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Term 4 Week 5 Newsletter 2020

Principal's Message

I am constantly reminded of the privilege of our work. Going into classrooms I see incredible teaching and learning in action, I hear the animated discussion as students share their ideas and opinions, I see growth and development in our tamariki in all aspects of learning. I hear the 'wonderings of our learners', I hear them share their knowledge, their deeper understanding and their love of learning!

As we draw near to the end of the year, a time that can become very busy, let's keep to the fore, the things that really matter: faith, family, community and the world in which we live.

This week two of our classes visited the Discovery Garden at the Botanical Gardens, as you will see later in the newsletter, this presented a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to experience all of those things listed above. I invite us all to prioritise opportunities that will grow our faith, celebrate and support family and community and explore our beautiful surroundings.

Catholic Character

All Saints and All Souls Day

Last Monday for morning prayers, we gathered together as a school to acknowledge All Saints Day and All Souls Day. We remembered and honoured members of our families and communities who have passed away but remain in our thoughts and prayers. Last Friday, a team of Year 7 & 8 students also prepared a special movie afternoon for senior classes to celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. A beautiful memory wall was created in the hall and senior students gathered for a short liturgy prior to watching the movie 'Coco' in the hall. This particular movie was chosen as it shows how another culture celebrates All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Junior classes also enjoyed a series of Disney Pixar Shorts themes and were invited to think and share how they showed the Holy Cross WAY (Whānau, Aroha, YES!). Thank you to the PSG for their support as the popcorn and ice blocks were very much appreciated!



Sleeping Beauty by the Royal NZ Ballet



On Thursday 5th November, Rooms 1,2,3 5 and 6 went to the Sleeping Beauty Ballet at the Opera House.

The ballet was beautiful and the students all really enjoyed the day out to such a special event.

We would like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped on the day.

Room 3 wrote letters of thanks and here is a sample of them below!

Room 3

Holy Cross School
2 Athens Street
Miramar
9 November 2020

Dear Mum,

Thank you for accompanying us at the ballet because without you we would not be able to go. My favourite part of the whole ballet was at the end when Sleeping Beauty and the prince danced at the wedding. I really enjoyed the character of Aurora when she was sleeping on the bed waiting for her true love to come and wake her up. I was really impressed with the choreography, especially when the prince was leaping around the stage. A highlight of the set design for me was the way they had to wear the costumes really tight. I thought the Queen's costume was the best because she looked like a real queen. Overall, I would give the ballet 'Sleeping Beauty' a rating of 10/10.

Thanks again for coming,

Yours sincerely,

Zoe / Your daughter.

Room 3
2 Athens Street
Holy Cross School

9 November 2020

Dear Celeste,

Thank you for letting us go to the ballet and for making this happen.

My favourite part of the whole ballet was when the prince killed the bad girl with the sword. I especially enjoyed the words that felt like they were coming at you, like they were real. I really enjoyed the character of the Wolf when he was using his claws to try and grab Little Red Riding Hood. I thoroughly enjoyed it when he jumped high in the air and landed perfectly on his feet. I was really impressed with the choreography, especially when they jumped on their tippy toes. A highlight of the design for me was the way the light turned into a scary forest. I thought the wolf's costume was the best because of the actions and the costume. Overall I would give the ballet Sleeping Beauty a near perfect rating of 9/10. I would recommend this ballet to Miramar Central.

Again, thanks for coming.

Yours sincerely,

Mason

Room 3
Holy Cross School
2 Athens Street
Miramar

9 November 2020

Dear Mum,

Thank you for accompanying us to the ballet. Thank you for sending the video so we could decode Sleeping Beauty. My favourite part of the whole thing was when the queen sat her royal butt down, because it was hilarious!!!! I really enjoyed the sound of the music because it took me to a different world. My favourite character was Aurora when she leapt and landed gracefully with no sound. I was really impressed with the choreography, especially when they did splits in the air. A highlight of the set design for me was when they put down a vale to make the set shimmer and make it look dark. I thought Aurora's costume was the best because it sparked a lot. Overall, I would give the ballet "Sleeping Beauty" a rating of 10/10. I would recommend this ballet to Dad or Hamish to go.

Thanks again for coming,

Yours sincerely,

Maggie.

Eastern Zone Athletics

Eastern zone athletics

Last Wednesday 4th November 2020, over 70 Holy Cross students in Year 4-8 travelled to Newtown Park to take part in the Eastern Zone athletics competition.

The students all competed extremely well in their events and we are pleased to say the following students will be going on to compete at the Wellington Interzone athletics competition on 17th November. (A notice will be coming home today).

Congratulations to all the competitors and a huge thank you to all the parent helpers who took time out of their day to attend. We couldn't have done it without you!

Also a big thank you to Mr Nik Solia who organised all our students on the day and Matua Tala for also helping at the event.

Results:

Yr 8 girls 1800m: Kiri (2nd)

Yr 8 girls relay Kiri, Maria, Sulia, Rociana (1st)

Yr 7 girls Discus: Billie (1st), Valencia (2nd)

Yr 8 girls Discus: Ilo (1st), Rociana (2nd)

Yr 8 100m girls sprints: Rociana (2nd)

Yr 8 200m girls sprints: Maria (3rd)

Yr 7 100m girls sprints: Valencia (1st)

Yr 7 200m girls sprints: Tsion (2nd)

Yr 8 girls Shotput: Ilo (2nd)

Yr 6 80m girls sprint: Ashley (2nd)

Yr6 150m girls sprint: Ashley (1st)

Yr5 Boys Highjump: Maxwell (2nd)

Yr5 Boys Quoit: Matai (2nd)



Garden to Table



Chef of the Day

This week Astyn was the Chef of the Day. He tells us how he helped to make roasted vegetables.

Astyn writes- This morning in the kitchen we made roast vegetables. We used potatoes, kumara, beetroot, garlic, mint and parsley for seasoning.

One thing I noticed went well was how we all co-operated when we were cutting and grating all the different types of vegetables.

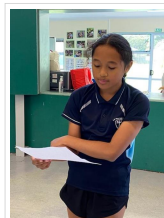
One thing we can work on is helping Aleksandra and Ronda roast the vegetables.

Over all it was a good session in the kitchen but it was a hard day because it was raining so heavily.

Discovery Garden at the Botanic Gardens

Students in Rooms 3 and 6 had a wonderful time at the Discovery Garden learning about 'Rongoā' (traditional Māori wellbeing practices) and the medicinal qualities of exotic plants that have been introduced to Aotearoa New Zealand. As you can see in the photos, the students had a day of rich learning experiences preparing kawakawa tea and balm and exploring the botanic gardens.

Thanks to our wonderful parent / caregiver volunteers who came and made this day possible.



FIDS fun sports day at HCS



Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Valencia and
Nafira.

We hope you have a special day

Community Notice

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Para Sport Pop Up – Wellington

Date/Time:

Sunday 15 and Monday 16 November, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Location:

Commonwealth Walkway, Wellington 6011 – In front of Te Papa Museum

Activities:

Different 'have a go' Para sport activities are available with the Pop Up including:

- Vertical jump test, the challenge will be to try and jump as high as a Paralympian*
- Handcycle challenge*
- Give Wheelchair basketball a go*
- Play a Boccia game*
- Blind football virtual reality experience*
- Get a photo with Someity (the mascot) on the photo wall*
- Learn more about Para sport – content on TV*
- Leave messages of support for the NZ Paralympic Team*
- Meet with a Para athlete*