



Term 3 Week 9 Newsletter

Catholic Character: To celebrate Conservation Week we would like to share an adapted prayer from 'A prayer for the Earth' from *Laudato Si* by Pope Francis.

We pray in thanksgiving for Mother Earth in whom all life is rooted, Brother Sun whose energy radiates life, Sister Water who nurtures and revives us, and co-creatures with whom we live, and for whom we are called to till and keep this garden. "All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. We thank you for being with us each day. **Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.**"

Amen.



Important Dates: Week 10

Chinese Language Week
Sunday 23 September
School Parish Mass at 5pm in Holy Cross School Hall. Music led by Year 7/8 Musicians. All Welcome!

Monday 24 September
MK Prize Giving 3.30pm at EBIS.

PSG Meeting at 7pm in Staffroom. All welcome!

Wednesday 26 September

Holy Cross Netball Prize Giving 3.30pm in the hall. (No Vinnies Lounge this week)

Friday 28th September

1.45pm Little Angels Playgroup in R12
End of Term 3.

Friday 12th October 7pm

Tongan & Pasifika Cuisine
St Theresa Church Hall

Monday 15th October

Start of Term 4

Art Splash Choir, Dance and Visual Art



It has been a week of celebration at the Michael Fowler Centre with visual art from schools all around Wellington including Holy Cross on show in the foyer. On Monday the Choir joined 8 other schools to sing a selection of songs. On Wednesday the dancers performed on stage as part of an evening with 13 other schools. All the students have worked very hard to learn their parts and should be very proud of their performances on the night. Thank you to Legion, Mr Carson, Ms Jackson and all the other teachers for your support. More photos of the art and performances next week!

Internet Safety:

Following the Netsafe information evening in Term 3 we are sharing weekly Netsafe Tips for parents and family.

8. ONLINE BULLYING

One in five young people in New Zealand have been the target of online bullying. Teach your child what to do if they're targeted online, so they have the tools to deal with it if it happens. Ask them what advice they'd give a friend who was experiencing online bullying. This is a good way to understand how they would deal with these kinds of situations if they were to experiencing it themselves.

Make sure you also talk to your child about how you expect them to behave towards others online.

- Let them know that if it's not acceptable offline, it's not acceptable online
- Ask your children to think about the person on the "other side" of the screen
- Lead by example – model positive behaviour towards toward others online

Sign up for a newsletter with more hints and tips at- www.netsafe.org.nz



Become a Kiwi Guardian:

An activity programme for kids to learn about nature, earn cool rewards and go on epic family adventures.

Follow adventure maps and explore Kiwi Guardians sites.

Take actions in your backyard.

Attend special events.

Earn Kiwi Guardian medals.

Help us create future guardians of New Zealand – Kiwi Guardians. **Discover an adventure near you!**

doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/toyota-kiwi-guardians/

Student Writing Room 12: Beat the Drums!

Far away in Africa, Ryder, Baxter and Kena were learning how to play the drums. Suddenly Kena stopped! "I hope the lions won't like our music," said Ryder. "Don't worry," said Baxter. "We can beat our drums very loudly to keep the lions away."



Written by: Ryder, Baxter, Kena, Arnav, Angelina, Stuti and Allexia

Jersey Amnesty!

We have a large number of unclaimed jerseys in the office lost property. It is easy for children to pick up another jersey by mistake. Please ensure that you check your child's jersey is labelled clearly and return any mistaken items to the office. Thank you for taking the time to do this!



GARDEN TO TABLE



On the menu in the kitchen today was Silverbeet Rolls:

Chef of the day Nosi and gardeners of the day Laura and Diya from R5 shared a plate of the rolls in the sunshine. The focus in the garden this week has been clearing weeds, adding compost to the soil and preparing the ground for the next crop rotation. The silverbeet rolls contained a delicious mix of rice, herbs, chickpeas and celery. They were been cooked in a pot on a bed of onions and tomatoes. When they were ready, Aleece turned the pot upside down on a plate so the onions were left on top.



Today we welcomed Steve Logan from the Logan Brown Restaurant in Wellington into the garden and kitchen. Steve was impressed with the enthusiasm of the students and was pleased to see them using good quality kitchen equipment. We all enjoyed the visit and look forward to building our relationship with Steve and the Logan Brown Restaurant.



GARDENER OF THE YEAR 2018:

Congratulations to Josh Angelo (Room 3) who has been named the Gardener of the Year 2018. Josh has won a Hungry Bin (a worm farm) and he has kindly donated this to Holy Cross School. There were over 120 entries so Josh can be very proud of himself. Thank you to Kelly-Anne, Mrs Clark and Olivia who have shared their gardening knowledge to benefit all our students.



SPORT NEWS

Interzone Swimming Sports : Congratulations to Alex Smith (1st in 25m Butterfly) and Max Reynolds (2nd in 50m freestyle) and Nadia Hunt for competing.



Motu Kairangi Netball

A reminder that the **MK Prizegiving** is on Monday 24th September in the **EBIS School Hall**. The Year 5/6 prize giving is from 3.30-4.30pm. Followed by the Year 7/8 prize giving from 5.00-6.00pm. MK will provide food and there will also be spot prizes.

This years **Holy Cross School Netball Prizegiving** will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 26th of September from 3:30-4:30pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the success of all those who have participated and an opportunity to thank the Coaches, Managers and Parents for all their help. There will be certificates for the following - Best Defender, Best Attacker, Most Valuable Player and Most Improved Player.

Cricket Registration

Learn to play cricket in a fun environment this summer! Girl and Boys can register online from 16/9/18 or in person at Eastern Suburbs Club. Check out the website : <http://www.eastsjuniorcricket.co.nz>

Don't forget to hand in your Yummy fruit labels for a chance to win free sports gear for the school. Entries close 28th September.

PSG Update



Contact the PSG on psg@hcm.school.nz to volunteer your help.

Save the Date! Holy Cross International Food Fair
Friday October 26th 5 - 7.30pm.

Happy Birthday! To all the children who have had their birthday this week: Christian Kaka, Tama and Kiri Cockburn-Birch and Maria Sullivan.

