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Term 3 Week 2 Newsletter 2020

Principal's Message

This morning we had a powhiri to welcome new tamariki (children), kaiako (teachers) and extended whānau, to our community. Each time we gather for a celebration such as this, I spend time thinking about a key and timely message for the particular group being welcomed.

For this gathering I recalled the past few significant months in our New Zealand and world history. I spoke of my experience I have come to understand more deeply is the power or impact of kindness - on ourselves and others.

Kindness is the most powerful antidote -way to address-unpleasant feelings such as worry or anger.

For the last couple of weeks our junior classes have been learning new games and activities based on kindness- one of these involves a super hero who notices when humans need to be helped. When they play this game the child can sometimes be a super hero and at others times be a human needing the help of others.- I think life is life that- sometimes we need help and sometimes we are able to help others.

What I have reflected on is that, when we feel we belong, we are known and accepted, we thrive... When we show kindness to others by including them, by working cooperatively with them, by speaking nicely to and of them... we help them to thrive ... and we thrive.

This links beautifully to our school Vision - Achieving More Than We Ever Dreamed Possible- this is our vision for each individual, it is each class and our school as a whole.

Today we welcomed new tamariki, kaiako and families to our community- we invited them you to embrace this Vision and we confirmed our commitment to them.

Let's all of us work together... to show extraordinary kindness to those around us... to step up as super heroes -for ourselves and others.



Catholic Character

Let all that you do be done in love. ~ 1 Corinthians 16:14

In the newsletter last week we reflected that one of the characteristics of prayer that with the right intention every moment of the day—all our hopes, works, joys, and sufferings—can become our prayer.

And if everything we do, be done in love, and with kindness, what a wonderful world it would be.

Acts of kindness and love touch the lives of others in a very special way. Sometimes we may never know just how significant an act of kindness may be, or the impact it can have. We are indeed blessed to be part of a Catholic School and Community that allows us to openly express our Special Character and live our faith. Let's continue to open our eyes, ears and hearts to the needs of others.

Some examples of faith and values in action from the week:

Awareness of Others: On Monday I shared with the school a lovely example I had seen of a student, Living the Holy Cross WAY; showing awareness of others. I saw a mother and her

son walking toward the office at the same time our senior students were jogging back from a fitness session. One of our Year 8 boys stopped, stepped aside and invited our visitors to go through the gates first.

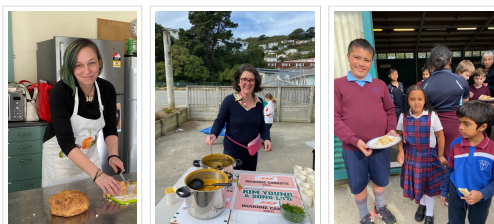
On Tuesday a number of visitors from different schools came along to a Garden to Table open day. One of the teachers pointed out a student who had walked up to her as she came into the school and said, "Good morning, welcome to Holy Cross School"

Thank you Astyn for Living the Holy Cross WAY by welcoming visitors to our school.

Matariki: On Tuesday a group of five children and myself set off to deliver to our neighbours, the soup and bread made as part of our Matariki celebrations. We were delighted to find: Maire, Sister Margaret, Sister Stephanie, Marjorie and Dianne at home. Yesterday we received the following email:

Thank you so very much for visiting me yesterday at my home to celebrate Matariki. The soup you offered me was so nourishing. The fresh herbs in it added an extra surprise. And the bread, newly baked, tasted delicious. I hope you all continue to make this food for your families.

Many blessings
Sister Stephanie



School as usual on Monday 3rd August

Thankfully we have been able to find the source of the water leak. This has now been repaired and school will resume as normal on Monday morning.



Flag Pole

Huge thanks to Matt Blair who each day selects two flags of significance for our flag poles. You may have noticed there are 2 whiteboards underneath each flag pole where the particular flag name is recorded.

If there is a significant day for your culture please advise us ahead of time and we will endeavour to source an appropriate flag to fly.

The 2 flags flying today are the NZ flag and the World flag which includes all the flags of the world.

Eastern zone cross country



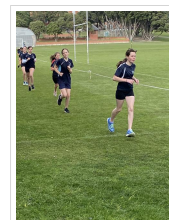
On Wednesday the 29th of July Holy Cross School marched to Scots College to participate in cross country eastern zones. It was a gruelling event but we persevered.

A special mention to- Rociana (10), Maria (9), Nu Tha (7), Kaci (6), Tama (6) And Kiri (2)

For placing in the top ten of their race.

We would like to say a special thanks to all the parents and teachers who sacrificed their time to support and supervise.

Well done Holy Cross!



Garden to Table



Thank you to Aleksandra and Olivia who went above and beyond for our Matariki celebration this week and somehow managed to prepare beautiful soup and bread for all of the students, staff and visitors to the school this week! A great example of mahi tahi (teamwork).

Maggie - Chef of the day

Today we made pumpkin-soup, and bread because it is Māori tradition for Matariki. The soup had carrot, onion, celery, potato, pumpkin, (of course) and kumara, spinach (or silverbeet), a large bunch of parsley, salt, pepper and love!!! I learnt today it doesn't matter who it is, you always help them because it's the Holy Cross Way. (Whānau, Aroha and Yes). We have made this soup and bread for 200 people and we were very proud of what we have made. And one more thing if we weren't cutting today, we were grating, and if we weren't grating, we were cutting!

Marlon - Gardener of the day

Today we dropped off a lot of vegetables. We also put pea straw on the beetroot seedlings to help them grow. We also collected kawakawa leaves for the tea. It tasted like hot water and smelt like meat. Maxwell, Mason, Lily and Rory planted strawberries in the peace garden while Charles and Saiint turned compost. Last but not least, Mia and Esther made signs for the kawakawa.



Happy Birthday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Rhian, Billie, Meela, Oscar, Mahe, Amalia, Elebron, Zoe and Audry

We hope you have had a special birthday !

School Memories

Holy Cross School on Thurs 2nd July, 2020

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.
You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.
 You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Pack A \$40.00</p>	<p>Pack B \$35.00</p>	<p>Pack C \$30.00</p>	<p>Pack prices (do not pay now) A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 30.00 D = 20.00 E = 16.00</p>
<p>Packs include: Pack A: 10 x 50, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class Pack B: 2x 50, Postcards, Wallets, and Class Pack C: 1x 50 and Class Pack D: 2x 50, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class Pack E: Class only</p> <p>Optional: Packs A-D include an order form voucher. Send the copy on the envelope to us, and we send the file by return. A-D & E include a 10x15cm 300dpi file</p>			
<p>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</p>			<p>Pack E (Class) \$16.00</p>

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

School photo envelopes were handed out last week. Final orders close 14th August 2020 please.

Lost and Found

There was a sum of money found in room 12 last Friday. If you have lost some money please contact the office.



SchoolApp NZ

App update 2.4.2

We have just released the latest App update 2.4.2 which resolves a couple of outstanding bugs some users were experiencing.

Most people have automatic updates set on their device, however you might want to send an Alert Notification advising your users to ensure they update to the latest version of the app.

Are you struggling financially to pay Attendance Dues? Please contact our office as soon as possible so we can help you. We have some options available for payment plans and rebate assistance so we encourage you to please get in touch by calling us on 0800 462 725 or email dues@wn.catholic.org.nz. We look forward to being of assistance to you during this difficult time.

Kind regards

Attendance Dues Team

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