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Term 4 Week 5 Newsletter 2024

## Principal's message

Kia ora e te whānau,

We've reached the halfway mark of the term, and with it, the energy is really building up! Students are fully engaged, preparing for exciting class trips, while teachers are hard at work gathering assessments, writing reports, and organizing key end-of-year events like the Year 8 Graduation and our end-of-year Mass.

On my end, I'm focused not only on reviewing students' end-of-year reports but also on reflecting on our school's Annual Implementation Plan. This reflection centers on two essential questions: did we achieve what we set out to accomplish this year? And, importantly, what was the impact on our school and community? (Did our actions truly make a difference?)

As we get closer to the end of the term, I look forward to sharing these reflections with you all.

### Holy Cross Food Fair

Our Food Fair on Friday was a tremendous success! Our families, staff, and community came together in an extraordinary way, transforming Holy Cross into a hub of vibrant activity, delicious aromas, and joyful sounds. While official numbers are still coming in, early signs show we may have doubled our 2022 takings —a fantastic achievement! We are extremely happy to announce that \$16,000.00 has been raised !!

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing PSG team, especially Didi and Malisha, who led the charge. Your dedication, long hours, and tireless work have been invaluable. To the whole PSG team, community members, and our Holy Cross chefs, thank you for making this event unforgettable with your hard work, careful planning, cooking, and setting up.

Our event sponsors also deserve a huge round of applause. A special thanks to: Haylo, Headstart Hair, Joy Florals,

BlueBridge, Westfield, Interislander, Lochmara Resort, Butterfly Builds, Lowe & Co, Art for Kids, Bonobo, Mario's Candles, Carters, Monsoon Poon, New World Miramar, Pak'nSave, Maia Crossfit, Miramar Auto Centre, Mike Adams from Ray White, Vietnamesezy, Little Bread Loaf, and RJE Cleaning Services. Your support means the world to our kura!

### Farewell to Kirsten

It's with mixed emotions that we announce Kirsten from Room 11 will be leaving us in 2025 to take up a new position at St Patrick's Primary in Kilbirnie. Kirsten has been a cherished member of Holy Cross, first as our librarian and, more recently, as a dedicated teacher. She joined us as a student teacher in Room 12 with Mrs. Blewman and, after transferring her UK qualifications, took on the role of New Entrants teacher while Lucy was on maternity leave. Kirsten, you will be missed, but we wish you all the best on your new journey. Remember, our doors are always open for you.

### Appointments for 2025

We're thrilled to announce the addition of two new teachers for 2025, with one more to be confirmed soon.

**Clare James (Rm 5)** - Clare is no stranger to Holy Cross, having been an integral part of our team over the years. This year, she has been leading Room 5 with exceptional skill and passion. Clare will continue with our Year 5/6 cohort in the Middle Syndicate, where her experience and dedication will be a great asset.

**Mia Doogue (Rm 11)** - Mia comes highly recommended from Sacred Heart School in Thorndon, where she has completed her last 8 week teacher placement. With strong skills in the arts, sports, and Te Reo Māori, as well as a talent for helping new tamariki transition smoothly, Mia comes with a passion for new entrant teaching. She will be working in Room 11, alongside Mrs. Blewman in Room 12 and Simone in Room 7, bringing fresh energy to our Junior Syndicate. We look forward to the bright future these kaiako will help shape at Holy Cross in 2025!

## Tikanga / Kawa Working Group Meeting - 18th November, 6pm in the Staffroom.

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### Events in Term 4

Here are a few important events coming up this term;

- High Jump - Athletics; 13th Nov, 9:30-2:30pm, Newtown Park,
- Year 7 & 8 - Mountain to Sea Trip
  - Pool Session: 14 Nov, 9-11am - WRAC
  - Field Trip: 22 Nov, 9am-1pm - Taputeranga Marine Reserve
- Transition day for St Mary's /St Caths and St Pats Year 8 students - 21st Nov.
- Government House Visit - Room 3 & 5 - 27th Nov, 9:30-12:30pm.
- Whole School - Christmas Liturgy, 12th December at 6pm
- Year 8 Graduation - 18th December at 6pm.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tala Moemai



## Catholic character



### *Thank you, Volunteers!*

We are incredibly grateful to God for you and your loving service to the Church and the community. We want you to know that your work has not gone unnoticed. God bless you for your generosity, and thank you for being a blessing to others.

**SELLING THEIR  
POSSESSIONS AND  
GOODS, THEY SHARED  
WITH ANYONE WHO WAS  
IN NEED.**

**- ACTS 2:45**

### Acts of Service

Our Food Fair on Friday is a much anticipated community event. We will delight in delicious food, entertainment, bargains and social get together. Such an event is only possible due to a large number of volunteers. Through our acts of service we are promoting the common good and addressing the needs of others and our school.

At HCM the concept of community service is rooted in the commitment of the Mercy Sisters and Marist Brothers to the pursuit of social justice and caring for one another, just like Jesus and his mother Mary did. We have a christian responsibility to give back to our community. Through service, people can develop a greater sense of empathy and understanding. Additionally, community service provides an opportunity for us personally to develop new skills, try new food, build relationships, and gain a deeper understanding of the diversity of our community.

We are extremely grateful to all our volunteers for all their hard work around this Food Fair! You are shining examples for our



students and show us how to selflessly serve others, prioritising HCM needs and how to reach out to the wider community. Thank You!

May God bless our Food Fair, HCM community and especially all our volunteers!

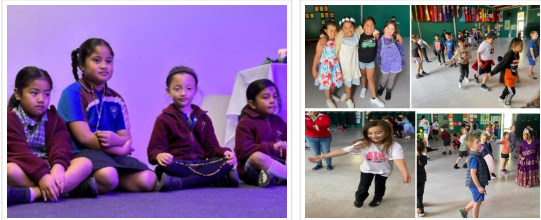


consolidating our basic facts (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division in our heads).

We had a great time at our junior dance party as a whole school reward for kind behaviour.

We lead whole school prayers in The Rosary in week 1. Garden to Table in room 3 were so kind to invite us to taste some of the vegetable soup that they cooked. It was delicious!

Over the last 2 terms we were able to learn how to play Jingle Bells on the ukulele. You can hear us on the Food Fair night.



ROOM 8

What a fun start we have had to the term! We have been learning all about Diwali. We have read, listened to, watched and re-enacted the story of Rama and Sita. We have made rangoli patterns and enjoyed having mehndi patterns decorated on our hands.



Classroom Activities

ROOM 7

Room 7 has started term 4 with learning about Christmas and the Nativity.

We are now moving into learning more about plants and life-cycles and how to care for God’s Creation. We are exploring NZ money and learning about financial literacy as well as really





## School Notice

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By Braxton Room 5 November 5th 2024

#### Garden to table - Kitchen

Today in this session me and my group were in the kitchen. We made green cheese fritters. First we chopped some garlic and spring onions then me, David and Anaya were mixing the dough. Then we put the fritters in the pan and started to flip it like a pancake.

There's one thing you need to be careful about is not burning yourself when you're cooking. Secondly, you must not walk with a knife because you might drop it and hurt yourself. The one thing that was relaxing was when I was stirring the dough.

My favorite part of this session was when we were cracking the egg. It was really satisfying.

By Stuti

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Room 3 has been busy making products to sell at last Friday's Food Fair.

Back by popular demand, we have made our soothing Kawakawa Balm and new this year, tasty Rosemary Salt. Thanks so much to Esther for donating the Aotearoa Sea Salt and paper packaging.



In addition, we have lovingly fed a Rēwena bread 'bug' gifted by Little Bread Loaf bakery. This starter is being made into Rēwena bread rolls by Rory, Cleo and Ceydeaz along with Lynda, the baker. Watch out for these rolls filled with slow cooked pork and coleslaw.



## Garden to Table



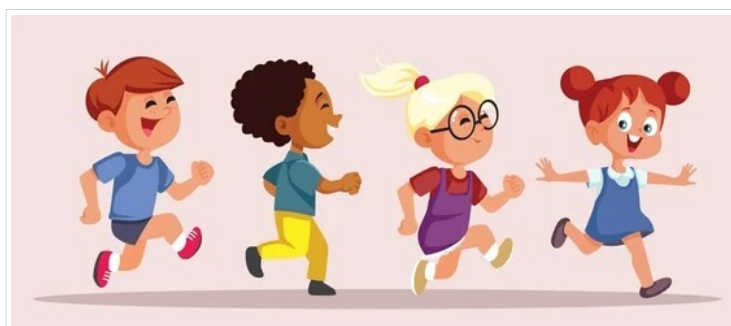
Today in the garden with the mushrooms

I planted strawberry corn in a six part pot

Angelia planted sunflower seeds and Isabella planted gem corn

Then I picked up the cut grass of the field and put it into the carbon bin along with Angelia, Asher, Isabella and Josh

## Eastern Zone Athletics

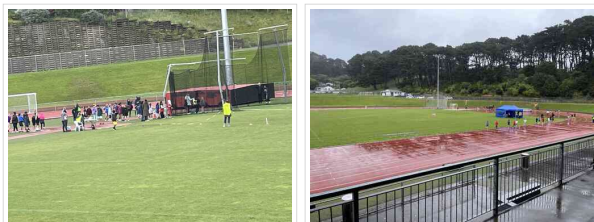




On Wednesday 30th November 48 students attended the Eastern Zone Athletics at Newtown Park. While the weather wasn't in our favour for much of the day it didn't dampen the enthusiasm and effort put in by all the participants. Many events went ahead as planned, the only exception being the High Jump which will be held on 13th November for those athletes who qualified to take part from our school athletics.

Thankfully the rain stopped in the later morning and by the afternoon the sun came out much to everyone's relief.

Well done to all the athletes and parents who took part and supported others. Congratulations to the ten students who have qualified for the Interzone Athletics on the 19th November. Those involved will receive a notice once the High Jump is completed.



## Sports Corner

Holy Cross Chiefs



## The Birthday List

Who's celebrating their Birthday?

On the list we have:

Tessa, Imogen, Amato, Solomon, Esme W and Meisha.

Enjoy your special day everyone!



## SKIDS

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sKIDS Collab presents...

# Wellington Lions Rugby

*Kick it to me!*

sKIDS has partnered with the team at Wellington Rugby for 5 weeks of Ripper Rugby. Tamariki can look forward to learning a new sport with engaging skills, dynamic drills and epic games! These action-packed sessions are tailored for all ages and abilities.

**Thursdays 24 October – 21 November 2024**  
**Holy Cross Miramar School Hall**  
 Come to sKIDS at 3.00pm for roll call and afternoon tea.  
 Our activity kicks off at 3.30pm

Spots limited! Book Now...

[www.skids.co.nz/book-with-us](http://www.skids.co.nz/book-with-us)

### Wellington Hockey - Term 4

Wellington Hockey is excited to announce our Term 4 hockey opportunities for tamariki across Wellington! We have two fantastic programs available for young players looking to learn or improve their skills, with an emphasis on enjoyment and development.

#### After-School Hockey Club (Years 1-6)

This program is open to both beginners and returning players. It's a perfect environment for students to explore hockey in a fun, engaging way, guided by our coaches.

#### Program Details:

- Duration: 6 weeks
- Days and Locations:
  - Mondays at the National Hockey Stadium, Newtown
  - Thursdays at the National Hockey Stadium and Fraser Park, Lower Hutt
- Times:
  - School Years 1-3: 3:30 – 4:15 PM
  - School Years 4-6: 4:15 – 5:00 PM

This program is ideal for young players keen to develop their hockey skills in a supportive, inclusive setting.

Register here (<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/b6b08d>)

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#### U11 SPRING into Development Program

Designed for players of all skill levels, this program aims to build foundational techniques and enhance abilities through fun, structured activities. Participants will enjoy teamwork, skill-building exercises, and small-group sessions focused on core hockey techniques and sportsmanship.

#### Program Overview:

- Duration: 8-week Development Programme (20th October - 8th December)
- Training Days: Sundays, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- Locations: National Hockey Stadium (Newtown), Elsdon, and Fraser park

- Cost: \$120 per player (includes a U11 Development shirt)

Register here: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/f0b823>

More Information:  
(<http://www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz/.../u11-development>)

### Soft Toys for Holy Trinity Parish



If you have any soft toys that can be refurbished, sterilised and re-gifted I would love them.

They can be dropped off to Holy Trinity Parish Office or to reception at Rita Angus Retirement Village for Margaret Davis.

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