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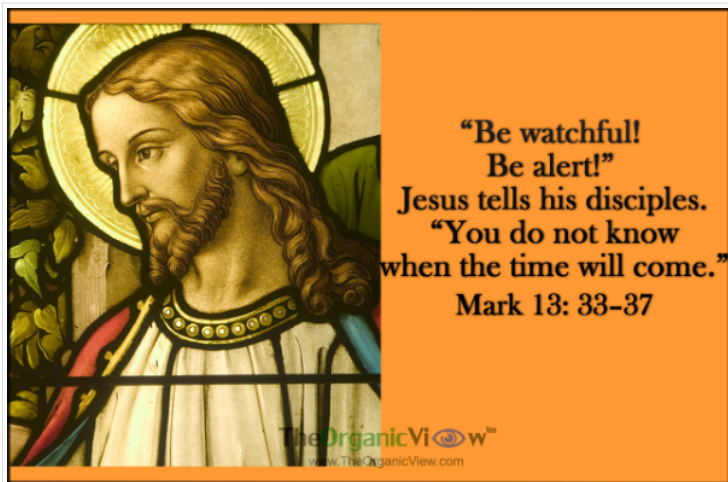


Term 4 Week 7 Newsletter 2020

## Catholic Character

We wait in joyful hope!

Today we begin the season of Advent. Sunday's gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time and Jesus reminded his disciples that we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. As we prepare to welcome Jesus again this Christmas, we pray; open our hearts to be filled with joy and a deepening desire to humbly serve others.



Weather permitting our cultural group will be performing at 5.30pm on the outdoor stage. We will then go in to the school hall for our special Christmas liturgy at approx 6pm.

Students are to wear their school uniform or their cultural clothing. Please advise the office if your child will be wearing cultural dress at this event.

At the back of the hall you will see we have flags representing all of the countries of origin of our families.

Thank you to Matthew Blair and Jimmy Stokes for working so hard to put up all the flags, they look very impressive.



## Christmas Celebration

On Wednesday 2nd December 2020, we invite you to join us for our Christmas liturgy and celebration.

## Principal's Message

### The Power of Gratitude.

Last Friday we held a special morning tea to thank the many individuals, groups and agencies that support our school. We were delighted to welcome more than sixty people who were able to be present at this event.

Eight of our student leaders spoke on behalf of the school thanking and recognising the efforts of the following:

Our Catholic Community

Our Staff

Our Parent Community

Helping Agencies

Wider Learning Community

Wider Community

Garden to Table Community

I would like to congratulate these fine, young leaders for the manner in which they took on this important task; they delivered their messages confidently, with sincerity, on behalf of us all.



### Powerful Learning Programmes and Opportunities

As you read through this newsletter you will see some of the many incredible learning opportunities that are provided for our tamariki here at Holy Cross School.

The amazing **Garden to Table** programme which provides rich, authentic learning for our tamariki.

**Year 7 -8 technology** provides a variety of fantastic learning opportunities for our older students. Today you will see photographs from the food technology class. We will share photographs of aspects of the technology curriculum.

**Arohanui Strings** provide incredible learning opportunity for our students. We have a group of truly passionate professionals, including members of the NZSO as well as other internationally renowned musicians who gift their time and expertise to support our young students.

**Sports Funday** : Over the past two weeks we have provided all students with the opportunity to enjoy a fun day at the ASB Sports Centre. Students participated in a variety of activities providing personal challenge as well as opportunities to work as part of a team.

**Epro8**: Interschool science and engineering competition. This term a number of our students took part in a series of competitions from which two of our teams were selected to

participate in regional competition. This is the first year we have been part of Epro8 and we are extremely proud of the wonderful team work and strategising utilised by our students.

I invite us all, throughout the coming week to recognise and acknowledge the many blessings we receive, let's find ways to say, "Thank you", many times throughout each day.

## Supporting New Zealand's COVID-19 response

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Kia ora koutou

We are getting close to the end of the school year, and what a year it has been. COVID-19 has put a great deal of pressure on our community but together, we have risen to the challenge.

I want to thank you once more, for all you have done to keep yourselves, your whānau and our community as safe as possible. Through reinforcing good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, staying away if sick and seeking medical advice, we have kept operating safely, and our tamariki and rangatahi have, importantly, continued to learn.

I also extend a specific thank you to all those in our community who have worked in health services and on the frontline to support New Zealand's defence against COVID-19. They and their families and whānau have sacrificed so much to contribute to our own safety and to support the return home for more than 70,000 New Zealanders.

You may not be aware of the extent of the work our frontline community do to keep us all safe including regularly being tested, constantly monitoring for symptoms, keeping a close track of their movements, maintaining physical distancing and holding off hugging loved ones when they get home until they have had a shower and changed clothes.

COVID-19 remains a tricky virus and on the very rare occasion a frontline worker has become infected, the system has kicked into place. Through this vigilance and the health system response, we get to enjoy the relative freedom of Alert Level 1.

I am sure you will join me in giving a special thank you to those individuals for all they have done for us; we are indeed blessed.

Ngā mihi

Celeste Hastings



## Colville School welcomes Susie

It was our privilege today to be part of Susie's powhiri via zoom and hand our taonga over to Coville primary and we look forward to building our relationship with her new school. You are warmly invited to Susie's farewell on Monday 14 December at 10am in the school hall where we will be acknowledging Susie's 10 years of service and leadership at Holy Cross School.

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## Discovery Garden at the Botanic Gardens

On return from our fabulous day at the Discovery Garden, students were invited to share their learning by creating a movie in Scratch. This involves creating code for everything you see and hear in this scratch project plus there is a quiz at the end you can do!

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/449034559/>

## Cultural group performance at the thank you morning tea



## Technology Year 7 and 8

Every Tuesday the Year 7 and 8 students travel by bus to Mt Cook School to take part in technology sessions.

These sessions include cooking, sewing, wood and metal work and film production.

Please see below photos of the students and what they are creating this week in the kitchen. Next week we will post some more photos.



## Library News

Book Sale at the Library

Wednesday 2nd December

Morning Tea and Lunch time

50c per book

All proceeds go towards new books for the library



## Garden to Table



### Garden Report by Maggie

Today we had a competition for who could do the best job in their part of the garden. I picked carrots and broad beans and weeded my little garden and put the weeds in the compost. Meisha watered the radishes, Jonathan showed us what rust looks like and Shaan and Ting cut up the weeds so the worms and microbes could eat them. We harvested broad beans, coriander carrots, broccoli and parsley for the kitchen.

### Kitchen Report by Lily

Today in the kitchen we made Vegetable Pulao with Naan Bread and yoghurt with Aleksandra. Something I thought went well was the Naan bread because it was easy to make, tasty and it has butter to make it yum and sweet so ENJOY!

We were also very lucky to have two fabulous helpers today - Justine and Rhonda - thank you so much for your help today!



## Epro8 Competition

On Wednesday 18th November Ashley, Laura, Hemish and Cooper from room 5 went to Queen Margaret College to compete in the semi finals of Epro 8.

There were 4 challenges with extensions to each one. One of the challenges was to construct a swing that could swing a 1kg object 2 metres into the air. Although the tasks were very challenging, we persevered as a team and managed to complete 2 tasks.

Now that we know what is involved we hope to improve for next time.

By Ashley and Laura.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/S4U3O4jJDfo?showinfo=1&rel=0>

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/9aWOu44Eo4Q?showinfo=1&rel=0>

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/od1qYV8D2Jk?showinfo=1&rel=0>



## Arohanui Strings

Arohanui Strings Miramar first community concert of local Miramar schools held on Tuesday, November 24th at St. Aidan's Anglican Church.

Special thanks to Margaret and her amazing team from Arohanui Strings Trust for all the generous work they do for our community.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/8WhwXnjk19g?showinfo=1&rel=0>

## ASB fun day

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/eZa5-vSMcL0?showinfo=1&rel=0>

## St Vincent de Pauls



We are once again collecting on behalf of St Vincent de Pauls, food, essential items, gifts and treats for Christmas boxes to go to local families in need.

Please send to the school office, non perishable food items, luxury goods and treats that would be a special treat for a family. We are collecting items now until the 14th December 2020.

Your help and support is very much appreciated and we know that this is a great way for us to help those who need a little extra support over the coming Christmas period.



# Happy Birthday



Happy birthday to Amaan, Nosi, Austin, Eve, Mason, Telesia, Rociana, Mia, Parina, Bede and Maxwell. We hope you all have a special day on your birthday.



Welcome to school Amaan (brother of Meisha) who started this week. We hope you have enjoyed your first week at school and made lots of new friends.

# Congratulations



Congratulations to Meila, Atarah, Nadège and Mahé who all have new additions to their families.

We look forward to welcoming your beautiful new family members when they visit us at Holy Cross School.

# Community Notices

[https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/993/end\\_of\\_term\\_4\\_2020\\_hcm.pdf](https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/993/end_of_term_4_2020_hcm.pdf)

December 2020 and January 2021 Holiday Programme Bookings are now OPEN at sKids Holy Cross Miramar. Please visit [www.sKids.co.nz/Holy\\_Cross\\_Miramar](http://www.sKids.co.nz/Holy_Cross_Miramar) to enrol or make a booking or call us on 0800 274 172.

## Holiday Programme

Safe Kids In Daily Supervision  
Holy Cross Miramar  
2 Athlone Street, Miramar

Full Day	07:30 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$59.00
Trip Day	07:30 a.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$45.00
Short Day	08:30 a.m. - 03:00 p.m.	\$42.00
Half Day (AM)	07:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	\$35.00
Half Day (PM)	12:30 p.m. - 06:00 p.m.	\$35.00

<b>Mon 14 Dec</b> <b>School Day!</b> Check out our awesome Before and After School Care Programmes!	<b>Tue 15 Dec</b> <b>Last day of School</b> Yay! It's the last day of school! Time to get ready for the holidays! Check out our special Early Closure Programme!	<b>Wed 16 Dec</b> <b>Christmas Icons</b> Today we celebrate the key Christmas figures such as Stewards, Mince and Gingerbread men! Enjoy crafts, games and more!	<b>Thu 17 Dec</b> <b>Christmas Baking</b> Whip up some delicious treats today! Join us as we make butter and decorate Gingerbread Cookies! Then make Snowman and Gnome kebabs!	<b>Fri 18 Dec</b> <b>Christmas Crafts</b> Get into the Christmas spirit with fun DIY craft dough ornaments, glittered non-decorating pipe-stick and fun and more!
<b>Mon 11 Jan</b> <b>Star Wars Day</b> May the Force be with you as you enjoy this action packed Star Wars day! Today you can make your own lightsaber, RC car and space craft!	<b>Tue 12 Jan</b> <b>TRIP - Movies</b> The prehistoric Family The Croods are challenged by a rival family the Belshazzers, who claim to be better and more evolved...	<b>Wed 13 Jan</b> <b>Splash Day</b> Slip and slide your way through today as we make rainbow fish, paper boats and of course play a tonne of water games! Remember: hope & towel!	<b>Thu 14 Jan</b> <b>TRIP - Laser Tag</b> Try out your laser tag skills today! Who will top the leader board and lead their team to victory? Will it be you?	<b>Fri 15 Jan</b> <b>PJ &amp; Pizza Day</b> It's the slumber party of the year! Come in your pyjamas and create your own pizza, popcorn balls and sleeping masks!
<b>Mon 18 Jan</b> <b>Pirates</b> Aye, Me Hearties! Set sail to sea today for map making, treasure hunting, captain hat and ring and more!	<b>Tue 19 Jan</b> <b>TRIP - Zoo</b> Grrr! Fox, Lion, Monkey... We plan to see them all! Come join us on a trip to Wellington Zoo and check out all their awesome animals!	<b>Wed 20 Jan</b> <b>Wheels Day</b> Whose got the fastest wheels? Find out in our speed race competition - but first we have to decorate their F & S, please bring a helmet!	<b>Thu 21 Jan</b> <b>TRIP - Otari Wilson's Bush walk</b> Explore the great outdoors with a bush walk through Otari - Wilson's Bush! Enjoy a BBQ treat on you have a picnic picnic and then go play!	<b>Fri 22 Jan</b> <b>sKids Active</b> Enjoy the great outdoors and have fun playing outdoor games with sKids active!
<b>Mon 25 Jan</b> <b>No Activity</b> Wellington Anniversary Day CLOSED Sorry we're closed for Wellington Anniversary Day. See you back here tomorrow!	<b>Tue 26 Jan</b> <b>TRIP - Awesome Bounce</b> Bounce, hop, and have fun today at Awesome Bounce. Have a go at the Crazy Zang game or run wild in the playground. Remember to bring socks!	<b>Wed 27 Jan</b> <b>Ancient Egypt</b> Come explore Ancient Egypt! Create your own pyramids paper and learn how to write a secret message in hieroglyphs!	<b>Thu 28 Jan</b> <b>TRIP - Carnival Day</b> Join us for a day full of fun and laughter as we combine with our other local clubs that and compete in a giant inflatable obstacle course!	<b>Fri 29 Jan</b> <b>Mad Hatter Tea Party</b> Come dressed up in your maddest outfit today for our Mad Hatter Tea Party! Make your mad hatters hat then bake and decorate cupcakes!
<b>Mon 01 Feb</b> <b>Challenge Day</b> Complete in a series of challenges today - from mazes to win it games, to obstacle courses and treasure hunts!	<b>Tue 02 Feb</b> <b>Camping Day</b> Spend the day Copying at school! It's all about teamwork as we make tents, go fishing for our sKids fish, collect leaves to make art and more!	<b>Wed 03 Feb</b> <b>Community Helpers</b> Fire, Ambulance, and Police - some of our amazing community helpers! Let's explore what they do with finger painting, fire shouting and more!	<b>Thu 04 Feb</b> <b>Back to School</b> Holidays are over - time to go back to school! Remember to enrol in our Before and After School Care!	<b>Fri 05 Feb</b> <b>School Day!</b> Check out our awesome Before and After School Care Programmes!

Please remember to bring your Morning Tea, Lunch, a Drink Bottle and a Hat  
 Please see [www.sKids.co.nz/terms\\_conditions](http://www.sKids.co.nz/terms_conditions) for our Holiday Programme Terms and Conditions.  
 For more information, call 0800 274 172 Or 027 644 2388 or email [holycrossmiramar@sKids.co.nz](mailto:holycrossmiramar@sKids.co.nz)

Register now at [www.sKids.co.nz](http://www.sKids.co.nz) click on

HAVE YOU EVER EXERCISED UNDERWATER?  
WELL THAT TIME IS NOW.



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# OPEN DAY

ORIENTAL BAY

Sunday 6th of December, 1pm-3pm

Come on down to 139a Oriental Parade to celebrate the opening of Saints gym and check out our brand new space and what we have to offer. It will be a fun filled family friendly afternoon. Bouncy castle, FREE sausage sizzle, Candy Floss, FREE fades, raffle, giveaways and so much more. We hope to see you all there.

YOU ARE WORTH IT!!!!

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