

School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 17 October 2017

Welcome back to our new school term. We look forward to a term of great learning with many fun activities planned.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday is World Mission Day. Fr Kevin Head shared the following message in the Marist Messenger:

"World Mission Sunday reminds us that mission is not something added to the Christian faith. Rather, it is at the heart of the faith. All Christians are missionaries of the Gospel and they are called to play an active part in the mission of Christ. As the publicity for World Mission Day 2013 expressed it, 'We are all invited to walk the streets of the world with our brothers and sisters, proclaiming and witnessing to our faith in Christ and making ourselves heralds of his Gospel.

Our mission field, of course, is right where we are now. It is in loving service of others in ordinary things such as turning up to do the chores that need doing, visiting the sick and those in prison, welcoming strangers and visitors, teaching the children by the goodness of our lives and by the care with which we explain the faith to them, and supporting one another in faith by being faithful ourselves even when, and especially when, we don't feel like it.

We are to live our Baptism by pouring out our lives in serving others. In this way, we serve the mission of the Church, and do our small and important part in building the reign of God on earth"

SACRAMENT 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

Just a reminder there is a meeting for students making their Holy Communion on Sunday 29th October 10:00 – 11:00am and a Practice for 1st Communion on Friday 3 November from 3:15pm – 4:15pm and then First Holy Communion on Sunday 5th November at the 9:00am Mass at Holy Cross Church.



To those students who celebrated their birthday over the holidays; Diya, Ledayna, Faris, Phoenix, Georgia F, Lily C, Cian, Maloni, Chelsea, Mouna we hope that you had a very special day. Happy Birthday to these students who are celebrating their birthday over the next week. Obsaan on Saturday and Pili.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Nael, Rana, Faris and Fadi Khaayt on becoming New Zealand Citizens at a special ceremony at Te Papa. Pictured here with Wellington Mayor Justin Lester.

UNIFORM:

Please support the school by ensuring your child is in his or her correct full uniform. A uniform worn with pride enhances a child's well-being and promotes the school in a positive manner.

SUMMER UNIFORMS

Girls can now wear their summer dresses. We have some in stock in the school office for \$75.00. Sandles – students may now wear black sandles leather with closed in toes are best.

SUNSMART:

Terms 1 and 4 are times when the sun is at its most dangerous and so for this reason we have a 'No Hat-No Play' policy. Hats are available for purchase from the school office but you are welcome to purchase your own plain navy hat form elsewhere. Please do not buy hats with the chord as these present a hazard.

SPORT AND ACTIVITIES:

Each year we endeavor to provide students with opportunities to take part in sports and activities they might not otherwise experience. Last term all students received tuition as part of the Small Sticks hockey programme, this term they will all participate in a four week programme -Starting New At Golf (SNAG). All students will receive golf lessons which will be paid for by our Kiwisport allocation and activity donation.

PLAYGROUND MARKINGS:

You will have noticed that during the term break we had our playground markings refreshed and added a number of 'footprints'. Please ask your child to explain the meaning of the yellow footprints at the gate and the big blue footprints around the school.

GARDEN-TO-TABLE

Alexia- CHEF OF THE DAY

Assistant: Tyla



Home Garden: Alexia: We have some lemons and some lovely flowers and plants. We hose the garden to give the plants water to help them to grow.

Tyla: In my garden we have some greens and other vegetables but not really fruit. My Dad planted some yellow flowers to remember his friend.

Kitchen Information: Alexia: I have learnt to use the vegetables to make lots of different foods to eat.

Tyla: I have learnt there are different ways to cut without hurting yourself- like with garlic you squish the knife down on it to make it easier to cut.

Garden Information: Alexia: When we harvest vegetables we have to be careful about how we get them out of the ground and we take them from the outside first.

Tyla: You have to be careful of the roots of plants and vegetables and not damage them.

Alexia: My favourite GTT dish so far is the one we made this week, pasta with parsley and kale- cavolo nero

Tyla: I have loved all of them so far they are all my favourite, but my favourite dish of all time would be vege dumplings.

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

We have many new books for our library that I hope to cover and put on the shelves for week 2 of this term. In order to be able to do this, the library will be closed this week. It would be wonderful to have a parent volunteer to help cover the new library books. Covering books is a skill that would transfer between libraries and schools (and you can listen to the radio while you do it). If anyone is interested in volunteering on a regular basis, please contact me kirsten.puddick@hcm.school.nz or let Kathee know.

Sports News

Riding is awesome! Join Aotearoa Mini Bike Challenge and let's get more people enjoying the freedom of two wheels. More info here: <https://www.lovetoride.net/wellington>

REMINDERS

Monday 23rd October: Labour Day
No School

Tuesday 24th October: Zoo Trip Room
Rm 12,7,8

Thursday 26th October: Swimming
Rm 12 & 8

Thursday 26th October: Kapa Haka
Festival Cultural Group perform at St
Patrick's College

Friday 27th October: Swimming Rm 7 & 6

Friday 27th October: Year 5 – 8 Holy
Cross School Athletics

Friday 27th October: Little Angels
Playgroup 1:45pm in Room 12

Thursday 2nd November: Thank You
Morning Tea 10:15am in School Hall – An
opportunity to thank all those who have
supported our school community
throughout the year.