



Term 4 Week 2 Newsletter

Catholic Character:

In the Gospel reading this coming Sunday we will hear about how Jesus helped a man called Bartimaeus to see again. Sometimes we see things that are not fair or right and it can be hard to see how to change these things.

Let us think a bit about what we can do to make the world a fairer place. With your whānau, reflect upon and discuss what we are called to do in these situations:

- ★ You are on our way to play with our friends and notice someone sitting alone, looking sad.
- ★ You walk through the front gate and notice some rubbish on the ground.
- ★ You notice someone coming into the school pushing a pram; you are going in the other direction but know they will struggle to open the gate.
- ★ You are walking to the car after school and notice that the bikes have been left out or a jumper is on the ground.

Invitation: This week let us 'open our eyes' to those in need and also consider ways we can care for our world. Let us have the courage to do what we know is right and just. We invite you to pray the following:

God of healing power, help us to see what is not right or fair in our world. Open our eyes so that we might see what we can change to make the world a fairer place for all your people. Amen.

TERM 4 - SUMMER UNIFORM



Please remember that in Term 4 all students must wear a hat at break times and when learning outside. There are hats available to buy in the office for \$10. Please make sure all your uniforms are clearly labelled.

KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL



On Tuesday the Holy Cross Cultural Group performed at the St. Patrick's College hall for the Whanaungatanga Kapa Haka Festival.

A total of thirteen primary schools took part in the festival. As co-hosts, Holy Cross led the festival, which began with a powerful powhiri, followed by amazing performances. We congratulate each of the participating schools for the effort they put into supporting their tamariki - allowing them to share and celebrate their cultures in an authentic learning context. Well done to our cultural group, particularly our leaders, who represented us so well at the festival. Special thanks to the many parents and whānau who supported the group and of course our amazing teachers - Mr Sa and Matua Tala for their passion, commitment and enthusiasm.

Important Dates

26th October - Holy Cross Food Fair

1st November - All Saints Day / Royal NZ Ballet Nutcracker/BOT meeting

2nd November- All Souls Day Mass in School Hall at 9:30 am - all welcome.

7th November - Eastern Zone Athletics Day

11th November - 1st Holy Communion 9am Holy Cross Church

13th November - Year 8 St Patrick's College testing, St Catherine's Orientation Day

22nd November - Somes Island Excursion for Year 7/8

4th December - Christmas Liturgy

5th December - Eastern Zone Miniball

13th December -Year 8 Graduation

18th December- End of Year Liturgy and last day of school

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Happy birthday to Pili, Andareh and Raiha, we hope you have a great birthday week.



A very warm welcome to Hemish Patel in Year 4 and his family who have joined our Holy Cross School Community this week. We hope you have had a great week and made some new friends.

MUSIC TO OUR EARS!

What an amazing afternoon of learning for the students attending the violin lessons which began on Tuesday. We were delighted to have over forty students participate and are extremely grateful to Margaret and the tutors from Arohanui Trust who are supporting the learning journey of our young musicians.

We also appreciate our senior students who are helping out as part of their Community Service for the William Pike Challenge Award. It was great to have so many parents come along and enjoy this time as well.



Chef of the Day TSION R5- Today we made carrot and greens savoury muffins.

First we washed the carrots that had been harvested from the garden to remove dirt or insects. Then we grated and peeled the carrots. When they are cooked in the muffins they change their colour. I liked it when we combined the wet and dry ingredients then added the vegetables, it was very colourful!



Gardener of the Day Nafira R5- Ben has been visiting Garden to Table schools and he donated an orange tree for our garden. When we planted the lemon tree last year we made a wall with plastic netting. Isaac and I did some research, when it's windy you need to cover the fruit trees to keep them warm and protected from the wind. We are going to plant it near the lemon tree on the other side of the bike track. Each week we have to take care of the compost. In the last session they were cleaning the compost buckets.

Foodie favourites-

Nafira's favourite Garden to Table recipes are the Hulk Muffins (made with spinach to make them green) and the zucchini spaghetti. TSION's favourite thing to make was the pikelets with honey and rhubarb toppings and feijoa smoothies. They were delicious!

A big **Thank You** to our neighbour Jo and her family who have been weeding, watering and harvesting our garden over the holidays. It is wonderful to be able to share the fruits of our labour with the wider community.

Next week you can get involved by making some food with the Garden to Table Team!

An important role for the Garden to Table team at the Holy Cross Food Fair will be recycling the waste. There will be a team of students and our very own Eco Warrior Vicky Holben. Vicky has volunteered at other Wellington City events to manage the waste and is now sharing her expertise with the students. The students will be collecting and sorting the waste to be recycled and composted. We are hoping to reduce the size of our carbon footprint by reducing waste at the event. Please ask the students to help you to recycle at the Holy Cross Food Fair this Friday the 26th October. **REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE!**



SPORTS NEWS

Motu Kairangi Mother Earth Future Ferns Marilyn Graham-Mika and Lydia Hunter have been learning all about playing netball and improving their skills. Who better to show them than ex Silver Fern Irene van Dyk !



PSG INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

Come along to the International Food Fair this Friday evening starting at 5 pm.

Bring your whanau and enjoy some fun and food celebrating the many different cultures at our school. Thank you to all those who are helping with their time or donating food so the evening can be as successful as possible. Entertainment to be provided by our Year 7 & 8 musicians and Cultural Group.

