



## Vinnies News – Wellington Area

A cup of water given in my name - The hand of Christ blesses the cup  
The hand of love offers the cup - The hand in need receives the cup.

**Vinnies Lounge: After School Programme  
March, 2017**

Kia Ora Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to the Vinnies Lounge – an after school programme that we are very excited to launch right here in our school community of Holy Cross.

### **What is the Vinnies Lounge?**

The aim of this space and time with your son/daughter is to;

- Support young pupils with their personal, leadership and academic goals in group mentoring sessions.
- Provide an opportunity to link up with youth leaders from our local colleges and affiliated groups, building positive relationships among them.

**“Building a stronger community begins with knowing your neighbour.”**

For the past year Vinnies has been working on connecting with the community. This year we are going to be in and amongst it all. Vinnies Lounge is an opportunity to live out this mission alongside what we are all about – people helping people.

The sessions will begin in term 2. A schedule of dates will be provided to your son/daughter by the end of term 1. Sessions will be hosted fortnightly, on a Wednesday, at the school between 3pm – 5pm. Our Vinnies mentors, who will champion the sessions are from our local colleges and affiliated groups. This too is offering them the opportunity to develop as leaders and be role models to their younger neighbours.

There will be an introduction session on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 3:15pm – 4:30pm. This is also an opportunity for you, the families of our Vinnies Lounge participants to come along and meet the team.

To ensure the well-being of your son/daughter during the sessions, could you read and complete the attached forms. These are to be returned either to the school office or handed to me at the introduction session by Wednesday 5 April.

I would like to acknowledge the support of the leadership team at Holy Cross School who have been involved from the very start when we sent out the invitation for schools to participate. We look forward to meeting you all in the near future as we work together to build a stronger community for our future leaders.

Nga mihi,  
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