

2019 PRINCIPALS END OF TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

At the end of last term I spoke of how truly blessed I feel to be part of our wonderful community. This term, following the recent death of my mother, I experienced first hand the support and generosity of the Holy Cross community- I am both humbled and proud; once again, my sincere thanks to you all.

The following quote from Hebrews reflects our vision : 'Let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works'. Hebrews 10:24

Things to Celebrate

On the following pages you will see photographs, writing and reflections of some of the many 'learning' experiences of term 3. Some of the highlights of the term include:

- ★ A number of our students taking the next step in their faith journeys and receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion.
- ★ Coming together with the parish to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.
- ★ Students preparing for and participating in Artsplash at the Michael Fowler Centre, a unique Wellington event.
- ★ An afternoon to celebrate the arts at Holy Cross, this included dance, singing and recorder, violin and xylophone instrumentals. It was a wonderful day!
- ★ Two of our students winning both the Wellington and National Root to Tip (GTT) cooking competition.
- ★ Introduction of the Waste Heroes Programme to Holy Cross School.
- ★ A very successful mini gala organised and run by the Year 7 and 8 students.
- ★ S.T.E.A.M - science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics programme introduction -years 4, 5 and 6.
- ★ Year 7-8 Camp - Teapot Valley, Nelson.
- ★ Year 4, 5, & 6 Zelandia Night Walks.
- ★ A Holy Cross experience day for prospective Year 7 students; this was well attended and resulted in a number of enrolments for 2020.
- ★ A community afternoon tea provided by our Parent Support group. This was a most successful gathering.
- ★ The sharing of food and vegetables from Garden To Table with our wonderful neighbours.
- ★ Junior block redevelopment. We hope to be in our new classrooms early in the new term.



CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Our Feast Day: September 14 was the **Feast of the Holy Cross**, a special day for our school. To recognise this feast day we planned a special liturgy and day of celebration for the last day of term. Our feast day provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the cross and who we are called to be.

Many of you will be familiar with the words on Andrew Chinn who wrote the song we often sing,

This Holy Cross.

This Holy Cross, this tree of life
A sign of love, of sacrifice
This Holy Cross is not the end
New life, new hope, a call to grow again.

This cross it shines for all the world
A ray of hope, of God's living Word
This light it shines every day
A light of love, showing us the way

Family Activity: We invite each family to complete a special activity, one we hope will be personally meaningful. Oscar Romero, the great Archbishop of San Salvador was made a saint on 14 October 2018. His deep commitment to the poor and passionate belief in justice inspires many. The 'Romero Cross' is created using a traditional style of art from El Salvador. Each cross 'tells a story' although generally you will see Christ at the centre, surrounded by the communities important to those who have made each Cross.

We invite you to spend some time reflecting on the people and situations you would like to hold in prayer before God then create your family's own cross in the blank template provided. We include an example below. Think about the background landscape, colours and patterns that reflect your family, culture and surroundings. Think about the people and situations you want to hold in prayer before God.

We look forward to seeing the cross created by each family when your children return to school in term 4.



Senior Syndicate - Room 1 & Room 2

Teapot Valley Camp 2019 - This term in week 6 our senior syndicate went to Teapot Valley camp in Nelson. We had so much fun! Activities we did include: waterslides, skiing, zipline, downhill carts, archery, Burma Trail, the maze, spotlight and abseiling.



Thanks to our parent helpers:
James, Nicky, Thomas, Shweta, Ana, Vyvette and Jeremy!

We would like to say a big thank you to the Holy Cross families that supported our fundraising. Our trip would not have been possible without you.
Yr 7 & 8 students.

Senior Syndicate - Room 1 & Room 2

Moment in time writing - As part of our camp learning program we have been writing "moments in time". Here are some snippets of writing from Rooms 1 & 2.

Hoping for Forever

...I reach for the fire and feel the heat warms my hands under the sparkly stars. I look around to see people, brightened up by the fires and the flashlights. They laugh at the memory of people being splattered with mud and hear the fear in their voices as they talk about going down the hill in rusty carts. On stairs they are chatting and eating. On the ground they are giggling and drinking. Standing, sitting, walking or talking, we are all happy; especially me...

By Jael Laroza

Heights

...I keep climbing up the stairs and dare not to look down. I make it to the top and slowly make my way toward Jarred who fastens a few clips to my harness. "Don't worry these ropes can hold the weight of an elephant" he says trying to calm me down. "My stomach feels as heavy as an elephant.." I think to myself as I slowly tilt backwards over the edge of the abseiling course...

By Senith Tim

I leaned back with my feet in front of me. Taking small baby steps, I went down the brown wooden abseiling wall. I couldn't believe myself. I was doing it! And as I felt proud of myself, **BANG!!!** There was definitely going to be a big bruise on my shoulder. Ouch!!! I could hear the kids in my group going ooohhh! I got back onto my feet and this time going quickly and powerfully until I reached the bottom. With a proud face and a happy feeling I turned behind me to check if it was a dream!

Tanvi Patel.



There was a lot of noise and chatter as we tried to squeeze onto 2 bunks but we all fit once everyone stopped moving. So with Lily, Melissa and I on one and Maria, Amelia and Lucy on the other bunk we started talking (quietly so the teachers/adults outside couldn't hear us) and began to eat some of the lollies we brought on camp. Then Maria started laughing for no reason and making the weirdest noises ever, we think it was because of all the lollies she just ate!

Christina Hickey.

A Jagged Wall of Stones

I had one foot on the plastic stone ready for the call. Vyvette counted me down, "3,2,1, GO!" I got an adrenaline rush as I gapped it up the funny shaped stones. I slipped, not knowing where to put my feet I held on to the deep curved rock with my hands. Nearly falling back I leant up right.

I took a deep breath and touched the roof. I was excited thinking I had beat the record of 17 seconds. No, just one second off. I sat down as the next person was buckled up and ready to give it a try. Mr Sa walked over, "well done for giving it a try, but how can you do it in those tramping shoes? Do you want to try mine?" He said...

By Haare Kawiti

Think Talk and Create in the Marcellin Syndicate

Think Talk and Create gives the youngest learners in our school the time to shine. Sometimes students are the experts when they start a topic and sometimes we become the experts by learning about a topic. Watch out for all the paleontologists, recyclers, team players and super-cleaners that will be sharing their learning with you in the holidays. Here are some of our stories from this term. We write the stories as part of a small group. Before we write the words down we have to remember the stories in our head. Have a game of I spy to spot the new topic words we have learnt and included in our stories.

DINOSAURS

Big and Slow, Small and Fast

Written by: The Triceratops Group



Millions of years ago, before there were any people, dinosaurs ruled the earth. Some were enormous like the Brachiosaurus. It was as high as a four story building and weighed as much as four elephants. Others were small like the Compsognathus, which was the size of a chicken. These dinosaurs were herbivores. They had long necks to eat the leaves on the trees. We don't think they would have moved very fast.

CLEANING

Making Cleaning Spray

Written by- The Bucket Group



We wanted to find out how to make the vinegar cleaner smell nice. First, Liam and Mary put orange peel into a glass jar. Then, Hunter and Stuti put rosemary into the second jar. Abigail and Zoe put lavender into the third jar. After that Susie poured the white vinegar into the jars, nearly to the top. Oops! Susie spilled vinegar on Liam, Mary and the table. "That's ok! We can wipe it up," said the children. Luke screwed on the jar tops to stop any more spills. We made labels for each jar. We will have to wait for 2 weeks for the smells to soak into the vinegar.

GO ALL BLACKS!



These two rugby players are Black Ferns. The woman in front is trying to get a try. She will get 5 points for scoring a try. Fiao'o Fa'amausili is helping the player at the front to get a try. She is protecting her team mate.

RECYCLING



A big piece of plastic has been whipped up by the wind and blown into the ocean. Oh no! The turtle thinks it is a jellyfish that he wants to eat for his dinner. He may die if he eats that plastic. We need to recycle our plastic so it doesn't end up in the ocean. We want our sea creatures to be safe!

GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE



Gardener Rory and Chef Jonathan explained how today they made pesto pizza. "We used onion and thyme and we made pesto. The ingredients were : parmesan cheese, sunflower seeds, parsley and silverbeet. We whizzed it all up in the blender and spread it over the pita bread and then we put it in the oven to cook. We tidied up the kitchen and when we tried the pesto pizza, it was delicious!"



Gardener Finn and Chef Shalom explained what they did today at GTT. "Today we did research on 3 questions about cape gooseberries." Finn said he also worked in the garden turning over the soil with Saiint. "We do this to give the soil some air." Chef of the day Shalom says "We made pita pizza with pesto, onion,grated parmesan cheese then we spread it over the pita bread and baked in the oven. It was yum! "



Room 3



We are very proud of the music video we made.



We learnt how to start a worm farm.



We saw kiwi, takahe and glow worms.



We completed a rubbish audit for our classroom.



We explored the local landfill!



We loved the performance by 'Capital E' at Miramar Christian School.



We bid Ashlee farewell and all the best for her new adventures in Christchurch.



We celebrated Tsion and Rebecca's amazing achievement of winning a national competition!

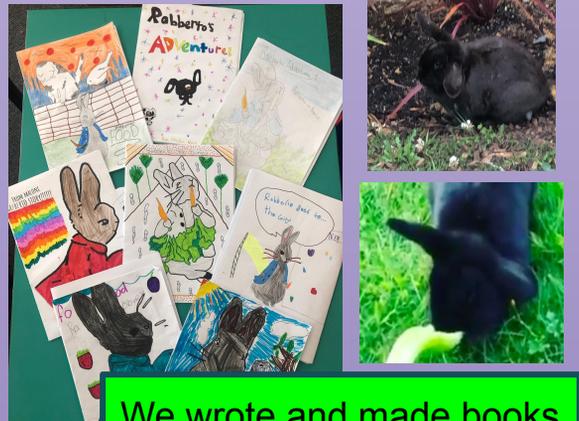
Room 5

FIDS Week

We designed improvements for our school and in Room 6 made paper mache cups and bowls out of recycled materials we found around our school.
REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE



We visited Zealandia to look for nocturnal creatures and the Southern Landfill to learn about what happens to our waste.



We wrote and made books for adventures for Mrs Walsh's sneaky rabbit, 'Rabbitto'



Room 6



FIDS WEEK

In Room 6 we made hot air balloons using recycled paper, we wanted to reduce the paper waste of our classrooms.

PAPER FACT - paper makes up 40% of waste dumped in landfills.

TOA TIAKI TAIAO Plastic Battle



We are learning how to sort our waste in our classroom. We now compost all of our fruit scraps!!



Congratulations Toby for coming 1st place in both the under 7 Foxtrot and Cha Cha. As well as being awarded Prince of the ball. Go Toby!

Music Video Education

Check out our music video "Plastic Battle" to hear our message about waste and the importance of reducing plastic waste.

<https://www.musicvideoeducation.com/plastic-battle>



Landfill Trip

We visited the landfill to see what they do with all the rubbish.

We saw a recycling center, tip shop and we saw a HUGE machine which burnt greenhouse gases.

Room 7

This term has been very busy in Room 7. We loved having our music lessons with Anna every Tuesday afternoon. In week 9, we performed two of the songs we had learnt on the recorder - Mary had a Little Lamb and the B A G song. We were fantastic and so proud of ourselves.

Our topics this term have been Dinosaurs, Cleaning, Recycling and Rugby (All Blacks). We have some real experts in our room - experts on different topics.

We work very hard in our classroom. We enjoy having Kate and Deb coming to help us with our words every Tuesday morning. Thanks Kate and Deb!!



Keeping Room 8 Clean!

We are experimenting with new smells for the spray cleaner. We will have to wait 2 weeks for it to be ready.



We measured the ingredients and will have to wait 24 hours to wash the dishes!



We used natural cleaners to keep our class clean and we even cleaned our shoes with beeswax!

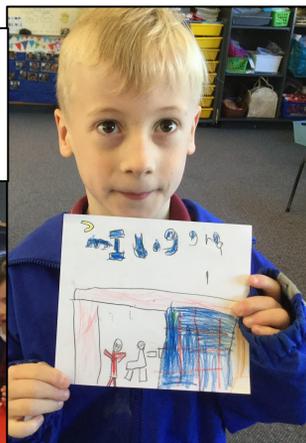


Keeping Clean!

We made liquid hand soap with a bar of soap and hot water in a mason jar. We can reuse an old dispenser. We can use this recipe in 24 hours.



We cleaned our class to have a party.



We have been inventing cleaning machines for a cleaner, greener future!

Room 11



This term, we have been learning about recycling. We have done a few lunchbox waste audits. We had to sort through all the packaging from our lunch boxes, to work out what could be recycled and what we could put in the compost bin.



Our favourite topic this term was dinosaurs. We learnt lots of new facts about dinosaurs and created some dinosaur art to display in our new classroom. Watch out for T-Rex!

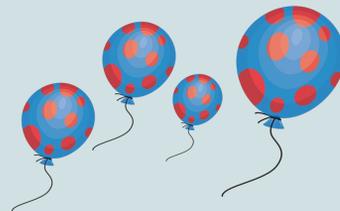


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Happy Birthday to

Sarkis, Ninor, Henry, Ledayna, Phoenix, Faris, Lily, Rome, Cian, Bawi, Maloni, Mounga and Chelsea

We hope you have a special day!

Save the Date- All whanau are welcome to attend all of these special events

- **Monday 14th October**- First day of term 4 (summer uniform)
- **Thursday 17th October**-NZ shakeout, earthquake/tsunami drill
- **Friday 18th October**- 9am Powhiri to welcome new students and staff
- **Thursday 24th October**-10.30 -12.30pm Wellington Kiwilele festival in school hall (HC Ukulele Group)
- **Friday 25th October**- 1.30pm School athletics day
- **Monday 28th October**-Labour day - school closed
- **Wednesday 30th October**- Catholic cultural celebration-hosted at HCS
- **Friday 1st November** - All Saints day - Liturgy or Mass (to be confirmed)
- **Saturday 2nd November** -All Souls day
- **Wednesday 6th November**- Eastern Zone athletics
- **Friday 8th November** - *12.30pm *Hansel and Gretel* ballet at Wellington Opera House (Marcellin Syndicate)
- **Friday 15th November**- 10.00am Thank you morning tea (school hall)
- **Tuesday 3rd December**-Arohanui Strings performance -violin etc (school hall)
- **Thursday 12th December**-Year 8 graduation
- **Monday 16th December**- ASB funday (to be confirmed)
- **Tuesday 17th December** - Last day of term

(* will require parent help)

Also planned for Term 4 Marcellin Syndicate- Gymfun(Gymnastics), Ready Set Go (Athletics)

McAuley Syndicate- Cricket skills (to be confirmed)

Staffing and building news

Due to continued roll growth we are delighted to announce the appointment of a part time teacher Jennifer Ioannou to the new entrant class for term 4 and Jo Harvell will also be joining our team as a teacher aide.

We are most grateful for the support provided by the Archdiocese of Wellington to upgrade our buildings and their willingness to undertake ongoing improvements.

Work will continue during the term break with the aim of completing the remodelled junior block very early in term 4. Work will also be carried out re-carpeting the music room and installing new sinks in the senior block.

Ministry of Education -Donation Scheme

The BOT have decided to opt into the Ministry of Education's donation scheme in 2020. This means the Ministry will pay \$150.00 for every student that attends Holy Cross School. You will not be asked for any donations next year, however the Attendance Dues which you pay directly to the Archdiocese of Wellington will still be payable. There are some other instances where we could request a donation from you, such as an overnight camp. If you would like to read more about this please check the Ministry website :

<https://education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/>

OFFICE NEWS

Lost Property

Please come and check the lost property in the office. We have lots of jerseys and jackets and various other items.

PE Shirt

If you would like to order a new PE shirt please contact the office to place your order.

School Summer Dress for year 1-6 (optional) School bucket hat/cap (compulsory)

Dresses are available from the school office, cost \$75.00. Bucket hat and cap available for \$12& \$10

Contact information

Please contact the office if you have changed your address, moved house or your emergency contacts have changed so we can update our records.

News from the Parent Support Group

Thanks to parents and friends who popped in to share a cuppa and chat last week. We'll aim to have another afternoon tea before the end of the year. Next PSG Meeting. Monday 14 October. 7pm, school staff room, all welcome.

Entertainment Books (ensure the HC link is added). Looking for Christmas present options for grandparents and friends? Out of town books available and the school benefits from every book purchased through our link. www.entbook.co.nz/943q153

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cricket - ESJCC

Summer is coming! Come and play cricket with your mates for Eastern Suburbs Junior Cricket Club. You can register online **now** at www.eastsjuniorcricket.co.nz Alternatively come to Kilbirnie Park clubrooms on **Saturday 28th September** between 10am - midday to register in person. Girls-only and mixed boys and girls teams.

Wellington Harrier Children's Athletic Club

The Wellington Harriers children's athletics programme resumes on Saturday 12th October 2019.

Our club days are held at the Newtown Park athletic track on Saturdays mornings from 11.30am - 1 pm Activities on club days will cover a range of traditional events such as long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, sprints, hurdles, middle distance, and race walking. Alongside this, we will also be doing a run jump throw program which teaches children athletic skills through fun athletic games.

We also offer a **"Get Set, Go"** program for ages 4 - 6 years. This is made up of fun games based around running, jumping and throwing activities. (Please note for children aged 4- 6 the programme is for 1 hour).To sign up please click on the link below or for more information please contact: Julie Richards email: juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk mobile: 0212959026

Miramar Golf Club

Junior golf sessions to run every Wednesday from 4-5pm. For any parents/kids interested they can contact me or the Golf Studio for more details. Also, if someone is interested but hesitant to commit, they're more than welcome to attend a session and see if it's for them. No obligation to join. If you have any queries, please contact me by email ocallaghanm@scotscollege.school.nz or phone 021 118 4708, Thanks in advance, Mike O'Callaghan Junior Golf Coordinator Miramar Golf Club

Worser Bay Life Saving Club Open Day

Calling all clubbies to "give surf a go" with your local Worser Bay Lifesaving Club. We're all about fun, family, fitness and friendship at Worser Bay, the community club that can. The junior surf programme runs from October to March for 7 to 13 year olds. Learn about beach safety, build confidence in and around water, use paddle boards and take part in junior carnivals. The Worser Bay Lifesaving Club open day is Sunday 20th October 2pm to 4pm, 251 Marine Parade, Seatoun.