

School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 24 October 2017

CATHOLIC CHARACTER:

MISSION SUNDAY

In this Sunday's Gospel reading from Matthew we are reminded of the two greatest commandments; love God and love your neighbour. Pope Francis reminds us often that love is at the Heart of Christian life. He is quoted as saying that these two commandments are "complementary, they are two sides of the same coin... Only if I serve my neighbour can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much he loves me."

And so we are reminded that it is in serving others that Christians can give a visible sign of love to the world. In this Gospel reading Jesus has placed the command to 'love' at the center of our faith and our way of living.

This week let us all work to be a visible sign of love to those around us. Let's consider, what this might this look like- think of real and practical ways we might achieve this.

FOOTSTEP - In last week's newsletter we invited you ask your child to explain the meaning of the yellow footsteps at the main gate. These footsteps are an invitation to "Pause" before we step into the school to remind us, this is a Sacred Place, the footsteps invite us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

SACRAMENT 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

Just a reminder there is a meeting this Sunday 29th October 10:00 – 11:00am for students making their first communion and a further practice Friday 3 November from 3:15pm – 4:15pm



To Andareh Yako on Sunday, Pavit Kalsi on Thursday next week.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:

The next BOT Meeting is on Thursday 2nd November at 6:00pm in the Staff Room.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the new students and their families who have joined our Holy Cross School Community this Term. Ninor and Henry in Room 12 and Samson (Caitlyn cousin) in Room 1. Please take the time to introduce yourself to these children and their families to our school.

KAPA HAKA

On Thursday 26th October, our cultural group will be performing at the Kapa Haka Festival being held at St Patrick's College. Our students will be performing at 1:30pm. If you wish to come along to support our students please ensure that you arrive 15 minutes early.

Our students will be bussed to and from the school to the Festival.

PLAYGROUND:

We are delighted to have bright new playground markings which our students are using well. We are most appreciative also of the new basketball hoop which is getting constant use. There are some initial hiccups which we are working through regarding the use of the hoop after school hours and on the weekend.

You will be well aware of our desire to have the grounds well utilized by our community. Unfortunately, some people from outside the school using the hoop have also entered neighbours' properties and behaved in ways not fitting with our school ethos. We are working with the neighbours to address this issue so that this wonderful resource can be enjoyed by all.

EVENTS:

Term 4 is always a term filled with many events and celebrations. Please remember to keep an eye out for these in the newsletters as well as the website to ensure you don't miss any key dates.



TEAM ENERGIZE HOME PLAY CHALLENGE

Starting next week at Holy Cross School and continuing over the next three weeks your child will bring home a character card each week which has lots of physical activity challenges for you and your family to complete while having heaps of fun!

CANS FOR GOOD

We ask each student to please bring in a can of food for the Cans for Good campaign being run by for the Salvation Army Foodbanks. Once we have the cans students will arrange them in a design which will be submitted to a Watties competition.

YUMMY STICKERS

A big thank you to Nadia and Lydia Hunter who initiated the collection of Yummy stickers and to those of you who also contributed stickers. As a result of this we have been awarded \$60.00 to spend on sports equipment for the playground.

HATS AND SUNSCREEN:

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 \$10.00 for a baseball cap, \$12 for wide wide brim Aussie Hat, but you are welcome to purchase your own plain navy hat from elsewhere. Please do not buy hats with the chord as these present a hazard.

We have sunscreen available in the school office for students to apply on those hot days.

SPRING ILLNESS

We currently have an unusually high number of students absent due to illness. We have reviewed correct handwashing procedures at school and ask that you reinforce these at home. Also if your child has a fever or feels unwell please keep him/her at home to reduce spreading this illness.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Just a reminder that we have our annual Thank You Morning Tea to acknowledge all those individuals and organisations who have supported Holy Cross School throughout the year. It is being held at 10:15am on Thursday 2nd November in the school hall.

HELP WANTED

We are in desperate need of helpers for our Garden to Table programme especially in the kitchen. If you are able to volunteer, even if it is only for a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning between 9:00 and 11:00 it doesn't have to be every week. But any help would be greatly appreciated. Please let the office know if you can help out.

EASTERN ZONE ATHELETICS

Students in years 5-8 are currently participating in athletics activities to assess who will make up the team to represent Holy Cross School at the Eastern Zones Athletics on Wednesday 8th November at Newtown Park. These students will come home with a permission slip and further information.

GARDEN-TO-TABLE CHEFS OF THE DAY Nikki-and Nalika



Home Garden: Nikki: We have a pear tree, apple tree and peach tree and we grow carrots in our garden

Nalika: In my garden we have flowers and are growing the My little garden pots from New World, but only the lettuce and thyme are growing.

Kitchen Information: Nikki: You should use your hand like a bridge when cutting up food so you don't cut your fingers.

Nalika: Whenever you put the knife in the sink don't put in a tub of water but wash it by itself otherwise you will get cut.

Garden Information: Nikki: You can use the leftover eggshells to plant seeds in.

Nalika: You can use ground coffee beans to get rid of insects from your garden.

Niki: My favourite GTT dish was the honey museli slice.

Nalika: I have loved the dumplings.

Save the Date

Thursday 26th October: Swimming Rm 12 & 8

Thursday 26th October: Kapa Haka Festival Cultural Group perform at St Patricks 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

Tuesday 5th December: Christmas Liturgy

Tuesday 12th December: Year 8 Graduation

Friday 15th December: End of Year Farewell/Liturgy

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ADULT SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30pm on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November at the Kilbirnie School Hall, Hamilton Road, Hataitai. Have fun in a familiar, safe group learning environment. \$60.00 for all four classes. Dress in comfortable clothing. For more information and registration contact legacytkdnz@gmail.com or phone 021 244-8618.