



Term 3 Week 2 Newsletter

Catholic Character:

Give a Little

This Sunday's Gospel is the well known story of the loaves and the fishes. We could all recognise that the small boy of the story had little to offer but he generously shared what he had. I challenge our students to look for ways to 'give a little'. They know that their gifts and talents can be shared and that a little love and kindness goes a long way. Cardinal John Dew spoke in his homily at last Sunday's Confirmation about finding holiness in our daily lives. He spoke about the kindness we can show to others through our actions and words everyday. Please continue encouraging our students to give a little kindness every day!

Confirmation:



We congratulate Jenson Crook, Julia Faatua, Selina Faatua, Faris Khayyt and Rhian Patena who received the sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. We pray for them as they continue on their faith journey.

Arohanui Strings

This term our new entrant to year 6 students have been learning about music and working with their year 7 and 8 buddies to learn about using ukuleles and xylophones.

We have also had the Arohanui Strings providing half hour instruction to teach our students about the different parts of the violin in preparation for their upcoming violin lessons.



Internet Safety:

Thank you to all the families who came along to our Netsafe Evening. It was a very successful and informative evening. For those of you who were unable to attend we would like to share one of the Netsafe Tips with you over the next ten weeks.

Tip 1. Establish an age appropriate time limit for screen time.

Talk to your child about the type of behaviours you'd like them to adopt. Such as how long they should spend online, what apps and social media sites are appropriate for them to view. This will be different depending on the age of your child. Learn more about options like parental controls together with online safety education.

Find out more by visiting the netsafe website at

www.netsafe.org.nz or contact netsafe on 0508 638 723 or email queries@netsafe.org.nz

Important Dates

Sunday 5th August

Assyrian Martyrs Day
12:00pm - Holy Cross School Hall - everyone welcome

Monday 6th August

PSG Meeting in Staffroom
7pm

Thursday 9th August

BOT Meeting 6:00 pm

Friday 10th August:

Powhiri at 9:00am in Hall
Everyone welcome

Wednesday 15th August:

Teacher Stop Work Action -
further information to come about this

Friday 17th August

Feast of Assumption Mass

Friday 31st August:

Little Angels Playgroup
1:45pm in Room 12
Year 8 2nd Gardasil vaccine

A big Happy Birthday to:
Audry today, Ilo on Saturday,
Lexi on Tuesday, Helena on
Thursday next week.



A very warm welcome to our new students Oscar Carlyle and Zoe Govender who have joined our Holy Cross School Community this week. We hope that you have had a fabulous week and made new friends. All new students will be welcomed into the Holy Cross Community next week as part of the Powhiri.

Student Writing From Room 8

Sarah and Kelly work at a wildlife sanctuary. They are holding a kiwi and a tuatara. The kiwi and the tuatara are both native to New Zealand. Sarah and Kelly both have parrots perched on their shoulders. The parrots are bright green, with red on their heads. Sarah and Kelly enjoy working with native animals, and keeping them safe



By: Rory, Marlon, Mya, Willy, Emma and Dhrumil.



Chef of the Day R3 Audry- First we prepared the ingredients in two separate groups one group measuring the wet items and then the dry and then combining them to make the batter. Talking and listening to each other was really important when we were measuring to share ideas and follow instructions. The cheesy green fritters have been my favourite recipe so far!

Gardener of the day R3 Hannah- Today I was in a group replanting carrots to give them more space to grow. We had to pull out the little ones and I was amazed by how many were growing. When they are growing underground the carrots are white with an orange bit near the leaves. Today we learnt 2 new words in the garden: **Aerating**- We used a shovel to loosen the top soil to make it easier to pull up weeds and get air into the soil. **Steeping**- We brewed mint leaves in boiling water to make a flavorful tea. The leaves were left to steep in the water to make the flavour stronger.

Tonight 8 Holy Cross School students have been invited to promote the Garden to Table organisation by cooking up and serving some of our delicious garden produce. Look out for photos in our next week's newsletter.

Next week come and make smoothies and cupcakes with the Garden to Table Team!

SPORTS NEWS

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

A notice went home earlier this week providing students in Years 4-8 the chance to participate in the Holy Cross School swimming sports at Kilibirne Aquatic Centre on Monday 13th August. If you would like to participate in this event please make sure that you return your permission slip and \$5.00 to Matua Tala as soon as possible so that he can register the teams.

NETBALL

The netball draw for Saturday 4th August at the EBIS Courts:

Y7/Y8B - **Holy Cross Superstars** vs SWIS Kaka @ 9:00 am on court 7

Y7/Y8E - **Holy Cross Diamonds** vs Roseneath 7/8 @ 10:40 on court

Y5/Y6B - **Holy Cross Warriors** vs Worsler Bay Unicorns @ 12:20 on Court 4

Y5/Y6D - **Holy Cross Rockets** vs Kahurangi Taupau @ 1:10pm on Court 4