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# St Columba's Catholic School

Te Kura O Hato Karama

# NEWSLETTER



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## **NEWSLETTER Term 2, 2017 – Week 7**

Kia Ora Koutou,

Thank you all for joining us at the Parish and School Mass on Trinity Sunday, it was lovely to see everyone at Mass.

Thank you to parents and caregivers who attended student-led conferences tonight. It was great to our parents come to talk with class teachers about the learning that your children are doing, and to hear about how you can help at home with this.

Bullying is a hot topic at present, and as with other schools up and down the country, we see this as important and therefore place emphasis on students building positive relationships. This is a learning journey of developing and refining skills that we need to grow great relationships. If there is a situation that needs to be restored, we are encouraging students to describe what they see and hear that concerns them, rather than using generic terms such as “bullying”. It is much more useful to talk about “unkind words” or “teasing” so that we can then pinpoint what needs to happen, what needs to stop, and then we are able to restore the relationship and grow skills for the students concerned.

If you have concerns about something that your child says has happened at school, please ask them to talk to their teacher about it. Although we do listen and do our best to resolve issues that happen, it is difficult to do this if we don't hear about what happened straight away. As you can imagine, there are ALWAYS two sides to consider, and students often need encouragement to see what their part in the dispute is, and how this could be avoided.

We continue to put in front of our children, the cornerstone values of caring, faith, respect, honesty and love that are an integral part of “Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus” (Nga tapuwai Hehu) and to make links to what we believe we need to grow in our young Catholic people. Thank you for your support with this, it makes for an easy journey when we are all on it together.

### **Vinnies Fundraiser for Hospice Waikato**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, St Columba's Vinnies will be holding activities to raise funds for Hospice Waikato.

Hospice Waikato provides specialised care services for people who are dying – supporting them, their families and carers through illness, death and bereavement. Hospice Waikato is financially supported through the generosity of individuals, community groups, businesses, trusts and foundations and the wider community.

Activities include - Throwing sponges/water balloons/cream pies, Beauty - hair/makeup, nails, Decorating cookies and Lucky Draws. Activities will be between 1pm and 1.45.



Please bring coins to participate in this day and support Vinnies and Hospice Waikato.

### **Adidas Fun-Run (X-Country) Term 3:**

All children from Teams 2, 3 and 4 will receive home in this newsletter today a letter from the Adidas Fun Run organisation. This is a fundraising event for the PTFA and aligns nicely with the School X-Country in Term 3, 18th August. We see this is an optional for children and families to participate. Please see the booklet your child brings home today, go online, and register.

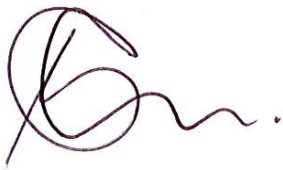


### **Reminders about pre-enrolments:**

Pre-enrolments to SCCS. Please get your pre-school child's enrolment form in as early as possible before their starting date. This allows us to organise class visits so your child can settle smoothly into school.

### **Dates:**

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June Team 4 Yr 7/8 Catholic Integrated Winter Sports Day
  - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June Team 0 and 1 X-Country
  - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Speech presentation evening @ 700pm in Te Manawa
  - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June BOT Meeting @ 6pm
  - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Whanau Meeting @ 5:30pm – Te Manawa (School Hall)
  - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June David Galbraith, Sports Night @ 7:30pm
- God Bless



Gareth Duncan  
Principal



## **PTFA NEWS.....**

### **Important Dates**

**Pizza Days** – June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Notices have been sent out. These can be ordered on individual dates or paid for in advance.

Please note that pizza orders must be in by Wednesday 3pm, before the date, and no late orders can be taken

**American Hotdog Days** –, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>

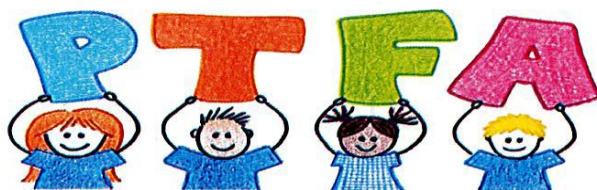
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**Nothing Naughty Bars** – Order dates for Term 2 are 9<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July

**Quiz Night** – International Theme - August 25<sup>th</sup>

Tickets on sale very soon - \$15 per person or \$120 per table of 10 - Ticket on sale now at the School Office.







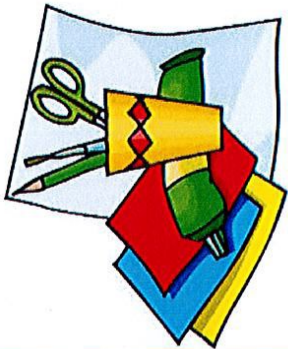
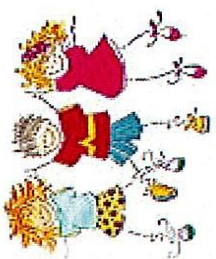


***Our next meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June in the staffroom.  
Come along and join us.***



# St Columba's Kids Club Holiday Programme

8:00am—5:30pm daily. Morning & afternoon tea provided. Bring your own lunch/drink bottle.

Book in before **Friday 30th JUNE 2017** and qualify for early bird prices below.

<b>MONDAY 10th July</b>  <b>Chocolate Surprise</b> <i>(Baking)</i> \$32/\$37	<b>TUESDAY 11th July</b>  <b>Beach Creations</b> <i>(Crafts)</i> \$32/\$37	<b>WEDNESDAY 12th July</b>  <b>Dance/Games Day</b> <i>(On site dance company)</i> \$42/\$47	<b>THURSDAY 13th July</b>  <b>Movies @ Hoyts</b> <b>Te Awa</b> <i>(leave 9am return by 2.30)</i> \$46/\$51	<b>FRIDAY 14th July</b>  <b>Recyclable Art Fun Day</b> \$32/\$37
<b>MONDAY 17th July</b>  <b>Minute to win it games</b> \$32/\$37	<b>TUESDAY 18th July</b>  <b>Arty/Crafty Day</b> \$32/\$37	<b>WEDNESDAY 19th July</b>  <b>Dance/Games Day</b> <i>(On site dance company)</i> \$42/\$47	<b>THURSDAY 20th July</b>  <b>The Fun Shed</b> <i>(off site trip day)</i> <i>(leave 11am return by 3pm)</i> \$46/\$51	<b>FRIDAY 21th July</b>  <b>Party Friday</b> \$32/\$37

These are just some of the fun filled activities we will be doing. There are many more arts, crafts, sports, baking and games planned each day & we are **OSCAR APPROVED!!!!**

Contact: Deb Honey & Kerry McCarthy Mobile: 021 586 633  
 Enrolment forms at the St Columba's School office or at Kids Club.

Schools Visit to Yr8 students. (SJC & SHGC)

I wish to confirm our visit to your school on **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 1.45pm.**  
 Parents are welcome to attend. Thank you and see you there.

Celia Jowsey, Principal's P.A., ST JOHN'S COLLEGE PH: 07 856 7091 : Ext: 4



# Stay healthy for winter!



**FREE workshops for 6 weeks**  
1 hour sessions from 10-11am

**Week 1 – June 8**  
Huff and Puff + The Four Food Groups

**Week 2 – June 15**  
Get Strong + Sugary Drinks

**Week 3 – June 22**  
Crank it Up + Talk Takeaways

**Week 4 – June 29**  
Walking for Fitness + Food Labels

**Week 5 – July 6**  
Supermarket Safari + Incidental Exercise

**Week 6 – July 13**  
Home Exercise Equipment + Healthy Eating

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Briar on 07 858 5388

The Western Community Centre

## Host Families Needed for Japanese Students



In October 2017, Junior High School students from Japan are being welcomed to St Columba's Catholic School of Hamilton. This will be a wonderful opportunity for both our students and theirs to build international relationships and cultural understanding.

We are looking for kind families with children living at home who would enjoy the experience of hosting a student for the 16 nights they are in New Zealand. They will be here **from 15th October until 31st October, 2017**. Students require their own room and three meals a day. Usually host families help each other to transport children to and from school each day, as students are not permitted to travel on their own. Families receive a generous payment at the end of the tour as a thank you for their contribution.

The Japanese students will be 14-15 years old, both boys and girls. Japanese children enjoy relating to younger children. If your children are very young you are still able to apply to participate. As the students are here to learn English we do not place them in homes with other Japanese nationals. We also place students in homes which have a child of the same gender. Families may only host one Japanese student.

Hosting can be a very enjoyable experience for all the family. As well as building international friendships, participation in hosting helps to build relationships between families in our local community. Often families team up for activities like sightseeing or a bbq, which helps families with a common interest in hosting get to know each other.

**More information will be available to interested families**

# Catholic Character News



## OUR CONDOLENCES TO FATHER ALFONSO

We were very sad to hear at the Trinity Sunday Mass that Fr Alfonso's brother, who lives in the Philippines, had just passed away. Please keep Fr Alfonso and his family in your prayers.

## ST COLUMBA'S FEAST DAY/CATHOLIC CHARACTER WEEK

We had a wonderful Catholic Character week—students and teachers entered into the spirit of the Catholic Character parade on the Thursday, and the sing-off in the afternoon. There were some great bible character costumes so it was difficult to judge, but the following were our first place getters in each team—they were each presented with a beautiful age-appropriate bible: Congratulations to all those who put effort into their costumes and thanks to parents for your support.

Team 0: Landyn MacDonald  
Team 1: Addison Evans  
Team 2: Aaron Phipott  
Team 3: Josef Bavastro  
Team 4: Isabella Levett



St Gerard (green house) won the sing-off with a stunning rendition of "These Hands" by Andrew Chinn.



**RESULTS BOARD Week 5 & 6****Basketball**

Saints Gold	v X Factor	
Saints Blue	v KBC AIMS	
Saints Green	v Berkley Green	
	v HJHS	
	v FIS Flames	Lost 30—32
	v Raglan State Warriors	
Yr. 5/6 Pythons	v TeKowhai Hawks	Lost 34—44
	v KBC Raptors	Lost 27—40
Yr. 3/4 Knights	v Hillcrest Hawks	Lost 10—16
	v XFactor Girls Development	
		Won 26—24
Yr. 1/2 Wildcats	v Deanwell Lakers	Won 31—3
	BYE	

**Netball**

Saints 8A	v Peachgrove Premier	Lost 11—23
Saints 8B	v Peachgrove Development	
		Won 22—8
Saints 8 Red	v Peachgrove White	Won 24—18
Saints 7A	v Southwell 7A	Won 20—11
Saints 7B	v St Peters 7A	Lost 13—26
Saints 7 Gold	v TeRapa Ravens	Won 18—8
Yr. 6 SC & SPC Stars	v HNS Mini Ferns	
	v Endeavour Pulse	
Yr. 5 Gold	v Whitiara Chiefs	Draw 6 all
	v Fairfield Force	Won 11—6
Yr. 3/4 Magic	v TE Ara Rima Tau	
	v Whitiara Storm	
Yr. 1/2 Diamonds	v St Josephs Emeralds	
	v Rhode St Ferns	
Yr. 1/2 SC & SPC Girls	v Forest Lake Kamakama	
	v TeRapa Kea	

**Hockey**

Holy Saints	v TeRapa Ticklers	Lost 0—8
Holy Midgets	v Ham West Pukeko	Won 8—0
Saints 1st XI	v Southwell 1st XI	
Saints 2nd XI	v FIS 1st XI	
Saints Sixers	v Berkley NMS Yellow	Won 3—2

**TWHCNC Netball Holiday Programme...**

Hamilton City Netball Centre are holding a netball programme for all Yr. 1—8 students these holidays.

Dates: Mon 10th & Tues 11th July.

Time: 9am—1.30pm

Costs: \$35 for 1 day or \$65 for both.

(Discount available for Families.)

**Programme Outline:** Day 1: Netball skills session.

Day 2: Mini-tournament.

Online registrations only at:

[www.netballhamilton.org.nz](http://www.netballhamilton.org.nz)

**Dates to remember: SPORTS PHOTOS**

**Saints United:** SU sports photos are on 2nd July at Marian school. Times for these photos will be given to coaches over the next week.

**School sports photos:** will be held in the first week of term 3 on Friday 28th July. Order forms will be sent home next week.

**17th—21st July**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

9am—5pm Monday to Friday  
\$50 per day, per child or \$200 for full week.

Please bring snacks, drinks and lunches each day

The Kids will have fun activities held each day with hockey being the core sport we base our activities off.

An all day program for school years 2-8.

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[www.waikatohockey.org.nz](http://www.waikatohockey.org.nz)

**Yummy Stickers**

Yummy Stickers are an easy way to help get more sports equipment for school. Simply eat the apples & keep the stickers. Keep munching and bringing those yummy stickers to school.



**TRADITIONAL MAAORI GAMES**

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