



# Term 4 Week 3 Newsletter

## Catholic Character:

### 'Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbour'

Deuteronomy 6:2-1, Psalm 18, Hebrews 7:26, Mark 12:28-31

This Sunday's Gospel clearly tells us how to love and serve God. 'With all your heart and all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength' and "love your neighbour as yourself" If we do this then we are living exactly as God wants.

This commandment is, in fact, so important that people sometimes refer to it as the 'golden rule'. Discuss with your families why you think it might have been given this name?

If we can concentrate on following this teaching how simple everything becomes. Renewing our intention to live this way at the beginning of each day and reflecting on our actions at the end of the day is a good way forward.

As you walk through the school gates you will notice a pair of footprints. Each time you walk through these gates we invite you to think about ONE person you will make an extra effort to be kind to that day or ONE way you can show kindness to others. Be intentional in your acts of kindness.. Make the world a better place.

## Important Dates

### **EVERY Friday- Subway Day**

Place your order in the library from 8.30am.

**2nd November-** All Souls Day Mass in school hall at 9:30 am - all welcome.

**7th November** - Eastern Zone Athletics Day

**8th November-** Thank you morning tea 10.15am

**9th November-** Powhiri for new students and families 9.00am

**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 7pm

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

## FUN AT THE FAIR

Our GTT experts were on hand to sell their produce and thanks to the eco-warriors for their efforts with recycling and reducing the amount of rubbish sent to the landfill.



A big Happy Birthday to: Raiha and Pavit, hope you have a wonderful birthday.



A huge THANK YOU to the PSG, parent helpers and those who cooked so much delicious food! We thank our staff, students and wider community for their support of the International Food Fair. This event was a true celebration of the many cultures that make up the Holy Cross School community. We feel very blessed to have your support.

Here are the thoughts of some of our children sharing what they loved about the night...

'I loved the music and the cultural group performance' Jessica

'I loved trying the different cultural foods' Maria

'I loved helping my Mum on the Lebanese food stall' Nadia

'I loved helping my Mum on the African food stall' Shalom

Congratulations to our organisers, cooks, helpers, eco-warriors, musicians, activity organisers, raffle donors and supporters.. You Rock!

## REMINDERS

At the beginning of each term we like to remind parents of different processes that the school has in place. This week we focus on the process for handling concerns.

It is important that concerns and complaints be handled promptly and professionally in a reasoned, respectful manner. In the first instance, please direct these directly to the person concerned. Serious complaints must be reported to the Principal.

**Parental Concerns-** Process to be followed by Parents;

- Speak to the class teacher first. It is best to phone or pop in to make a time to speak with the teacher- as sometimes teachers need to go to meetings, go on road patrol etc and may not be immediately available. It is helpful to let the teacher know the nature of the concern or purpose of the meeting- that way the teacher can be prepared for the meeting by having relevant information at hand.
- If you feel your concern has not been adequately addressed speak to the syndicate leader. You will also be required to complete an Incident Report/ Expression of Concern Form prior to this meeting.
- If you feel you need to take your concern further make a time to speak to the principal again follow the procedures outlined above.
- Under no circumstances are parents to discipline the children of other parents.

## THANK YOU MORNING TEA

To all parent helpers, those that have volunteered and given their time we would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge your help and would be delighted if you could join us for a Thank You morning tea on Thursday 8th November at 10.15am in the school hall. Please advise the office if you will be attending for catering numbers.

