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Term 4 Week 3 Newsletter 2023

Principal's message

What an amazing Labour Day long weekend, the weather was beautiful and lots of people were enjoying some quality whānau time. We are already 3 weeks into the term and have lots going on as we build towards the end of a busy year. Here are some of the exciting things we have done and that are coming up:

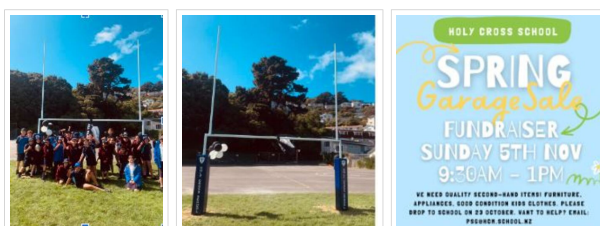


Pōwhiri: Tomorrow morning we welcome the following students to Holy Cross School; Julian, Nerine, Abrianna, Cailin, Hēmi, Araiya, Tallulah, Jerome, Esme and our student teacher Payge. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Rotokura. It will be the final pōwhiri of the year and also a passing of the guard as our year 8 leaders perform the duties of kaikaranga, kaikōrero and kaea (leaders) of the cultural group for the last time. We thank you for the time and dedication you have put into becoming strong leaders of the school and upholding our school kawa with mana.

Footsteps Dance: This week we welcomed the Footsteps Dance tutors to Holy Cross to teach us a bit more about dancing. The idea we had was to build on the great work we started in term 2 and 3 with our school production. As the lead teacher for the production, it was amazing to see lots of our tamariki shine in the performing arts and so it is a great time to cultivate that interest into a passion that they will enjoy for years to come.



PSG Fundraising & Garage Sale: A big ngā mihi to the PSG for all their hard work and fundraising efforts for our brand new combination soccer rugby posts. Last week we had an informal unveiling where the students had the chance to practice their rugby goal kicking skills. We would also like to thank the Baines whānau, Gary Bouzaid and the Eastern Suburbs Sports Trust. The PSG are also working hard organising our "Spring Garage Sale" for the 5th of November. We are starting to receive lots of donations and they will be setting up the hall this weekend to prepare for a great day. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Quick note: Road safety at pick up times

One thing we are noticing at pick up times is the safety of our children on the roads. Please be mindful of our tamariki by the following these rules:

1. Please pull up to the footpath to drop off your child instead of stopping in the middle of the road.
2. If your child is young, please watch them or hold their hand when crossing the road.
3. All children should be using the school crossings when crossing the main roads.
4. Please do not park on yellow lines and be mindful of our neighbours driveways.



and every second week we will hold tuakana / tēina (an older and younger class) mass down at the church with Father Bill. All families are invited to join us at these events too.



Eastern zone athletics Newtown Park

Congratulations and good luck to all the students that will be representing Holy Cross School at the Eastern Zone athletics this coming Wednesday 1st November postponement date 8th November 2023. Those students that are going will leave school by bus at 9am and return by 3.00pm.

Please remember full PE uniform, water bottle, big packed lunch, jacket, sun hat, and sunscreen applied.

We are needing parent support during the day to support the athletes, if you are able to help please contact nik.solia@hcm.school.nz

Eastern Zone Athletics 2023 Date: Wednesday 1st November

Catholic character

One of the questions that we were asked during our Catholic character review this year was *“How effectively does the school provide a hope-filled Christian witness which empowers its community members to integrate their Faith and their life?”*

Although we had lots of positive examples like; demonstrating commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, partnership and collaboration with our brother and sister schools, and building a strong Catholic community, one of the recommendations was to *continue to develop the school leadership programme in a way that identifies and recognises the specific areas of leadership of rangatahi.*

As a result, part of the senior syndicate planning for term 4 was to include a leadership day to encourage our students to;

1. Give back to the community in a meaningful way
2. Learn about important parts of the Mass and how it is structured
3. Find meaningful ways to contribute to a Mass or liturgy
4. Create our own liturgies for younger classes in the school
5. Encourage and promote “Encounters with Christ” acting in ways that Christ would and spreading the Good News.

The aim from here is for students to independently organise and lead liturgies, comprehend and spread the Good news in creative ways and to write meaningful prayers about themselves and the community. Our seniors will now be responsible for leading the Friday morning prayers at school

9:00-9:15	Warm up for long distance races (briefing for officials) No warm ups for other athletes					
9:30-10:30	1,500m races year 7 and 8s: James Shot Put: Year 7: Alezanda, Charles, Ledayna Year 8: Mikey, Jack, Matilda, Jayde					
Official event: Quoits Ben/	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	AWD
Round 1 10:30-11:10 Helpers:	Quoits Asher/ Kaku Charlotte/ Isabella	High Jump Bawi/ Daniel M Mila/ Angelina	Vortex Flynn/ Willy Angelina	Long Jump Sarkis/ Mason Lydia/ Ledayna	Sprints (Short) Jack/ Reuben Sprints (Long) Elaisa/ Jayde Maitri/ Anneke	Sprints
Round 2 11:10-11:50 Helpers:	Vortex Asher Isabella/ Angelia	Long Jump Braxton/ Bawi	High Jump Kena/ Ryder	Sprints (Short) Charles/ Mason	Discus Hunter/ Matilda	Quoits

		Mila/ Reef	Angelina/ Amalia	Ledayna/ Lydia			Year 6: Flynn/ Kruz/ Ryder/ Willy	Year 6: Moana/ Terissa/ Amalia/ Angelina
				Sprints (Long)			Year 7: Mason/ Sarkis/ Charles/ Jonathan	Year 7:
				Sarkis/ Jonathan			Year 8: James/ Jack/ Reuben/ Hunter	Year 8: Anneke/Elaisa / Maitri/ Jayde

Round 3	Sprints (Short)	Quoits	Long Jump	High Jump	Vortex	Vortex
11:50- 12:30	Isaiah/ Avery	Carter/ Daniel M	Flynn/ Willy	Sarkis/ Jonathan	Jack/ Mikey	
Helpers:	Jessica/ Isabella	Moana	Angelina/ Amalia	Lydia/ Meisha	Matilda/ Jayde	
	Sprints (Long)					
	Henry/ Asher					
	Angelia/ Calin					

Garden to Table



Round 4	High Jump	Vortex	Sprints (Short)	Discus	Long Jump	Long Jump
12:30- 1:10	Asher/ Isaiah	Carter	Willy/ Ryder	Charles/ Aleazanda	Reuben/ James	
Helpers: ,	Calin/ Angelia	Mila/ Moana	Angelina/ Amalia		Zoe/ Mia	
			Sprints (Long)			
			Kruz/ Flynn			
			Angelina			

GTT cauliflower and cheese muffin
Gardener of the Day- Zoe

Today in the garden we did lots of different things. Olivia downloaded an app called henna which tells you if it's a good day for planting or not today. It said it wasn't a good day today so she said we will try to do some weeding instead. Olivia then split us into groups Angel Lehi and Marc did the community compost. Cahal, Carter, Daniel B and Bawi went to get some stuff out of Olivia's car that she left behind. Our group with me Terissa, Eva and Lauren went to get some seedlings, coffee grounds and Oivia's bag then we realized that it was too much to carry so we went back to get the wheelbarrow. It was much easier to carry. Once we brought everything back and everyone finished their jobs we all sat down to record the temperature of the compost. We had been experimenting and recording data in our books for the last few weeks. This week we put in freshly cut grass and the temperature was 42 degrees celsius.

Round 5	Long Jump	Sprints (Short)	Quoits	Vortex	High Jump	
1:10- 1:50	Asher/ Isaiah	Lehi/ Bawi	Willy/ Flynn	Alezanda	Hunter/ Reuben	
Helpers:	Esme/ Isabella	Anira/ Reef	Angelina/ Amalia		Matilda/ Zoe	
		Sprints (Long)				
		Braxton/ Daniel M				
		Angelina/ Terissa				

After that we were all weeding different parts of the garden. Terissa and Lauren weeded a whole strip of the garden for a kumara patch. Lauren and I did one side while Eva and Terissa did the other side. Then Angel and Marc joined us but Marc accidentally stood on the flowers so Olivia said just 4 people is enough. Angel and Marc took Eva and weeded another part while Cahal Carter Bawi and Daniel B weeded the other patch. While everyone else was writing Lauren cut banana peels and kale to put in the compost because it's too big to put in whole. Then the kitchen invited us in and they made cauliflower and cheese muffins. They were so good they had a delicious crispy texture on the top and a soft texture on the inside. I would rate them a 10/10!

Relays	Boys	Girls
1:55- 2:30	Year 4: Avery/ Asher/ Kaku/ Henry/ Isaiah	Year 4: Jessica/ Isabella/ Calin/ Esme/ Angelia
	Year 5: Braxton/ Bawi/ Lehi/ Daniel M	Year 5: Mila/ Angelina/ Reef/ Anira

By Zoe



Chef of the Day - Cassius

Today in the kitchen we made cauliflower and cheese muffins. The boys cut the silverbeet cauliflower and spring onion and the girls mixed the cheese and the milk and the greens together. When I learned knife skills my cutting was good and I did it carefully. I cut the leftover greens into small pieces so it makes it easier for the worms to eat. Then we got the muffins out of the oven. After that the garden group came, then we did the speech. Then the kai karakia and ate the muffins. They tasted like cheese (I'm so happy there is a lot of cheese!) with a trippy texture and with a kick of cauliflower. It was really yum!

By Cassius.

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3834/cauliflower_cheese_muffins.pdf

17 October, 2023, Room 3 - GTT Reports for Newsletter
Nerine & Charlotte

Gardener of the Day: Charlotte (Year 4, Room 3)

Today my Garden to Table group (The Cool Cucumbers) were in the garden. We learned about the Māori names for different fruit and veggies. For example, a carrot is called karotī and a potato is called rīwai. We also did a variety of things today including: tidying the gardening shed; measuring the temperature of the compost: and chopping cabbage leaves for the compost.



Chef of the Day: Nerine (Year 4, Room 3)

Today my Garden to Table group called the Green Beans were in the kitchen. We made two recipes - *Salad of the Imagination* and *flat bread*. The first thing we did was to go over the rules for the kitchen and the rules for using knives because it has been a long time since we have done GTT. We broke into two groups. One made flat bread and the other group made the salad. At the end the salad group got to have a go at making the flat bread.


Birthday Celebrations



To Solomon and Meisha wishing you both a fun filled day on your Birthday.

GKR Karate- Karate for everyone

GKR Karate are holding their karate training sessions in our hall this term on a Monday 5.30-6.30pm and Wednesday 6-8pm and have offered free trial classes to our students and whānau if you are interested - please see the information on the flyer and contact Sensei Anthony if you have any questions.



GKR KARATE
KARATE FOR EVERYONE


You are invited to attend a FREE TRIAL CLASS.

This will give you an excellent introduction into the self defence and safety awareness benefits of karate training. Beginner kids 5+, teens and adults are all welcome.


Choose your free trial from these classes and dates

<p>Monday 30th October Holy Cross School Hall, 119 Miramar Avenue 5.30-6.30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st November Holy Cross School Hall, 119 Miramar Avenue 6.00-7.00pm</p>
<p>Monday 6th November Holy Cross School Hall, 119 Miramar Avenue 5.30-6.30pm</p>	<p>Wednesday 8th November Holy Cross School Hall, 119 Miramar Avenue 6.00-7.00pm</p>

To book in, simply scan the QR code or call. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Sensei Anthony
Instructor and Consultant,
GKR Wellington
M: 027 765 3935



New World stickers



Thank you to the families that have been collecting the New World masterchef stickers for us - and please continue to collect them up until the 5th November. So far we have been able to redeem the stickers for a non stick frypan and a casserole pot with lid. These items were much appreciated by the GTT team and will be most helpful in the kitchen.




Photos Term 1 2024

Get ready for school photos in 2024 ! Here is some information from Inspire Photography. Date for photos : Wednesday 28th February 2024.

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3819/sch_infoparents_2_.pdf

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3821/inspire_photography_school_packages_1_.pdf



Community Notices



ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE
TE KĀRETI O HĀTA KATARAINA

Year 9 Enrolments are open NOW for 2024
Some vacancies at other year levels

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Kilbirnie
WELLINGTON
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www.stcatherinescollege.school.nz



Ronald McDonald House fundraiser. Saturday 28th October
10am – 12pm

St Patrick's Church Parish Centre. Good quality used linen for sale.

\$5 each - white king single flat sheet, white king single fitted sheet, white single fitted sheet

\$5 for 2 - grey bath towel

\$2 each - grey bath mat, white single flat sheet

\$1 each - white standard pillow case

Limited quantities available. Cash sale only



Registrations are now open for our junior surf programme which runs from November to March for 7 to 13 year olds. Junior surf provides a fantastic opportunity for whānau to spend together at the beach, learn about beach safety, build confidence in and around water, use paddle boards and take part in junior carnivals with other clubs. The Worser Bay Surf Lifesaving Club open day is Sunday 29 October, 10am to noon, 250 Marine Parade, Seatoun. Join Worser Bay today at <https://www.worserbaylsc.org.nz/join> and check us out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WorserBayLifeSavingClub>. We hope to see you on the beach. [Miramar Tennis Club - Junior coaching](#)



We are excited to share that Blake Smith has joined us as our new club coach. During term 4 we will be offering a number of junior coaching option from beginner to advanced level. You can visit the coaching page of our website for more details and to book. As a reminder, our "Junior Community Play" is now back up and running. This is a member and parent-led fun tennis session from 4-5pm on Fridays. This can also be booked through our website.

<https://clubspark.kiwi/miramartennisclub>



HOMESTAY HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Wellington East Girls' College is needing new host families for some of our international students. These students come from many different countries and stay for varying lengths of time - from one term to a full year.

Each host family is paid for the care they provide. The fee paid in 2024 will be \$340 per week. Some of these funds are tax exempt - we can share the link to the Inland Revenue website with you.

In exchange for the hosting fee a family will provide:

- A warm and comfortable bedroom
- Three meals a day
- Kind and friendly family engagement

Wellington East Girls' College has ultimate responsibility for each student with a department of three staff who ensure each student is motivated and well supported at school. We provide a great level of care for each host family with information, guidance and ongoing communication.

We are very happy to provide all of the information you may need in order to make a decision about hosting a Wellington East Girls' College international student.

We would love to hear from you - international@wegc.school.nz - we check this email everyday.



**St. Patrick's College Parents & Friends Association
Proudly Presents**

ARANGA - EMERGE THE ART EXHIBITION

**FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2023
6:30PM to 9:30PM**



**SPC O'Shea Performing Arts Centre
Evans Bay Parade, Kilbirnie**
TICKETS \$35ea via Trybooking
Includes (1) Complimentary beverage and nibbles.
All Artwork is for sale. Eftpos/Credit Available. Cash Bar

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