

School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7 5 September 2017

CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

Next week is Social Justice Week from the 10-16 September and the theme is "Weaving bonds of belonging: Knowing our neighbours".

Caritas asks all Catholics to listen, pray and reach out to those in our community, so we can all participate and contribute as part of our wider human family.

The relationship between people and a sense of community is an important reflection of the wellbeing and health of a society. Today, although we have more consumer goods, steady economic growth and rapid technological advancements, we still witness the realities of poverty, crime, addiction and hostility in our society.

Pope Francis reflects in his letter Laudato Si' that social cohesion is being threatened in today's world. We don't just need economic growth and development, but also the kind of development that can enable all people to participate in society and to cultivate meaningful relationships with each other.

We are born into family, whānau, neighbourhoods and communities. They are not always perfect but God intended that we grow through our interaction with others.

This Social Justice Week, we hope that everyone can take up the challenge set by Pope Francis to take big or small actions to weave bonds of belonging in our local community. In the choices and decisions that we make, we remember that our wellbeing is tied up with the wellbeing of the whole community.

SCHOOL LITURGY – CAMP BLESSING

On Friday at 11:30am we will be having a school mass and special blessing of our Year 7 & 8 students as they head off to Camp at Teapot Valley in Nelson next week. We warmly invite you along to this very special event.

A special prayer:

Lord we ask that watch over and protect all those who are travelling for camp next week. Keep them safe on their journey. May the Holy Spirit guide them as they discover new horizons. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

SACRAMENT 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation for 1st Holy Communion will begin with a meeting for parents and children on Sunday 1st October from 10:00am – 11:00am in the Holy Cross Hall Meeting Room. Please mark your calendars with the following Preparation sessions: Sunday 8th October, Sunday 29th October and a Practice for 1st Communion on Friday 3 November, and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion



To Liam and Rehtai on Friday 8th September, Charles on Sunday 10th September, Matthew and Sulia on Tuesday 12th September, Eliot on Thursday 14th September, Khusi on Saturday 16th September and Christian on Sunday 17th September, Tama and Kiri Cockburn-Birch on Monday 18th September.



Te Reo Week 7

Kia kaha e hoa mā! Let's go team!
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GARDEN-TO-TABLE

SIO TELEFONI – CHEF OF THE DAY



Tongan Language Week so Sio has included some Tongan.

Home Garden: At home we have taro, kale, silver beet and pumpkin in the garden. The whole family looks after it, watering it, aerating it and keeping it weed free.

Kitchen Information: I have learnt not to put knives in a sink full of water because that's dangerous; you put the knife on the bench and wait until later.

Garden Information: We are using milk containers tied to a strong branch to help the branch grow in the direction we want- towards the fence.

My favourite GTT dish so far is the dumpling dish we made today, fakafaka ofa e kai (what lovely food)

My favourite dish of all time is fried rice!

BOT MEETING

The next BOT Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th September 2017 at 6:00pm in the staffroom.

TERM 3 POWHIRI

This Thursday 7th September, we will be holding a powhiri to welcome new families and members of our community who have joined Holy Cross School this Term. We invite you all to come along to the school hall at 9:30am to show your support for these new families.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

There will not be a school newsletter next week, however we can look forward to the Principal's End of Term Newsletter in the last week of Term.

ORANGE DAY PARADE



Rain didn't put off our hard-working school patrollers as they walked from Parliament to Civic Square on Friday to celebrate Orange Day. Over 1200 students from 36 schools took part in this year's parade.

ARTSPLASH

Those students involved in Artsplash Dance being held on Friday 22nd September or Artsplash Choir being held on Tuesday 19th September need to return their permission slip and money for tickets to the office as soon as possible. We are also looking for parent volunteers to assist with the rehearsal supervision.

PSG MEETING DATE CHANGE

The next PSG Meeting will now be held on Monday 25th September 2017 at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Sports News

MOTU KAIRANGI NETBALL

The draw for Saturday 9th August at the EBIS Netball Courts are as follows:
Nga Mokopuna v St Francis Rockets 9am, Court 6
HCS Opals v St Patrick's Lightening 9.50am, Court 2
HCS Rubys v St Marks Diamonds 11.30am, Court 7

There are two weeks remaining for this season. Motu Kairangi Netball Prizegiving is on Sunday 24th September at 1.30pm in the Holy Cross School Hall. **MARK YOUR DIARIES NOW!**

FUTUREFERNS NETBALL - YEAR 1-4

Registrations are open for girls and boys wishing to play futureFERNS netball for Holy Cross School on Saturdays in Term 4. Notices for this are available from your child's teacher or on the school website. Registrations will only be taken with payment. If you have any questions, please contact joanna.graham@hcm.school.nz

Save the Date

Thursday 7th September: **Powhiri** 9:30am
Friday 8th September: **Mass** 11:30 camp blessing.
Monday 11th September: Year 7 & 8 leave for **camp**
Thursday 14 September: Primary School **Swimming**
BOT Meeting 6:00pm
Friday 15th September: Year 7 & 8 Return Camp
Tuesday 19th September: **Artsplash Choir**
Friday 22nd September: **Artsplash Dance**
Sunday 24th September: **Daylight Saving** Starts
Monday 25th September: **PSG Meeting** 7:00pm
Wednesday 27th September: **Netball Prizegiving**
Thursday 28th September: **Camp Celebration** event
Friday 29th September: **End of Term 3**
Monday 16th October: **Term 4 Begins**
Monday 17th October: **Labour Day** no School

Community News

MUSIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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