



# Term 4 Week 1 Newsletter 2019

## CATHOLIC CHARACTER October is the month of the Rosary

Praying the rosary enables us to

- learn the traditional prayers of the church.
- teaches us to be quiet, still, calm and reflective in a very busy world.
- become closer to Mary, the Mother of Jesus who also prays for us.
- Enter into the events (mysteries) of Jesus' life.

Traditionally, the rosary is divided into 4 sets of mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous.

### The Joyful Mysteries are;

1. **The Annunciation**  
Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.
2. **The Visitation**  
Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.
3. **The Nativity**  
Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.
4. **The Presentation**  
Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to God.
5. **The Finding of Jesus in the Temple**  
Jesus is found in the Temple discussing his faith with the teachers.



**We encourage you to try saying one decade of the Rosary with your family during the month of October - perhaps reflecting on one of the Joyful mysteries while doing so.**

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Happy birthday to Anira and Ted.  
Enjoy your special day!

Congratulations to Meela McPherson who has a new baby sister, named June. We are sure June will be a special addition to your family.



We are pleased and excited to inform you that we will be producing a new eNewsletter with Schoolzine this term. The move to this new format will enable us to communicate with the school community across multiple channels. We think it will promote and enhance our engagement with our parents, students and the wider community. We also feel it will help us to be a more eco-conscious school by cutting down on our paper and printing usage. E-newsletters will be emailed to you each week. We will still print a number of newsletters and will keep them in the office, if you still prefer to receive them in this format, just call in and pick up a copy.

We believe you'll find the eNewsletter highly engaging, as it will provide us with a more efficient and effective means of connecting with you. The new format will allow the inclusion of video, photo galleries, online bookings, feedback forms, calendars and so much more. The newsletter also has a sponsorship section which provides a great opportunity for local businesses to engage with our parent community.



Welcome to school Tessa, Esme, Eve, Bella and Avery and teaching staff Jen, Jo and Jess.

We hope you have had a great first week at Holy Cross School.

# Marcellin Syndicate Page

For the first 6 weeks of term we will be taking part in the Kiwi Sports Athletics and Gymnastics programmes. Please ensure that your child brings their PE uniform (PE shirt, blue shorts and sports shoes) on a Monday and Wednesday to change into. All items of clothing need to be clearly labelled and stored in a bag.

Talking to your child about their learning and sharing the stories they have created in class will help them to use the new language and concepts they have learnt. Use the question prompts below to start talking about the Think, Talk and Create topics for this term. Each class will learn about each topic for 2 weeks. If you have any resources or ideas to support the learning please let your class teacher know.

## Playground Games

Playing games together is fun and you can learn lots of amazing new skills. Last term we started learning skipping and gutterball. This term we are going to learn more games to enjoy at playtime. What were your favourite games to play at school? What equipment did you need and what were the rules?



## Musical Instruments

Musical instruments are made of different materials and can be played to create a range of sounds. We will be learning how to play percussion instruments and perform together, building on the songs we learnt with Anna. What are your favourite songs or kinds of music? What instruments do the musicians use to play the music you like?



## Flower Power!

Growing flowers and edible plants is a magical way to learn about science. We will be learning about what plants need to grow and how we can make a big difference in our environment by planting some tiny seedlings. Bees and insects love flowers. What kind of flowers can you see when you are in a garden or around Wellington?



## The Journey

The Journey Topic is all about Advent. For the last three weeks of term the Think, Talk and Create classes will be learning about the Christmas Story and the traditions connected with Advent. What Christmas traditions do you have as a family? How do you prepare for this special time of the year together?



The students in years 0-3 have **Anniversary Reports** until they have been at school for the equivalent of 120 weeks. Your class teacher will contact you close to each anniversary to celebrate achievements and plan for the next learning goals. If you have any questions, please contact your class teacher.

**Please support your child for learning each day by checking they have packed their school sun hat, a water bottle, a healthy lunchbox and their reading folder. We look forward to sharing our learning in Term 4.**

# GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

Our garden has exploded with spring growth so we are looking forward to harvesting what we have planted throughout the year. We will be focussing on sustainable practices for the garden, learning how to grow seedlings in newspaper and how we might share these with our local community.



## Wellington's First Ever Kiwilele Jam!

On Thursday 24 October, we will be hosting several other schools for the first ever Kiwilele Jam here in Wellington. This festival now has thousands of students participating in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin and we are thrilled to be hosting the first event here in Wellington.



## STEAM Afternoons

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics

Year 6 students will be working with the Waste Heroes team with a Science Unit called 'Junk to Fashion' where they will be exploring how we can repurpose our trash. We are also looking forward to working with the local secondary science educators who have offered lessons for our students on Tuesday afternoons this term.

We will also be preparing for our visits to the local retirement village later in the term and we will be rehearsing items that we can sing with the residents.



**Athletics preparation** - For PE, students will be preparing for the School Athletics Day on Friday 25th October and will be training in High Jump, Long Jump, Quoits, Vortex and Track events. This will lead to students representing the school in the Eastern Zone Athletics.



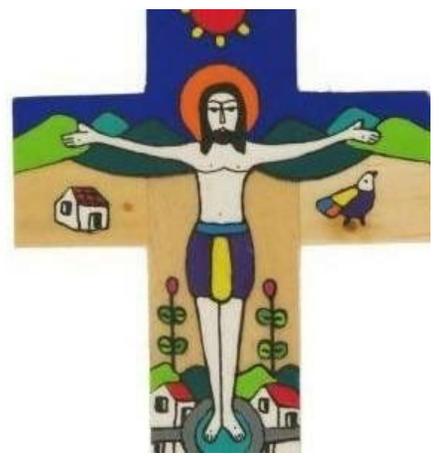
For Religious Education, we will be exploring

- the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary and how these can bring us closer to Mary
- why we celebrate the feasts of All Souls and All Saints Day
- the significance of the Jesse Tree in the meaning of ADVENT.

## Reminders

Students will be engaged in Garden to Table activities every Tuesday. Students are required to wear PE gear and must have sneakers (students wear sandals to school). Students are required to bring their PE gear every day so they can participate comfortably in fitness training, prepare for Athletics and cricket coaching.

# Rooms 1 & 2



Welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful break with your tamariki. We have had a fantastic break and we look forward to another exciting term of learning.

To wrap up our theme of 'Citizenship' we will be exploring and reviewing our role as leaders of Holy Cross School, where students will look to giving back to their school community and the wider community through service and artwork.

As part of the Religious Education programme, students will be learning about Saints, in particular the Archbishop Oscar Romero who dedicated his life to his community.

For Physical Education, students will be exploring and improving the fundamental skills of running, jumping and throwing by engaging in various athletic events. This will lead to students representing the school in the Eastern Zone Athletics. Please ensure your child has the correct full PE uniform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



## Year 7 and 8 awards and Graduation

The year 8 graduation will be held on Thursday the 12th of December. It is a special event where we formally farewell our Year 8 students and award students for particular roles. For Year 7 students there is a scholarship to be awarded for service and leadership within our school community. Please continue to support your child by discussing how they can continue to be a strong leader within our school community.

### Reminders:

- ❖ Powhiri- Friday 18th Oct
- ❖ Students are reminded to bring their full PE uniform every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please help your child to have these organised.
- ❖ Ukulele Festival- Thurs 24th Oct
- ❖ School Athletics- Fri 25th Oct
- ❖ Catholic Cultural Celebration Wed 30th Oct
- ❖ Eastern Zone Athletics Wed 6th Nov (PP 13th)
- ❖ Christmas Liturgy Tues 3rd Dec @6pm
- ❖ Year 8 Graduation Thurs 12th Dec
- ❖ Last day Tues 17th Dec



# Other News and Information

## SAVE THE DATE

**Monday-Friday 21-25 October** -Bike to school week

**Thursday 24th October**-10.30 -12.30pm Wellington Kiwilei festival in school hall (HC Ukulele Group)

**Friday 25th October**- 1.30pm School athletics day

**Monday 28th October**-Labour day - school closed

**Wednesday 30th October**- Catholic cultural celebration-hosted at HCS

**Friday 1st November** - All Saints day - Liturgy or Mass (to be confirmed)

**Saturday 2nd November** -All Souls day

**Wednesday 6th November**- Eastern Zone athletics

**Friday 8th November** - \*12.30pm *Hansel and Gretel* ballet at Wellington Opera House ( Marcellin Syndicate)

**Friday 15th November**- 10.00am Thank you morning tea (school hall)

**Wednesday 4th December**- 6.00pm Christmas liturgy

**Thursday 12th December**-Year 8 graduation

**Monday 16th December**- ASB funday (to be confirmed)

**Tuesday 17th December** - Last day of term

## Community news

### **Worser Bay Life Saving Club Open Day**

Calling all clubbies to “give surf a go” with your local Worser Bay Lifesaving Club. We’re all about fun, family fitness and friendship at Worser Bay, the community club that can. The junior surf programme runs from October to March for 7 to 13 year olds. Learn about beach safety, build confidence in and around water, use paddle boards and take part in junior carnivals. The Worser Bay Lifesaving Club open day is Sunday 20th, 2pm to 4pm, 251 Marine Parade, Seatoun.

### **Miramar Childcare**

Spaces available,  
392 Broadway, Miramar.  
04 388 8343

[manager@miramarchildcare.co.nz](mailto:manager@miramarchildcare.co.nz)  
[www.wellingtonchildcare.com](http://www.wellingtonchildcare.com)



### **St Benedicts Spring Fair**

**Sunday 3 November 11am – 2pm. St. Benedict’s School, 50 Nicholson Road, Khandallah.**

Come along and enjoy an afternoon where there is something for everyone: Toys, book, plants ,preloved Clothing, a variety of food including an ethnic food stall, american hot dogs, sweets, cakes, a café, Craft, face painting, henna hand painting, a tombola, silent Auctions and quick fire raffles, and a Kids Zone including a chocolate trailer, sumo wrestling, a bouncy castle and so much more. Win a micro scooter, \$\$ in the lucky key or PS4 challenge.

### **Wellington City Mission**

Help Kids play sport by donating sports equipment to the Community Sports Bank Sport Poverty is a growing issue within our communities with three main barriers to sport participation; subs/fees, equipment costs, and transport. The aim of the Community Sports Bank Project is to reduce or eliminate the cost of equipment for those in need and by this, increase sport participation and increase activity.

### **Location**

Equipment drop off points:  
thehub - 49 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie  
Kilbirnie Lyall Bay Community Centre - Bay Road, Kilbirnie  
Wellington City Mission - 19 Gordon Place Newtown  
For more information please contact thehub on 027 435 4137 or [toituhub@gmail.com](mailto:toituhub@gmail.com)

All Pedal Ready trained schools are invited to join

**Bike to School week 2019**

in term 4, week 2 (21-25 Oct).

Share your stories and photos to @bikegreaterwelly (Facebook or Instagram) with #biketoschool to be in to win great prizes!

For more info, email: [info@pedalready.org.nz](mailto:info@pedalready.org.nz)



We had a very successful earthquake and tsunami drill on Thursday. The children

moved quickly to evacuate after the drop-cover-hold. It is good to practice our emergency procedures so we know exactly what to do in the event of an emergency. Please talk with your child about this and discuss your emergency plan.