this term. The main changes to the menu are that salami subs are no longer available and chicken strips can now be ordered. Please remind your child to collect a new envelope from their classroom. A big thank you to Grace and the team at Subway Miramar for your support of our school.

Community News

An invitation to all Altar Servers of Holy Trinity Parish Come and celebrate the feast of our patron saint of altar servers St. Tarcisus at the 5pm Mass at Holy Cross Church on the 20th August, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. This will be a good opportunity for all the altar servers from the Parish to meet each other. Please put the date on your calendar.