

School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3 9th August 2017

CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

Jesus often taught his friends about faith, and the amazing things that could happen when it was strong. In the Gospel reading this Sunday, we will hear about a time when Peter discovered that even he could walk on water if he kept looking to Jesus.

Peter's experience might remind us of times when we have been caught in storms of fear and confusion and felt like we were going under. Removing our focus from Jesus can cause our doubts to multiply and allow us to sink.

This week we encourage you to think of and talk about times when you have experienced the calming action of Jesus? We invite you also to consider the things that can be a distraction to your personal faith journey; occasions or events that have caused you to remove your focus from Jesus. We invite you to consider the things that have helped keep you afloat.

During this week be aware of the fears of others in your family or workplace, and be a soothing, calming influence for them.

CONFIRMATION:

As mentioned last Sunday a number of our students took the next step in their faith journey and received the sacrament of Confirmation. At the Mass the Cardinal invited us all to consider at the end of each day, ways we have shown kindness to others and times we may have overlooked showing kindness to others.

MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT MASS

A Mass to be celebrated at the Cathedral on **Sunday 13th August at 2:00pm** to acknowledge 200 years of the Marist Brothers' contribution to the Church and to thank people for their support and encouragement over the years here in Wellington and Lower Hutt area.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:

On Tuesday, 15 August Mass will be celebrated in the school Hall at 9:30am in recognition of this significant feast day; we warmly invite you to celebrate with us.

Welcome

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



To Helena on Wednesday 9th August, Mason on Sunday 13th August, Sio on Tuesday 15th August.

GARDEN TO TABLE CHEF OF THE DAY

TINEA



Home Garden: At home we bought plants from New World to grow; lettuce, silverbeet and raddish.

Kitchen Information: I have learnt the rules about how to hold a knife correctly and never to point a knife but hold it downwards.

Garden Information: I have learnt when we collect vegetables and herbs from the garden to cook with it is called, harvesting.

My favourite GTT dish so far is today's food- green and cheese fritters, they are delicious.

My favourite food is pisupo and rice.

OPEN MORNING:

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome a number of visitors as well as current family members to an Open Day at Holy Cross to view the school in action. We congratulate our amazing Year 8 leaders who were very attentive and provided visitors with a most informative tour of the school.

CULTURAL GROUPS PERFORMANCE

Today we hosted two visiting schools; St Francis de Sales and Miramar Central for a cultural exchange. The day started with a Powhiri in the school hall and then each school performed during the afternoon. We congratulate our students and the teachers who prepared them for their fine performance. We are very proud of you all!

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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. The gala will include a rosary bead stall, BBQ, arcade games, rugby skills, homemade craft and FOOD! Thanks once again for your fantastic support of our Year 7 & 8 fundraising events. (NB There will be no subway on the day of the gala as students will be able to order food from the food stalls)



ROMEO AND JULIET BALLET MATINEE

On **Thursday 17th August** year 4-8

students have the wonderful opportunity of attending the Royal New Zealand Ballet performance of **Romeo and Juliet** at the St James theatre. Students will travel by bus at 11:30am and return to school by 2:30pm. As students will not be able to take their bags with them they will be having an early lunch at school on this day. The cost of this event is \$5.00 unless you have paid your Activity Donation and then it is free. The classroom teachers will have a list of those who have paid their activity donation so you can check with them if you are unsure. Please ensure that you return the permission slip to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.



Congratulations

'Passion For Fashion' Earns Designer Big Break
(Dominion Post 25/07/2017)

Past Holy Cross pupil Designer Youhan Khosho who is in his third year at the New Zealand Institute of Fashion Technology and is one of 16 students whose silk designs will feature in the New Zealand Fashion Week. He is currently in India on a Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia. He attributes his passion for fashion to being taught to sew and knit at a young age by his mother. We wish Youhan all the very best in the upcoming Fashion Week and his future as a designer.

Save this Date

Friday 11th August: Holy Cross School Swimming
Tuesday 15th August: Feast of the Assumption Mass

Thursday 17th August: Year Students go to Ballet
Friday 18th August: Mini Gala – Camp Fundraiser
Sunday 20th August: Year 7 & 8 Camp Bake Sale at Holy Cross Church

Friday 25th August: Little Angels Playgroup 1:45pm
Tuesday 29th August: Eastern Zone Swimming

Sports News

MOTU KAIRANGI NETBALL

The draw for Saturday 12th August at the EBIS Netball Courts are as follows:
Nga Mokopuna v St Marks Stars 9am, Court 6
HCS Opals v Kahurangi Kikorangi 9.50am, Court 2
HCS Rubys v Seatoun Breakers 11.30am, Court 6

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. Please ensure that you return your permission slip and \$5.00 to your classroom teacher. If you are able to help at this event please indicate this on the permission slip.

PSG NEWS

BASKETBALL HOOP

The PSG are delighted to announce the arrival of the new Basketball Hoop and Backboard which has been installed on the courts. Thank you to all those who have supported the Holy Cross School Parent Support Group fundraising; your support has made this purchase possible.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

The PSG and Breakfast Club would like to thank the Meredith family for their very generous donation of Milo and Bread for our breakfast club.

We are looking for volunteer parents to help with the running of Breakfast Club - with the intention of expanding it's availability throughout the week. 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.

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.

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