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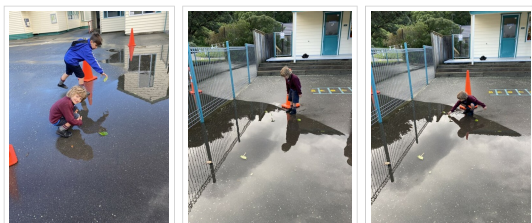
Term 3 Week 3 Newsletter 2021

Principal's Message

On Sunday I was working away in my office and as the day went on, noted a pool of water outside the entrance growing larger and larger- to the point I contacted the council as I was concerned about flooding. On Monday I had the joy of road patrol morning and afternoon- I wore my wet weather and warm clothing and braved the very cold temperatures. On Tuesday I had road patrol again and stood enjoying the beautiful sunshine, no need for a jacket, gumboots or umbrella, just my sunglasses! Now today, Friday after heavy rain I came to school to find another huge puddle, what weather we have!

Life is a bit like this, there are times that feel a bit stormy and times that feel calm; we are challenged to adjust. It's important to remember that we can get through the tough times by calling on friends, changing our thinking or seeking help if we need it. It is also important to recognise and show gratitude for the blessings we receive.

The photos below show our wonderful tamariki making and testing out boats to float in our giant puddle; an example of turning a not ideal situation into a learning opportunity.



Catholic Character

On Sunday 15 August, Aotearoa New Zealand will be re-dedicated to Mary Assumed into Heaven, a dedication first carried out by Bishop Pompallier in 1838. The himene, Mō Maria, which was composed by Bishop Pompallier may be known to many of you. Over the years the versions,

pronunciations and melodies of the hymn have varied from Pompallier's original. This has made it more difficult for people to sing the hymn harmoniously. The August 15 rededication of the country to Mary provides an opportunity to promote Mō Maria as a national Catholic anthem.

We attach two videos which return to the source, the Hokianga, to learn the original text and melody from the locals. The first is a documentary style introduction to the hymn, the second has the words onscreen to sing along with. We invite you to view these with your whānau to prepare for this day and the future. In class our students have been reflecting on what they know about Mary and her inspiring qualities.

Mary Mother Of God. Writing and drawing by Matlida

I think Mary is an inspiring person because she gave birth to a special person, Jesus. Mary had a strong faith, She was kind and hardworking! She raised Jesus so well and he grew up as an amazing kind person!

Mary was really brave and she was a strong woman. Also, when this story happened it was hard to have food everyday. Mary was a great woman! She inspires me by being brave and trusting in God and the Angels. Mary was a great mother to Jesus. She is also the mother of everyone else, she is the patroness of Aotearoa.

After 33 years Mary saw her son get crucified. 14 years later Mary passed and went to heaven, body and soul because she's special.

My own prayer about Mary

Dear Mary, please bless everyone out there who isn't brave enough to do things, please can you help them, and guide them in their hard times. Give them the courage to share their emotions and true self. Let them know that they are able to do the impossible.

Amen

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1686/doc130821_13082021104616.pdf

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/sDFehbr8g6w?showinfo=1&rel=0>

BOT message for the community

Kia ora tātou

The BOT would like to inform you of some upcoming activities happening over the next few weeks.

We would like to inform you of our farewell "Celebration of Celeste and Poroporoaki" which will take place in week 9 on Friday 24th September. Please keep this date free, more details will be made available soon about the activities planned for that day.

The BOT has started the process of finding a new principal, and we want to engage the school community on the characteristics you consider important for the role moving into the future. This coming Monday we will send a google survey to all parents/caregivers to complete. We would really value any input you have. If we could have your replies back by Friday 20th August please. The BOT intend to engage a recruitment company to help us with this process. This is a big decision for our school and we will keep you informed of our progress.

For your information from term 4, Lyn Hough our Deputy Principal will step into the Acting Principal role until an appointment has been made. Lyn has had Principal experience before so the BOT are very confident that she will fill this position well.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this with a BOT member, our email is bot@hcm.school.nz



SZ App



We have recently changed our school app to SZapp which is connected to our e-newsletters.

This makes our e-newsletter easier to read on your phone and we make a big saving by changing to this App.

Please download our new school app to your phone and remove the old SchoolAppNZ .

The link to download the app is here : [Installation guide](#)
and the code to unlock the app is : 5500

If you have any problems please call the office and we can assist.

El Rancho Camp Raffle 2021

El Rancho Camp Raffle results

We have had such a great response to our raffle, thank you to all who contributed.

Congratulations to the following people who won the prizes in our raffle:

1st prize : Kellie McKinstry

2nd prize : Pippa Burch

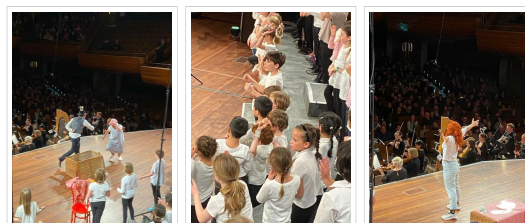
3rd prize : Kazuya Morimoto

4th prize : Malita Govind

5th prize : Kim Chin

Congratulations to the Cotidis - O'Reilly whanāu who sold the most tickets. We raised over \$8000.00 for the students going to camp! WOW

RED opera



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/cL9TfAwRzOg?showinfo=1&rel=0>

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/oRS9wQjvpyl?showinfo=1&rel=0>

Singing at the RED Show!

At the Michael Fowler Centre we got to find our lounge to put our bags then we had a rehearsal. I met two of the stars and we had breaks in-between practices.

Then came the show.....

When I came in to do the show I saw more than 500 people in there so I was nervous, like really nervous.

We started singing and when I was watching the stage at the same time I saw Granny's feet under the table by mistake on the scene where they were at Granny's and Granny got eaten. Some of the story was different because in this show Granny did not get eaten. She got trapped under the table because it was real life... so the wolf is not an actual wolf, if he ate Granny he would have been fat.

We sang My favourite food, watch out, nene nene, we are sorry we hurt you and that's all. When we had to get picked up we had to get our raincoats. We went downstairs to get picked up and get our name ticked off. And that was the whole day at Red because it was 1.30pm when we left school and then it was 8.00pm when we left to go home.

By Valantina

Yesterday we went to Red. Red is an Opera. Some of Holy Cross did Red which was Room five, Room six and Room three. We did it with four other Schools .

We used the bus to get to the Michael Fowler Centre. After we got there we went inside and were greeted. We had to stay there until 8 o'clock and we got there at 2pm.

We had to do the performance with 4 other schools. The names of the schools were: Miramar North, Kelburn, Northland and Newtown School.

Once we were greeted we got taken to a lounge where we could eat and drink before we had the dress rehearsal and the real performance.

We had the first dress rehearsal and it was kind of boring because we didn't do much except sing and sing!

After our first rehearsal we could go back to the lounge to eat and drink before our main rehearsal. This was the rehearsal that we could do a practice performance.

The second Rehearsal was like the performance but it wasn't. We did all the singing, acting and everything.

We had to sing a few songs twice or three times, it took one hour to do the practice performance because we had to get everything perfect; it was very special.

After that we had a half an hour to rest because everyone was tired and then came the big performance. There were so many people and so many eyeballs staring at us I bet everyone was a bit nervous.

The performance took one hour and a bit. Some of us messed up a bit because we thought the 'My favourite foods' parts went in a different part.

The performance went really, really well. Everyone did it well because we practised so many times. Everyone thought it was funny and cool, it was even recorded by Radio New Zealand.

It was very loud after the performance was finished because everyone was talking and clapping for us! We had to go back to the lounge and we got picked up by our parents.

By Nadege

Red Opera

Last week Rooms 3,5 and 6 went to RED Opera with Kelburn, Northland, Newtown and Miramar North Schools. The actors were Wolfie, Granny/Mum and Red. Our schedule to get to RED was to leave at 1:30pm. We had to get on the bus so we could get to the Michael Fowler Centre quickly to be ready to start at 2 p.m. We had time to have a little snack before we had our first rehearsal even though we made a few mistakes I still think we did great! At the show after the first rehearsal we went back to the lounge to have a little afternoon tea break before our second rehearsal. We did better than before and made lots of improvements but break time for our show was quite the chaotic storm. At 7:00pm there were thousands of eyes staring at us, even my family and others. It was a lot but we tried our best and showed them what we've got. It was tiring but we did our best and never showed our worst. I appreciated our performance and was proud of what we did; we had to practice and practice we still succeeded.

By Meisha

My story of Red the Opera

By Sam Rm 5

I remember that Red was right next to me. It was such a fulfilling experience. I never knew that just a play would take so much to do. It was so amazing and went so fast that I can barely remember it.

At first Wolfie was very hungry and it made him look at us weirdly and it was very scary .There were roughly 200 to 300 people there at the MFC. It was so amazing and there were different schools helping each other in the play.

It was a once in a lifetime experience with 4 to 5 schools helping each other into one big thing. When my school stood up to sing it was great. I can not describe how overwhelmed I was. The end was the best bit because we all bowed.

Behind the scenes - A look at the Opera Red

Do you care about bullying? If so, let me talk about RED! At the Michael Fowler Centre I performed the opera along with other schools and the best opera singers in New Zealand. It was very exciting but I was also quite nervous.

At the start of the opera I sat down with Jonathan and watched Red sing Red Rouge Russo then we stood up and sang our first song. A baby in the audience yelled "bleh!" and lots of kids laughed!

In the middle we sang a song and then we had to stay standing to watch the boxing match, "POW! WHAP! Oh no! What

happened to Granny"? At the end, Wolfie stuck a plunger to Granny's face and locked her in the chest.

At the end Wolfie became a vegetarian and Red became a hero. I was very tired afterwards and I went straight to bed once I got home. While the opera seemed like a normal fairytale it was actually based on bullying.

By Marlon Holy Cross School.

Garden to Table



Last week Room 3 were at Garden to Table.

In the garden we learned how to put together a compost bin and we found bugs next to the scrap pile.

I moved some soil from a bucket and put it into the compost. We were learning about how bugs are good for the garden, how we should keep them in the garden and they remind you that the soil is of good quality. We looked at sunflower seeds, where they came from and how they looked. We went to Jimmy's shed and looked at a net made of metal and wood. We will use it for keeping rats out of the compost.

One thing we needed to be careful about was hanging up wet gloves so they dry and we don't get cold wet hands.

By Kayla

In the kitchen we made tabbouleh with Aleksandra. We chopped up parsley, tomatoes, cucumbers, spring onions, added lemon juice and couscous mixed it all together. Something that I felt went well was fetching the parsley. I think we need to be careful about cutting and chopping vegetables and herbs because the knives are sharp. An idea for next time might be to add kawakawa shortbread. I felt good when I was cutting as I was on a roll!

By Austin



Save your worms! An article written by Faris about GTT

Students were learning to write a newspaper report and wrote about an authentic experience that they knew about:

The Garden to Table programme started in 2008 in Auckland. The programme teaches students how to grow vegetables and cook food. The most important part of it is how to grow organic vegetables and learn how to care for the environment. At Holy Cross School the programme is run once a week. Students from year 3-6 are in the garden to table programme this year. The class is divided into two groups. The garden group plants vegetables, looks after them, and harvests them when they are ready. The kitchen group prepares and cooks the meal and shares it together.

Mikey is a year 6 student who has enjoyed working in the garden. He likes to learn how to grow plants that are healthy, especially knowing how to make great compost. A tip from Mikey is "don't put sour things like lemon and orange peel in the compost because worms hate it!"

"Being chef of the day was a pleasure for me," said Mikey.

Happy Birthday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Moana, Nyakua, Mason, Marc and Lehi. We hope you have a special birthday !



Welcome to Holy Cross School Van Peng Lian and Amelia. We hope you have made some new friends and have enjoyed your first week at school.

Parent Support Group

Next Meeting: Monday 16th August @ 7pm

Where: School Staff Room

Who: Everyone welcome!

Please come and join us for a cup of tea and biscuit. We would love to see you there! It is a great way for parents to get to know each other in our school community. We are currently fundraising to provide our children with a new resurfaced bike pump track at the back of the courts.

A special **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to our recent Bunnings sausage sizzle! Thank you to those who helped out on the day, and for all the wonderful baking from parents for our cake stall. It was also great to see many familiar happy faces coming to buy sausages and cakes and supporting our school! Huge thanks also to Bunnings for their BBQ and to New World Miramar for their generous donation of sausages, bread & onions! The total raised from our sausage sizzle... **\$1,341.20**. We were very thrilled with this outcome!

Any questions, please feel free to email us at psg@hcm.school.nz

We're looking for volunteers and so we're inviting our community to an Open Night on 6 September. If you'd like to learn new skills, be part of a team and do some good for our community – please come, we'd love to see you.

- Discover what it takes to volunteer
- Hear about the training and new skills you'll learn
- Find out about the support available
- Enjoy refreshments and meet the crew!

Wellington Operational Support Kilbirnie Fire Station

Visitors Car Park

155 Rongotai Rd

Kilbirnie

Contact: Catherine Coe

Tel: 0226753992

facebook.com/WellingtonFireSupport

To register your expression of interest in attending, please visit <https://firesupport.org.nz/>

Kia ora o te whānau

Do you want to see more **smokefree** and **vapefree** outdoor public areas in Wellington? Did you know that any level of exposure to second-hand smoke is unsafe for health? For more information, see [Second-hand smoking effects](#).

Wellington City Council (WCC) are currently reviewing their policies that set the framework for managing trading and event activities in our public places in Wellington. The policy proposes that all trading and event licenses under this policy are mandatory smokefree and vapefree. This means more places and events will be smokefree in our city. This is a fantastic opportunity to make Wellington city safer and healthier and to help us reach **Smokefree Aotearoa 2025**. To make this happen, tell the council that you strongly agree with their plan to make more outdoor public places and events smokefree and vapefree in Wellington.

How to share your views

Remember, you don't have to give feedback on every question, and you can include supporting information. You can only submit once. The full Statement of Proposal (also available in an accessible format) can be read [here](#)

- Complete [an online survey submission](#), or
- a submission form or pick one up from any Wellington Library or Community Centre and:
- email it to policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz or
- [Download the form](#) and post it to Freepost 2199, Trading and Events in Public Places Policy, PO Box 2199, Wellington 6140.

Consultation closes at 5pm Monday 16 August.

Once you've had your say, please share with your networks so they can have their say too. For any questions, please get in touch with our Health Promotion team.

Community Notices



The Holy Cross Church Hall in Miramar is being used as a COVID vaccine centre and is now live for bookings.

Follow the link <https://bookmyvaccine.covid19.health.nz/> or call 0800 28 29 26 to make a booking.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Do you have a friend or a partner who would like to know more about the catholic faith? You are warmly welcome to attend an Enquiry Evening this coming Wednesday 18 August 7pm-8pm in the side meeting room of the church foyer of St Patrick's Church, 3 Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. For further information contact Margaret 021 344 356, or Fr Bill 388 6953. We look forward to seeing you.

Volunteer Open Night at Kilbirnie Fire Station
7.00 - 8.30pm, Monday 6 September 2021

Ngā mihi
The Health Promotion Team



A Musical Evening

Father Chris Skinner sm and St Catherine's College singers

Sun 22 August 2021 7.00pm St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

\$20 cash at door or online TryBooking www.trybooking.co.nz/
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(30 cent Booking Fee)