



Term 4 Week 4 Newsletter

Catholic Character: In the gospel reading this Sunday we will hear about a woman who did something very loving...

Jesus was watching people putting money in the collection box at the synagogue. He saw some people who had great wealth putting in lots of money. Then he saw a widow who was poor, putting in two small coins, all she had. Jesus explained to his disciples that even though everyone else gave more, for them the giving was easy but for the woman with little, her gift was huge. It is not how much we give that matters most, it is how or why we give it.

Jesus wants us to be generous; Jesus asks us to give what we have to help others, as the widow did in Mark's gospel. Jesus also shows us that everyone has something that they can give. We can give money, but we can give other things too.

This week we are invited to think what we can give and share with those around us?

We can give our time – by listening to others, by being there for them when they are sad or worried. We can offer to do jobs that need to be done without being asked. We can give our talents. For example singing a song, painting a picture, or writing a beautiful letter.

Whanau challenge: Over the coming week we invite each person to offer one generous gift of their time, talent, help or pocket money to serve someone else. During a prayer time speak your promises out loud then offer them all to God in the name of Jesus, our teacher and friend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rory and his family on the birth of baby Claire Liu on 1st November 2018. We look forward to meeting Claire soon.



Garden to Table: Today Sophia, Astyn and Jensen shared a delightful cooking creation. They made a salad which was called a salad of imagination and it included: red and green lettuce, pesto, beetroot, parsley, mint and carrot... it was delicious. Thanks to our chefs and gardeners for this treat.

Spotlight on Sophia: Our garden at home needs attention but I have my own cactus. Garden information- the basket we used to collect produce is called a trug. Kitchen information: When cutting, cut away from your body. Favourite GTT dish- salad of imagination. Favourite food: wraps.



Important Dates

EVERY Friday- Subway Day
Place your order in the library from 8.30am.

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

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

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

16th November- School closed-teacher strike

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



A big Happy Birthday to: Meisha and Nafira who celebrate their birthdays this week.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Each term we practice and review our drills for fire, earthquake, tsunami and lockdown to ensure that in the event of a genuine emergency our students would know exactly what is expected of them.

On Tuesday we completed a lockdown drill, which was observed by Constable Aaron Dan who was most impressed with the practices and procedures we have in place.

Please talk with your child about this drill, as this will help reinforce the learning and the messages we have shared. If your child is worried about these drills it would be helpful to explain that they are designed to keep everyone safe.

NOTE FOR PARENTS: In the event of a lockdown situation DO NOT come to the school, as this would place you and others in danger. We would always endeavour to keep you updated by text message. Please ensure we have your most up-to-date contact details at all times.

TEACHER STRIKE

The planned teacher strike is Friday 16 November 2018.

The school will be closed this day. Please make alternative plans for your children to be looked after on this day.

PSG NEWS

A huge thank you to all of the parents, family and friends who made our International Food Fair such an amazing success. The funds raised will be put towards sunshade and improvements for the outdoor spaces.

We have several containers, a platter, rice cooker and baking tin left over from the food fair. If you are missing any of these items please contact the office. A car key was also found on the school grounds on the evening of the food fair, please contact the office if you know who this belongs to. Thank you.

FAREWELL Last Friday we said a final farewell to the Fa'atau family: **Julia, Selina, Angelfaga, AJ and Georgia**. Please keep these beautiful children and their parents in your prayers as they begin a new life in Australia. We will miss your smiling faces here at Holy Cross School. May God bless and keep you. We hope to see you again one day.



Goodbye

Can you help?

Year 7/8 are travelling to Somes Island on Thursday 22 November as part of their William Pike Challenge Award.

We require additional adult supervision and we would really appreciate any extra parent or adult helpers who can join us for what will be a fantastic excursion.

The Ferry leaves the Seatoun Terminal at 10:50am and we will return at 2:30pm. On the island we will have rangers acting as guides but we do need extra adult support. If you can help please contact the office or Tim Carson at tim.carson@hcm.school.nz

SPORTS NEWS

Eastern Zone athletics: Yesterday 57 students represented Holy Cross School at the Eastern Zone athletics at Newtown Park. Students competed in sprinting, long jump, high jump, vortex, relays and shot put.

We congratulate all of the students who took part for representing Holy Cross so well. A number of our students will now go on to represent our zone in the Wellington Zone competition.

