

PRINCIPAL END OF TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

What a wonderful Term it has been. Today we will share stories and photos which capture our 2018
Overarching Concept of **Journeying Together** -
Let Our Voices be Heard -

The Voice of Identity, The Voice of Cooperation, The Voice of Learning and The Voice of Celebration



The Voice of Identity



We let our 'Voice of Identity' be heard by celebrating the Special Catholic Character of Holy Cross School. We have had many opportunities this term to celebrate our Catholic Character and the diverse cultures within our community.

Sacraments: We started the term by joining the Holy Trinity Parish to support five of our students taking the next step in their faith journey. Cardinal John Dew celebrated the First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's in Kilbirnie.

Catholic Cultural Celebration:

Five Catholic Schools joined Holy Cross to share and celebrate their talents. This was a highly successful event which built on the learning from the previous year. The Holy Cross students proudly performed in their new Cultural Group uniforms and set a high standard for the event. There is a video you can watch of the event on the Holy Cross School website.

Feast Days and Holy Cross Community Mass:

This term we have invited families to join with us to celebrate The Feast of the Assumption and Feast of the Holy Cross at Liturgies in the school hall. The last Sunday of the term the 5 o'clock Mass was held in the school hall and the school band led the Holy Cross community in song. It has been wonderful to welcome Father Ephrem and Father Gregory to lead us in prayer and reflection.



Cultural Identity:

This term around New Zealand schools have been acknowledging the rich cultural identity of our Nation with Tongan language week and Chinese language week. As part of Te wiki o te reo Māori, Māori language week the Kahakatia group hosted an event to celebrate language. Each class performed a song or bracket in te reo Māori. Kia Kaha te reo Māori was the theme for this year's Māori Language Week. 'Kia Kaha' is a well known phrase in New Zealand, meaning 'be strong'. We often talk about language health, strength, and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

The Voice of Cooperation

We develop the Voice of Cooperation in many ways. The skills we use and learn when we are working and playing together will help us to be lifelong learners. We have been learning to cooperate within our classes, with older and younger students working together, working in our local and wider Wellington community.



Tuakana Teina older and younger students working together- Throughout the term the Y7 and 8 leaders have been planning and running activities with younger students. These have included music, skipping, rugby, cooking and many more. The older students have had to work in teams to learn new skills plan, organise and problem solve while the younger students have learnt new skills and had lots of fun. Taking time to reflect on these activities as part of their William Pike Challenge award the students have recognised the advantages and challenges of working as a team. Students from across the Mccauley and Marcellin Syndicate have been learning the skills of cooperation through the Arts Afternoons and Discovery Time.



Cooperating with our Local community-

For the last 2 weeks the R1 and R2 students have worked together to make a difference in the local community. They visited Worsler Bay beach to collect rubbish and observe the native marine life in the rock pools.

The Netball and Miniball teams have been learning new skills, cooperating with each other and playing against teams from our local area. Some students from St Anthony's school in Seatoun have joined our Holy Cross Netball teams and have enjoyed making new friends and playing alongside students from the Holy Trinity Parish.



Cooperating with the Wellington community-

Holy Cross students have also had the opportunity to cooperate and learn with groups from outside our school community. The young Catholic Leaders from Colleges around Wellington who visit Holy Cross each Wednesday to host Vinnies Lounge are helping to grow the leaders within our school through cooperative learning activities.

Mayor Justin Lester has visited the Garden to Table programme to see how our students cooperate in the garden and kitchen. He then invited 2 of our students to be part of the 150th Botanical Garden celebrations to plant a Wildflower garden along with other schools from around Wellington.



The Voice of Learning

Students develop a “Voice of Learning” within and outside the classroom, by extending themselves and learning alongside others. We support our students to try new things and we celebrate their achievements. We work to provide authentic, real- life learning opportunities for our students. We support them to process and talk about their learning. We focus on supporting students to develop the motivation, skills and capabilities to become lifelong, connected learners.



Future Focus:

Digital technology as a tool for learning is a wonderful thing. We can have access to the world at our fingertips, we can investigate and access information to enhance what we have access to in our classrooms. At the Netsafe meeting at the start of this term and in the weekly newsletters we have been discussing how to support our students to use digital technologies responsibly. As parents and teachers we can work together to model and talk about how we can best use technology in our changing world.

Financial Literacy:



Financial Literacy is an important thing for all students at Holy Cross School. The educators from ASB visited all classes this term to workshop in a fun and engaging way how to manage their money. They challenged students to plan for what they need and save for what they want. The Garden to Table and William Pike Challenge Award provide authentic opportunities for students to plan, budget and review finances. The Holy Cross School Fair in week 2 of Term 4 will be another opportunity for all students to spend some Holy Cross dollars to enjoy the cultural food from our community.



Lifelong Learning:

Welcoming Mayor Justin Lester and chef Steve Logan to visit the Garden to Table programme, we have been able to showcase the skills and knowledge our students need for lifelong learning. In all areas of the school students are given the opportunity to develop the Key Competencies- these are the skills to communicate and collaborate as a team. Justin and Steve were very impressed with our students and talked about how important these skills are in the students future careers.



Musical Literacy:

All students this term have had the opportunity to learn to play and perform music. The Arohanui Strings group have shared their knowledge, resources and skills with all YO-6 students and we look forward to forming an orchestra next term with the students who have chosen to take lessons with them in term 4. The Dilworth Choir whom we hosted on their visit to Wellington as part of the Big Sing shared their gifts and talents with us. The Holy Cross Cultural Group in turn lifted their performance to respond and thank the visitors. We have a rich heritage of musicality at Holy Cross. The skills students learn in Choir, Dance, Cultural Group, Band and Violin lessons compliment all areas of learning at school.

The Voice of Celebration.

We love to celebrate learning success in its many and various forms. At the start of the term we celebrated the 7 years Kathee Hughes had been part of our community as our Office Manager. She is now working at Victoria University enjoying her new role. The Poroporoaki was a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the achievements of a staff member. Each class prepared an item and the staff sang a song inspired by her favourite movie The Sound of Music.

We have had many other opportunities to celebrate the learning this term. We are lucky to have a diverse group of students who take every opportunity to shine both in and outside of school including; Artsplash Dance, Choir and Visual Arts, Netball teams, Miniball teams, Josh receiving the Gardener of the Year Award, Shiv receiving an award for the most improved player in his soccer team and of course the final celebration of the term the PB4L disco!

These photos represent just some of the many achievements of our students this term.



Term Four Dates and Information

At the start of term more information will be shared about the focus for each syndicate area but here is an outline of what we'll be covering. If you are able to support us with any of these foci PLEASE let us know, as we value your input, interest and expertise.

Think, Talk and Create - The topics in term 4 are Diwali, Playground Games, Recycling and The Journey (a Christmas topic).

Garden to Table- The students will be continuing their inquiry into environmentally friendly and sustainable living by investigating how we can reduce reuse and recycle our waste.

Kaitiaki Leadership and William Pike- Year 7 & 8 students will be exploring financial literacy using the Kiwibank 'Banqer' platform and exploring possible career options. We have two more Outdoor Excursions to complete for the William Pike Challenge Award and we will be sharing more information about these in the next newsletter. Students will be invited to think and act on how they can complete their final hours for community service and passion projects. Before we know it, we will be preparing for the Christmas Liturgy and Year 8 Graduation!

Consultation: Throughout Term 4 we will be talking with you to ensure we hear your voices and ideas for the current and future direction of Holy Cross School.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

15th October - First day of term and PSG meeting
18th October - Swimming starts for rooms 8 & 12
19th October - Swimming starts for rooms 6 & 7
22nd October - Labour Day - no school
26th October - Holy Cross Food Fair
1st November - All Saints Day / BOT meeting/ Royal NZ Ballet Nutcracker
2nd November- All Souls Day
7th November - Eastern Zone Athletics day
11th November - 1st Holy Communion
13th November - Year 8 St Patrick's College testing
4th December - Christmas Liturgy
5th December - Eastern Zone Miniball
13th December -Year 8 Graduation
19th December - End of year Liturgy and last day of school

Birthdays

To all those students who will be celebrating their birthday this week and during the school holidays - Happy Birthday to you:



Selena, Sarkis, Saffron, Henry, Ninor, Diya M, Ledayna, Phoenix, Faris, Lily, Cian, Maloni, Mouna, and Chelsea.

Think, Talk and Create

Every two weeks the students in the Marcellin syndicate learn about a new topic. This term they have become experts in the topics of Native Birds, Samoa, Baking with Numbers and Musical Instruments. They have used the rich language they have learnt to write these stories.

The Hunting Ruru

The ruru is flying away to hunt in the night. It is dark but the ruru has big eyes so she can spot it's food. She likes to eat worms and bugs. The ruru is flying in the forest. She can fly so high and she can also dive down to the ground.



Written by: Ting Tha Room 7

Meeting in the Fale

It is a hot, sunny day in Samoa. These leaders have come together for a meeting in the large village fale. There are colourful patterns all around. The leaders are discussing how they will build a new church for their village. When they have finished, they will have a big feast. Then they will go home to their families in their own fales.



Written by: Toby, Flynn, Ninor, Shaan, Mia and Amalia

Room 8

Bread Day

One cold winter day the Room 12 children were hungry. Mrs Sumner brought a big basket of bread to the classroom. "We can share the bread," said Mary and Stuti. So Kenna and Arnav broke their bread into 2 halves. Mason broke his french stick into 4 quarters. "Look there is even some left for the birds," said Raphael. "What a great day!" said Ryder. "Thank you," called Moana as Mrs Sumner rode away on her bike.

Written by: Mary, Stuti, Kena, Arnav, Mason, Raphael,

Ryder and Moana Room 12



Garden to Table



Pikelets with Honey and fresh Rhubarb Jam

Meela R 6 Chef of the Day- This is my favourite recipe so far- It is made from basic kitchen ingredients like flour, sugar, salt, eggs and baking powder. Today we didn't follow the recipe exactly so there was a little extra sugar, it's a little sweet but very yummy.

Cooper cooked the chopped rhubarb on the stove. If you don't cook rhubarb it will make you sick. The honey came from Olivia's hive.

Tilomai and Maitri R6 Gardeners of the day- Olivia was talking to us about bees today. Olivia and her family are apiarists- they keep bees. We spent time looking at the different kinds of bees and talking about how important they are for pollination in the garden.

The flowers in the school garden attract the bees. We made some bouquets for the netball prizegiving of flowers by picking lavender, calendula and sage from the garden. We tied them up with string and put them in water to stay fresh.

We harvested the rhubarb for the pikelet toppings. To harvest rhubarb you have to snap off the stalk at the bottom of the stalk so that the rhubarb plant continues to grow. The rhubarb leaves are poisonous and the stalk has to be cooked before being eaten. Bean plants seeds were planted two weeks ago have started to grow we can see the shoots of some and the others are growing their roots underground.

Foodie Favourites: Maitri loves Indian food especially butter chicken, Meela enjoys eating a cheese omelette with bacon and some lettuce, Tilomai's favourite food is bacon in a sauce or with eggs for breakfast as a treat.



Bee Facts from the Gardeners of the day:

Up to 50,000 Bees live in one hive.

Bees collect pollen from flowers on the back of their legs and nectar in their tummy.

There are 4 types of bee in a hive: the queen bee, worker bees (female), drone bees (male), and nursery bees.

When the queen bee dies the worker bees choose another queen bee and feed her royal jelly.

The queen flies once in her life. They can only be the queen for 3 years and then another one is chosen.



William Pike Challenge Award

We are so proud of the learning that has been going on with the Science Badges with students working on their own individual topics and earning hours towards their Passion Projects as part of the William Pike Challenge Award. Zerlinde in Room 2 has been learning about FORENSICS.

FORENSICS - Types of Scientists that are Involved with a Crime Scene:

There are many types of Scientists that work in the Forensics Force. Here are some important Scientists.

Genealogical Scientist: Pronunciation: Jeanie-ologist

A Genealogist tests out DNA. If an investigator has found a bit of DNA on the crime scene they send it through to a lab. From there Genealogists test the DNA to see who it belongs to. When they test the victims DNA they try to find out who the victim is. They also search around the crime scene for DNA that could belong to the criminal.

Forensic Psychologist: Pronunciation: Sy-ko-ologist

A forensic Psychologist is someone who records on how the criminal affects the victim or a witness. They test how the criminal affects the victim or witness. They try to see how the victim reacts emotionally and physically.

Forensic Serologist: Pronunciation: Se-ro-ologist

A Serologist specialises in examining blood and other bodily fluids. They also test if there are any drugs or harmful diseases in their system just in case the victim's death wasn't caused naturally.

There are plenty more scientist that work in the Crime force.

By Zerlinde Tutuila - Room 2

As a follow up from the visit by the Author Don Long, students have been researching about their ancestors.

Patricia Paget

Some would say the 1930's were boring but they were a lot different from Patricia's eyes. Patricia Paget is happy and fit at the whopping age of 80, she lives in Dunedin and still manages to walk or drive to church everyday. She always dresses classy and is never seen without her scarf. She makes the best lasagne and never skips a trip to see her family.

For the majority of Patricia's life she lived in New Zealand. She went to a small school in the city of Dunedin called St Bernadette's. It had small classrooms which were very plain and had a very isolated feel about it. When she went to college at St Philomena's and she loved it, it was much nicer and she felt like she belonged there and made some really close lifelong friends.

At the young age of four, Patricia's Dad passed away leaving her family of 4 in a sad and sorrowful way. Her family found it really hard to get over this and even today it still brings tears to her eyes. Patricia had 2 brothers Bill and Tom and a sister called Maureen, they all got on really well and always played outside. She loved going on family holidays with them especially the ones to Queenstown. Nowadays Patricia has 4 kids, Sally, Jane, Sean and Martin. She was married but her husband Neil passed away in 2007 due to cancer. Her family life was really emotional and even to this day she struggles to talk about it.

Patricia has always dreamt of going to Italy. Maybe if she won lotto her dream could come true.

Patricia's childhood was very emotional and sad, first with her Dad dying and then later Neil her husband passing away. The whole time Patricia prayed and had strong faith, she got through it and now lives a happy and peaceful life.

By William Paget - Room 1

Community Notices

Dear Community,

Writing this Newsletter has given me the time to reflect on the learning we have done as a school this term. As Acting Principal I have had an amazing opportunity to lead our school. It has been a great privilege and given me a deeper understanding of what a special place Holy Cross School is.

During the ten weeks of term 3 we have lived our school values in words and actions I can say without any hesitation that all students at Holy Cross have **Let their Light Shine!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students and families for their hard work and support this term. We have been the kaitiaki (guardians) of our community, working together. We will welcome Celeste back from her sabbatical at the start of term 4 and look forward to the new learning ahead!

Ngā mihi,
Susie Sumner



Internet Safety:

Following the Netsafe information evening in Term 3 we are sharing weekly Netsafe Tips for parents and family.

9. WHAT ABOUT INAPPROPRIATE TEXTING? When it's appropriate you should talk to your kids about the risks of sharing personal information and personal images and what can happen to those photos or videos once created and shared.



10. WHAT IF SOMETHING NEGATIVE DOES HAPPEN? Let them know the options that are available to them – talking to a trusted adult, their school or Netsafe. Netsafe have a team of friendly people offering free and confidential advice for everyone in New Zealand. They can help young people with online bullying, abuse, harassment and other challenges they might face online. Let them know we can help.

If they come to you for help, count to ten before you react. When young people ask for help from adults, it's important to understand this was a big decision. If you overreact or take away the technology, then you're less likely to be the first port of call next time something happens. Focus on fixing the issue, not on punishing or confiscating their devices.

If you need help or advice, about any online issue you can contact Netsafe. **0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723) – help@netsafe.org.nz – [netsafe.org.nz/report](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/report)**

Be Prepared for Summer!

In Terms 1 and 4 at Holy Cross students can wear the summer uniform. All students must wear a blue school hat when they are outside for sports and break times. There is a strict no hat no play policy to keep all students sun safe. Please take the opportunity over the holidays to ensure that your child has a hat to wear and a water bottle to drink from for the first day back at school. Caps are available to buy from the office for \$10.



WANTED!



Balance Bikes: Over the holidays you may be doing some spring cleaning and sorting out things that your family no longer needs.

As a school we are looking for some balance bikes or small sized bikes to add to our bike fleet. These would be used for our youngest students who are just learning to ride and are still too small for our present bikes.



Violins: You may have or know of someone who has a violin that they would like to donate to the school. We would like to provide access to violin lessons for as many students as possible.

PSG

Dear parents and whānau,

The Parent Support Group is working hard to organise our International Food Fair on 26 October and wanted to give you some information about ways you can help.

Volunteers needed!

Thanks to the parents and friends who have already volunteered to help out. If you can lend a hand on the night please email psg@hcm.school.nz – there are all sorts of fun things to get involved with.

Lend us your front fence

Thanks to Adam Cockburn from Lowe & Co Realty for sponsoring Food Fair signage. We are looking for sites in high traffic areas in Miramar and Strathmore to install real estate sized signs advertising the Food Fair for a few weeks prior to the fair. If you think you can help please email psg@hcm.school.nz or call/text Sarah on 022 430 5191.

Flyer deliveries

We need help to deliver flyers about the food fair to houses in the neighbourhood. If you would be happy to deliver around 100 flyers in the Miramar area one week before the Food Fair please email psg@hcm.school.nz or call/text Sarah on 022 430 5191.

Silent auction

Alongside the Food Fair we are holding a silent auction – with lots of vouchers and goodies to bid for. If you have a business and are able to donate a voucher, goods or services (or know someone who can), we would love to hear from you – email marija.vidovich@hcm.school.nz or call/text 0274 734 222.

Food donations

It's been traditional for each family to make a baked contribution for the very popular cake stall. We will provide sweet treat ideas closer to the time. The cake stall is one of the highlights of the Food Fair!

Important dates

- 27 September: note home with students about the the pantry/fridge item to bring to school in the new term
- 16-18 October and 22-25 October: above items to be brought to school
- 25-26 October: Cake stall food to be brought to school hall before school
- 26 October: INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR 5pm

Thank you in advance for your support – the Food Fair is our major fundraiser for 2018-19. Funds raised will go towards sun shading to make our outdoor areas even more functional. We appreciate that it is a busy time of year for everyone and we won't be holding any more fundraising events this year.

From the Parent Support Group.