



# Term 4 Week 7 Newsletter

## **Catholic Character:** The Season of Advent- Te Wā O Te Aweneti:

This Sunday is the first day of Advent. Advent is a special time when we wait for the coming of Jesus. The word Advent comes from the Latin 'adventus' which means 'arrival' or 'coming'.

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year. It is the four weeks before Christmas. This is the Church's New Year's Day.

One of the ways we celebrate Advent is by the creation of an Advent calendar. Many people use this special calendar to help them mark the days until Christmas. In the Welcome this week we delight in the beautiful drawing completed by three of our Holy Cross students: Tanvi, Ilo and Maria. We invite you to read the girls' reflection and each day to ponder and discuss the bible verse.



**Girls working to create a reflective Advent picture**



**Advent Prayer:** Loving God, may your love be with us always and bring peace and joy to all your people around the world, as we wait in hope for the coming of your Son Jesus. May our hearts be open to appreciate the many blessings we receive and may we in turn be a blessing to those we meet each day. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Year 7 and 8 - Somes Island School Trip**

On Tuesday 22 November the year 7/8 students, walked over to the Seatoun Wharf and then ventured over to Matiu/Somes Island as part of our William Pike Outdoor Education to meet the Dominion Post Ferry that was especially chartered for our trip. When we arrived on the Island it was pouring down with rain but we zipped up our jackets and got on with exploring.

After 2 hours of exploring and getting wetter than water, we learned that Matiu / Somes Island was full of history and interesting things. Did you know that in 1872 they used the island as an animal and human quarantine camp? It was a used camp for 6 years to keep bad diseases out of our country.

Thanks to the many parent helpers who made the whole trip possible. All the 7/8 students thank you and appreciate your support.

William Paget



## **Important Dates**

**4th December - Christmas Liturgy**

**5:30 pm** Cultural group perform

**6:00pm** Christmas Liturgy  
**Students invited to come in cultural dress.**

**5th December** - Eastern Zone Miniball

**6th December** - Final BOT meeting for 2018

**7th December** - 9:00am-11am New classes for 2019

**8th December** - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**13th December** - Year 8 Graduation 7pm

**17 December** - End of year fun day ASB

**18th December** - End of Year Liturgy and last day of school



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy birthday to Maxwell, and Caitlyn, enjoy your special day.

## HOLY CROSS HAS GOT TALENT

Over the past two weeks we have been treated to a wonderful sharing of talent from both our junior and senior students. We congratulate all those who had the courage to participate and will look for ongoing opportunities for this sharing to happen on a more ongoing basis.



## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Robyn, Nosi, Sulia and Zerlinde who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday at St Teresa's Church in Karori. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.



**LOST PROPERTY** : check out the lost property clothing items. Items not collected will be donated to St Vincent de Paul's shop.

## CHRISTMAS LITURGY TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER

- 5.30pm Cultural group perform outside stage (weather permitting)
- 6.00pm Christmas liturgy in the hall
- Students to wear full school uniform or cultural dress
- Students wearing cultural dress need to advise their teacher



★ If it is wet, the cultural group will not perform, we will begin at 6.00 pm in the hall.

## PSG NEWS

### **Entertainment books for Christmas**

If you're still finishing off the Christmas shopping why not give the gift of an Entertainment Book? With books and online memberships available for five regions around the country, it's the perfect gift for grandparents or out of town relatives. Visit this link to purchase -

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/943a153>. The PSG receives 20% of the price of every membership.

## INTERZONE ATHLETICS 29TH NOVEMBER

Well done to all our students who competed yesterday at interzone, we will let you know the results next week.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Next Wednesday lunchtime the library is holding its **Summer Reading Book Sale**. Books will be 50c each or five for \$2 and magazines will be 50c for two. The proceeds of the sale will go towards new books for the library.

