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Term 4 Week 5 Newsletter 2023

## Principal's message

Change happens all around us all of the time. We want to teach your tamariki/ children well and equip them to thrive in a world that is rapidly changing around them. To help meet those changes the Ministry of Education is in the midst of a 6 year project to refresh the New Zealand Curriculum- Te Mātaiaho.

Te Mātaiaho | The refreshed curriculum will support students to experience success in their learning. It will give practical effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and will be inclusive, clear about the learning that matters, and easy to use from year 0 to year 13.

The refreshed curriculum content is being developed and released in phases, and schools and kura will have until the beginning of 2027 to start using the fully refreshed curriculum.

From <https://curriculumrefresh.education.govt.nz/>



The extra Teacher Only days we are having both this year and in 2024 will help us as staff to learn about Te Mātaiaho- the refreshed curriculum. We appreciated having the space on Monday to meet with teachers from St Anthony's and St Patrick's Primary, schools from the Holy Trinity Parish. We did our learning together, looking at the structure of Te Mātaiaho led by Matua Tala and also dipped into Maths with the help of Sarah Thomas from Cognition- a Professional Learning provider who has been working with kaiako/ teachers at Holy Cross. .

The Ministry of Education's timeline is that we are using the refreshed parts of Maths and Literacy in 2024 so lots of learning for us to do.

## Catholic character

### Special Character

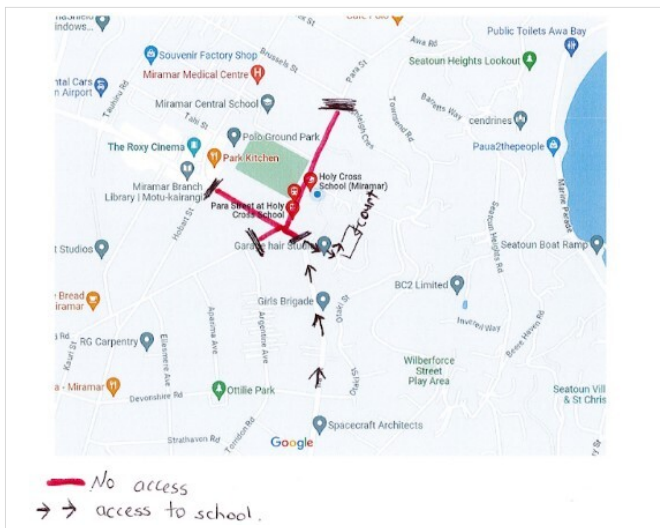
Our final instalment on the outcome of our Special Character Review showcases actions and recommendations we can take as a kura/school. An immediate need we have with Nik Solia moving on, is someone who is able to be our Director of Religious Studies- an important role to help us achieve these recommendations and support the Special Character aspects of our school. Please pray that we can find someone who is able to fulfil this role.

### Recommendations 2023-2026

1. Continue to build Catholic character leadership in the school by ensuring the DRS is recognised in the role of a school leader as well as manager.
2. Continue to strengthen the curriculum integration planning processes to ensure that RE is at the forefront.
3. In line with the new RE Curriculum, further develop planning, assessment and reporting systems that enable kaiako, ākonga, whanau and Board to build understanding of RE cognitive and affective achievement and progress.
4. Using the *Catholic Special Character Evaluation for Development* document, ensure that annual internal evaluation engages with stakeholders and analyses the effectiveness of identified aspects of the Catholic special character.

## Road Works Alert

Road Works ALERT - Friday (today), Monday and possibly Tuesday



Fulton Hogan are resurfacing the roads at the Miramar Ave Intersection working today, Monday and possibly Tuesday. For today and Monday your access to the school is only:

- + via Ira Street then
- + turn right into the dead end part of Miramar Ave
- + then turn left onto the top courts of Holy Cross through the gates.

All other roads are closed.

We will open up the top courts for cars to drive in, park and pick up or drop off from 2.45pm and 8.30am. **PLEASE BE AWARE OF CHILDREN.**

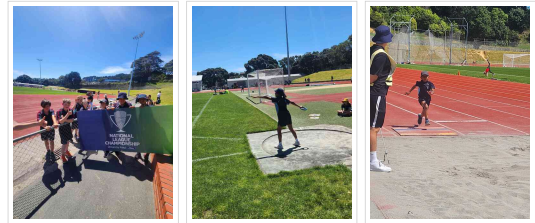
Tuesday may be different depending on how work progresses. We will send a paper newsletter home, email and facebook message regarding access on Tuesday.

This could be a great opportunity to walk your children to school!

## Eastern zone athletics

On Wednesday Holy Cross school athletes competed in the Eastern Zone athletics. There were many schools there and plenty of talent. I noticed as I was competing there were a lot of good sportsmanship. Holy Cross competed hard, producing some good results. Congratulations to all our athletes who competed- you really let your light shine!

Jonathan



### Results from the Eastern Zone Athletics

Alezanda Meredith Faletolu Yr 7 boys- 2nd Discus; 2nd Shot Put

Hunter Mason Yr 8 boys- 3rd High Jump; 1st Discus

Angelina Mativa Yr 5 girls- 3rd Quoit; 3rd Long Sprint

Angelina Younadim Yr 6 girls- 2nd Quoit

Mila Perez Yr 5 girls- 3rd Vortex

Jack McLaren-Bacon Yr 8 boys- 2nd Vortex

Anira Durkin Yr 5 girls- 1st short sprints

Anneke Handscomb Yr 8 girls- 3rd long sprints

Esme Vink Yr 4 girls- 2nd long jump

Willy Harnett Yr 6 boys- 3rd Long jump

Mila, Reef, Angel, Anira- 1st Year 5 girls relay

Congratulations to those who were placed in the top 3 in their events. These students will now represent us at the interzone athletics on Tuesday 21st November. A notice will be sent later next week about this event.

## First Holy Communion



Last Sunday two of our fabulous students had completed and celebrated their First Holy Communion at St Patrick's Parish. Congratulations to Isaiah and Charlotte for completing the sacramental programme. May God continue to bless and guide on your faith journey.

## Sports News

### MINI POLO



On Fridays we play mini polo at Kilbirnie swimming pools. We play against other school teams. We have now played 4 games so far- we lost our first one but have learnt from that game and now manage to win by a fair margin in our other games. We like being a goalie and swimming for the ball. We often pass the ball around the goal area so that each of us has a chance to score



a goal. We really like playing this sport- can't wait till our next game!

By Mila and Reef.



## Garden to Table



### GARDENER OF THE DAY - Thinbeth

Today we were digging old potatoes. Aarav, George and I put scraps into the compost. George and Hendrix were digging the plants and Ruby and Emily were making plants. We took out some weeds. Hosanna Aarav and I learned about making the plants warm. We had our own plant patch. It was a corn patch. George and Hendrix planted potatoes after we ate because they didn't have time before. By Thinbeth, Gardener of the Day

Today we made Roasted Vegetables and Salad. It was really good. In the garden, George made potato plants. It was a lot of fun. We cut most of the vegetables on this list; lettuce, silverbeet, onion, potatoes, pumpkin, garlic, asparagus, carrot, beetroot, fennel, celeriac and parsnip. By Robbie Ezira, Nyakua and I put salt and pepper in the salad and Antonios put the oil on top. We were doing washing, cutting, slicing, tossing, grinding and drizzling. We were washing our boards. We were cutting vegetables from the garden. We were slicing carrots. It was fun. Then we were tossing the salad. I kind of liked it. We were grinding pepper and salt. By Cleo Today at garden to table we were in the garden. Ruby and I planted some plants. We planted tomatoes and some capsicum. We also found a spider and an ant. By Emily



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Chef of the day - Aarav

Today in the kitchen we made Broccoli and Cauliflower cheese. We also did multiple jobs like cutting and cleaning the boards. George and Hosanna also did the vacuuming.

We wrote about what we made and we drew sage. Nitya When we were cutting, everyone cut the vegetables super small. Hendrix

We cut broccoli, leek and cauliflower. We took some of the leaves and the flowers off the sage and put it on top of the broccoli and cauliflower cheese. Hosanna

Gardener of the Day

Today in the Garden...

I was the gardener of the day. First we learned about the Tecomanthe plant. It is special because some biologists found the last one left on a cliff on the Three Kings Island. They took the last seed back and planted it. Now there are lots of them. Nyakua.



## Parents Group



**Wow!** What an incredible event! We hope you and your whanau enjoyed the Garage Sale Fundraiser brought to you by our wonderful Parents' Group committee. Thank you to all that contributed either with donations, volunteering time, facepainting, shopping for items, attending the event or donating baking.

**A BIG thank you** to all our incredible helpers not only on the day but throughout the week setting up and sorting – from parents' to partners who were 'booked in' to help to staff and members of our community – you have all been incredible and the reason for a successful event. *A very special mention to all our beautiful little helpers – Room 8 students, Māia, Hemi, Ishaani, Sahaan, Hope, Zac, Rohan, Amelia, Amalia, Asher, Nora and Daniel and all the other Tamariki who helped through the week and on the day. Great work!*



Events such as this are a great way to bring our school and local community together. It's also a wonderful opportunity to give to those in need with remaining items being donated to local charities.

We raised an incredible \$4,147.60 which we will be working with the school to put towards upgrades of the school hall for our Tamariki to enjoy.

Ngā mihi nui,

Didi

*Parents' Group Chair*

## Who's Celebrating their Birthday?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following students: Amaan, Ben, Austin, Mason D, Mia K and Bede. Enjoy your special day.

## Community News

### PICKLEBALL

*The Wellington Pickleball Cup will be held at Akau Tangi over Waitangi Weekend next year and the Wellington Pickleball Club are fundraising for the event.*





Does your child love dance, gymnastics, and tumbling? Cheerleading at Bigair Gym is a highly dynamic and skilled sport that provides opportunities to develop not only athletic skills and fitness but also leadership, discipline, and teamwork. This makes it a multifaceted and highly rewarding sport. Bigair has one of the finest cheerleading programs in the country, offering exceptional pathways for development as athletes progress and enter competitions.


Tryouts for the 2024 Cheer Teams are currently taking place, so don't miss out on this amazing opportunity. Contact Bigair today to confirm your interest or to find out more.

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## Parish newsletter



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**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A – 12 November 2023**

**Daily Mass Readings:**

<b>Sunday 12</b>	Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13
	Response: <i>My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.</i>
<b>Monday 13</b>	Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
<b>Thursday 16</b>	Wis 7:22-8:1; Lk 17:20-25
<b>Friday 17</b>	Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
<b>Saturday 18</b>	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

**Weekday Masses**  
Tues 9:30am St Patrick's Church  
Wed 9:30am St Anthony's Church  
Fri 9:30am Holy Cross Church

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday Vigil**  
5:30pm St Anthony's Church, Seatoun  
**Sunday**  
8:30am Holy Cross Church, Miramar  
10:30am St Patrick's Church, Kilmorie

**Holy Trinity Parish Vision**  
*We are a prayerful and diverse Catholic community in the Eastern suburbs of Wellington, drawing strength from one another to grow and become fully alive as missionary disciples.*

**'READY FOR THE LORD'**  
When they hear that they have to be vigilant and ready for the Lord's coming, many people think that they have to be ready for death so as not to be caught unaware. Much more than this is meant. We have to learn to meet the Lord now in the many ways he comes to us: as our companion on the road of life, in our neighbor, in our prayer, in the celebration of the Eucharist. These will prepare us for the final encounter. May we continue to be attentive to his constant presence among us.

*Fr Bill*

**NAMES OF THE DECEASED "BANNER" are now displayed in front of the altar of our three churches.**  
*Please take the time to pray for all our loved ones.*

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023** a big THANK YOU to all involved in the First Holy Communion celebration last weekend and for your support of the sacramental programme this year. To Clare and Patricia, thank you for the time and energy given in running and co-ordinating the programme this year. To all the children and their families thank you for your support.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm** our Holy Trinity Parish is holding a **Bereavement Mass** to remember our deceased loved ones, in particular, those parishioners who have died in 2022- 2023. If you want to, bring a photo of your deceased loved one. There will be a stand on the altar to place their photos before Mass if you wish. At Offertory a ceremony honouring these people will be held so that family members can light a candle in their loved one's memory. The Mass will be followed by a shared supper. Volunteers are asked to run this. Please contact the parish office [holytrinity.wgt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:holytrinity.wgt@xtra.co.nz) or 388 6953

**Holy Trinity Eastern Suburbs St Vincent de Paul Society- "Your Vinnies"**

**Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal** We are now ready and waiting for all offerings for our Christmas Hampers, please:

- baskets in Church foyers for collection of non perishables and gifts (see more below);
- blue boxes or direct credit into our bank account for financial donations: 02-0576-0017817-006
- flyers with more info about what is useful to donate is located in the pews from this week - please take one shopping!
- **PaknSave Collection date** is confirmed as **Saturday 2 December**. Any volunteers for 1 hour shifts please email Anne on: [ingram2777@outlook.com](mailto:ingram2777@outlook.com)
- We will then sort, pack and deliver over the following 3 days.
- Therefore, **our deadline for all types of donations is Sunday 3 Dec, please.**

**Christmas gifts into our Church foyer collection baskets.** We have set up a special box in our store room to keep these safely and in due course they will be lovingly wrapped and hopefully we will have at least one gift to place on top of each hamper. We have a wide range of clients from large families, to single adults, old and young and everyone in between, so we are very grateful for all types of gifts. Special soaps, hand cream, toys, books, puzzles, colouring books and pens, notebooks, a Christmas decoration - please don't be constrained by our imagination!

**Vinnies Christmas cards are back this year.** They are extremely reasonably priced as we do not seek to make profit but rather provide a service to those who may wish to continue the Christmas card tradition of letting people know they are thought of at this special time. These will be available after Mass in our Church foyers.

**We aim to be generous and ensure there can be celebration for everyone at Christmas**, so thank you in advance for your generosity. This is a huge task as there is increased need this year and we will need a huge amount to help our many clients - every item, small or large, counts and will help us serve those most in need in the Eastern Suburbs.

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