



Term 1 Week 6 Newsletter

CATHOLIC CHARACTER



FEEL



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SHARE

The season of Lent takes place in the 40 days leading up to Easter, it begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. We were delighted to host the 9:30am Parish Mass at Holy Cross School. We thank our senior students who undertook leadership roles: welcoming visitors, writing the prayers of the faithful, reading and providing music.

Lent is a time when, like Jesus in the desert, we spend 40 days trying to come closer to God. Lent is a time when we try extra hard to help other people. We look at our lives and prepare ourselves for Easter. We try to pray more and share more, **thinking less about ourselves and more about other people** – our neighbours at school, at home and around the world.

This week your child will bring home a TIPS sheet, with 40 ideas to help us think more about others. We encourage you to discuss these ideas, add your own and truly make a difference this season of Lent.

A family prayer for Lent:

God of life, your Son Jesus went out into the desert to spend time in prayer and be closer to you. Help us to draw closer to you this Lent, in our prayers and in our actions. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Important Dates

8th MARCH Year 7 and 8 immunisation-Boorstix and Gardisal

22nd MARCH Whole school evacuation practice

25th MARCH Teacher Only Day (no school)

5th APRIL Little Angels playgroup

12TH APRIL- last day of Term 1

School newsletters are available on the school website www.hcm.school.nz

TEACHER ONLY DAY: Monday 25 March. This was the only day we could book the facilitators for a course to be undertaken by the whole staff. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused but we know the benefits to our school will be significant.

Thanks for your support.



Happy birthday to Anastasia



FAMILY PICNIC

What a wonderful celebration of Community we enjoyed at our family picnic night last Friday evening. The sun was shining upon us and we all enjoyed the opportunity to come together in relaxed atmosphere, to meet new families and for the children to enjoy fun activities.

The camp fundraiser was also a great success, thank you for supporting our senior students. Thanks to all of the adults and children who helped with the barbecue and food preparation. We're sure you will all agree, the burgers and sausages were delicious!



FOUND

A blue Quartz watch has been found in the playground if it belongs to you please come to the office



A small amount of money was found at the picnic night- please come to the Office if you lost this.

LOST

Mason has lost his red scooter and black helmet. If found please return to the office.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS -WHOLE SCHOOL EVACUATION



In the event of an emergency, knowing the expectations of the school and the practices we follow would be helpful for you and a great support for your child.

On **Friday 22nd March** from **2:15pm** we will be practising our whole school evacuation to the top of the zig zag on Athens Street. **Parents must collect** or arrange for one of their emergency contacts to collect their child from this location.

At the top of the zig zag you will be required to **report to the classroom teacher**, your child will receive a stamp on their hand which they must show to one of the marshall's at the exit points at either end of upper Athens Street. For the safety of our students we ask that you **do not park your car at the top of Athens Street** but walk up the zig zag or Otaki Street.

We suggest that at this time you also check your emergency supplies and review your home emergency practices. For more information, checklists and ideas we suggest you look at the following site
<http://www.getthru.govt.nz/how-to-get-ready>

In Garden to Table this week the classes made zucchini fries with a tomato salsa made with corn, grated carrots and zucchini with a touch of salt and pepper. The classes also made pikelets with a rhubarb and blueberry topping. Nadia loves the garden because she finds lots of minibugs and can help the plants. 'We know how much plants need to be watered. The soil was very dry but now the veges are growing well'.



Jenson and Matilda took the potatoes out of the garden and then planted some parsley seeds.

A tip from our students:

Nadia says when you are washing a knife, hold it by the handle and scrub the blade.

Jenson says when you are in the garden put your tools away so you don't trip over them.

Jenson wants to find out more about seasonal planting and

Nadia wants to find out more about bugs.



WATCH THIS SPACE!

Message from the Archdiocese Attendance Dues Team

Statements have been sent out in the post to all accounts that have an outstanding balance. If you do not receive your statement by 15 March 2019 and believe you have an outstanding balance, please contact our office on 0800 462 725 or email dues@wn.catholic.org.nz. You can pay attendance dues in the following ways:

Mastercard or Visa Debit/Credit Card - One off payments using your credit card can be made at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues. If you would like to set up monthly recurring payments from your card, please contact our office. Internet Banking Payments - You can process a one-off or regular payment yourself through internet banking. If you do not use internet banking please contact our office or your school for an automatic payment form to take to your bank. Cash - You can pay in cash at any Westpac branch or in person at our office at 22 Hill St, Thorndon. Cheque - Make out to Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues Collection Fund. These can be posted to PO Box 1937 Thorndon, Wellington, 6140 or dropped off in person at our office.

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