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NEWSLETTER



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Principal Message Week 5, Term 4:

Good afternoon

I would like to thank those parents who helped with athletics last Friday and contributed to making the day a successful one for children and teachers. Parental support is extremely helpful in making our days, like athletics a success, so thank you all. Our next athletics day is for the Junior School and your help is always welcome and needed. I look forward to seeing you all here at school for this event on Wednesday 22 November.

The PTFA have worked extremely hard this year and I would like to thank them again, this time for the donation of sand pit toys (\$1500) purchased for the junior students to enjoy. These donations come from the fundraising that has taken place over the year e.g. Quiz Night, mufti days, pizza and hot dog lunches and the Adidas Fun Run. Everyone on the PTFA team extends their thanks to you, our parents, for the fundraising ideas and support. Our PTFA is made up of a small crew of parents and we are always looking for more assistance. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to join us in 2018 come along to our next meeting on Monday 4 December. Everyone is welcome to attend, we will be discussing fundraising ideas for 2018. Please email our PTFA Chairperson - Janenne Smith janenne.anthony@gmail.com or myself, Gareth Duncan gareth@sccs.school.nz for more details of the meeting venue and time.

Sunday 26th November is the School and Parish Mass. Father Alfonso and I would like to extend a very warm welcome and encourage you and your family to attend this Mass. It is a great time to come together as one.

Preparation for our growing digital environment:

'Screenagers' is a session we are hosting here at SCCS for any parents who feel nervous about the role we play in keeping our children safe on social media. If you are interested in knowing more and learning some tips and tricks on keeping your children safe, we invite you to join us on Tuesday 21 November at 7pm in the school hall. The following link will take you to the movie trailer www.screenagersmovie.com. If you cannot make the Screenagers Computer Safety session next week, we have a second evening on Thursday 30th November at 7pm in the school hall.

Thank you to those parents who came along and participated in the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) evenings that we held here at school. "Where are we up to with these changes for next year?" All children from Year 3 to Year 8 will have the opportunity to bring their own Chromebook to school to use as part of their daily learning. In the next newsletter, I will be sharing questions raised at the Chromebook BYOD evenings and will present my answers to those questions. I would like to make it clear that the Chromebook is an optional purchase for your child but should you choose to engage in our BYOD initiative then Chromebooks are the only acceptable device at SCCS.



Our next major school wide event for all children is the Swim Safe Programme which is run in conjunction with Te Rapa Pools using their qualified swimming instructors. Please return your child's permission slip and make payment as soon as possible. The timetable is available on our Facebook page. The Swim Safe programme is timed to prepare the children for safety around pools, rivers, lakes and during the fun water activities over summer.

Key dates coming up:

20th November—Catholic Inter-schools Athletics
21st November – Screenagers – Social Media and screen time safety 7pm in the hall
22nd November—Junior Athletics
26th November – School/Parish Mass
30th November – Computer Safety evening No 2 at 7pm in the hall
1st December – NWPS School Cross Country
4th December – PTFA Meeting
5th December – BOT Meeting
6th December – Whanau/Pacifica Evening at 5:30pm in the Hall
7th December – SCCS Sports Prize giving
8th December – PTFA Mufti Day
15th December – **Last Day of Term 4. School finishes at 1pm. Please arrange to collect your children on time. Merry Christmas everyone!**

2018 - School starts on Wednesday, 7 February.

Message from our Board of Trustees

Over the coming months we expect to commence with building projects that will continue over the next few years. The work the BOT is looking at is part of the 10-year property plan that will accommodate new classroom blocks, refurbish existing prefabricated classrooms and create new playgrounds and some required infrastructure change to reflect the modern learning environments with flexible learning and teaching spaces. Exciting times ahead for SCCS.

School stationery and class placements 2018

Our school stationery lists will be available online (Office Max website) this year and delivery from your online purchase can be made direct to your home address. Stationery lists are also downloadable if you wish to shop around but I would point out that we have a very good discounted deal with Office Max. The lists will be available on their website as soon as the end of year reports go home on the 11th December. Please note that your child's teacher for 2018 will be shared with you at this time. Also the children will have transition visits to their new teacher and classroom before the year ends.

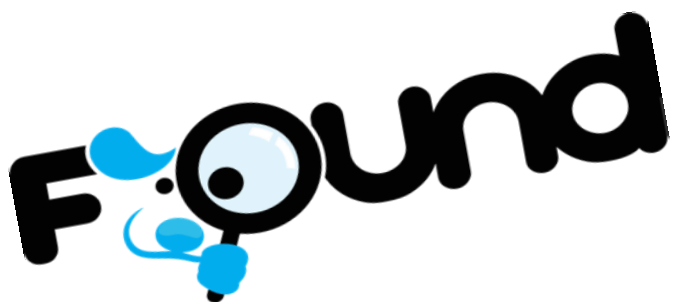
God Bless you all
Gareth Duncan
Principal

PTFA NEWS

We are still accepting donations towards the Christmas Raffle, please bring to school office. Raffle tickets go on sale next week and will be drawn on 6th December at Whanau night.

FOUND

A watch was found out on the field,
if you have lost your watch please
come and check with us at the
office. Thanks



Catholic Character News

HOLY SOULS WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

The wall is almost filled with names of loved ones who have passed away. It will remain up for the whole of November. If you would like to add a name there are forms in the school office. *These souls are being prayed for at every Mass during the month of November.*



PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

SCHOOL AND PARISH MASS

Next Sunday, the 26th November at 10.00am

Feast of Christ the King

Next Sunday, we will come together as a school and parish community to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. As part of your commitment to support the Catholic character of the school, please make every effort to bring your children to Mass on this day.

Children can wear mufti. They can meet their teachers at the front of the church at 9.45am, or if they prefer, they can sit with their family. It's a good idea to get there early for parking. We're looking forward to celebrating this special occasion as a parish community.



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Excerpt taken from <http://www.marypages.com/ChristtheKing.htm>



Sunday the 26th November in the Catholic calendar is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the last Sunday of the Church year. (The following Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent and the first day of the Church's calendar). The feast of Christ the King is celebrated in the Roman Catholic church in honour of Jesus as lord over all creation. This feast was created by Pope Pius XI in 1925. This is a medieval feast which uses the metaphor of "King", a powerful one in those days, to describe the role of Jesus. The Kingdom of God is the central teaching of Jesus through the Gospels. The word kingdom appears more than any other word throughout the four Gospels. Jesus begins His public ministry by preaching the kingdom. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:14)."

Senior Athletics Day 2017 Photos

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Team One Spring Arts Festival

We were so proud of our wonderful performers in Team One—they had three shows where they showcased just some of what they learned through their inquiry concept “How Do You Plan For An Event”. They celebrated the arts in their performances which included: dance, song, drama and visual art. Today we are all tired, but very proud and happy. Pictures from the show are available for free download from Helen Eagleton—at HelenEagletonPhotography.co.nz. She can direct you to her facebook page and give you the password. A huge thanks to all those who supported our Festival in some way, big or small. And finally, check out the Hamilton Press this week for an article on our show.



SACRED HEART GIRLS COLLEGE HAMILTON

Would like to invite students that have **enrolled** at Sacred Heart next year (2018)
to visit on **Friday 17th November**.

This will be a full day of activities, at which time
students may also undertake their Literacy
and Numeracy assessments.



RESULTS BOARD Term 4, Week 3 & 4**Basketball**

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| Saints Gold | v KBC Clippers | |
| | v KBC Clippers | |
| Saints Blue | v Southwell Keys | |
| | v Berkley White | |
| Saints Green | v Flyers Lakers | Lost 38—39 |
| | v Southwell Blazers | Lost 20—45 |
| Yr. 5/6 Pythons | v Aberdeen Slammer | Won 37—35 |
| | v Templeview Ballers | Won 48—46 |
| Yr. 1/2 Wildcats | v Flyers Lakers | Won 17—14 |
| | v Te Ara Rima Pepi | Won Default |

Touch

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| Yr. 5/6 Mixed Lynx | v Whakawatea Pipiwhirauroa | Won 7—1 |
| | v Aberdeen Eels | Won 6—2 |
| Yr. 3/4 Boys Jaguars | v Fairfield Fast & Furious | Won 4—0 |
| | v Rotokauri Bulls | Won 6—1 |
| Yr. 3/4 Mixed Pumas | v Rotokauri Ratbags | Won 9—0 |
| | v Frankton Stingray | Lost 5—3 |
| Yr. 1/2 Mixed Bobcats | v SPC Magic | Won 6—2 |
| | v TV Touch 1/2 | Draw 3 all |

Spring Netball

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| Yr. 8 SC Shine | v Peachgrove Black | Won |
| | v Karioi Orcas | Won 60—7 |
| Yr. 7 SC Stars | v Karioi Orcas | Won 17—7 |
| | v Berkley Spring | Won 12—1 |
| Yr. 5 SC Hotshots | v Hukanui Stars | Won 3—2 |
| | v TeRapa Rebels | Won 22—3 |

Lacrosse

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| Saints: Columbas | v TA 3 | Won 37—4 |
| | v Morrinsville | Won 20—7 |



Well done **Carter Hamlin** who has been selected to attend the NZ U14 Basketball Talent camp. Awesome work!!

**2017 SPORTS PRIZE GIVING**

This year we will be having a school sports prize giving. This is for all students who have played sports this year for our school or Saints. More information will be sent home this week.

Date: Thursday 7th December.

Time: Yr. 1—4: 4.30pm—5.30pm

Yr. 5—8: 7.00pm—7.30pm

Venue: Te Manawa, School Hall.

All Players & Parents Welcome.

Sanitarium Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon 2017/2018

The Weet-bix Tryathlon is being held in Feb. 2018 at Waikato University. The triathlon is for children aged 7—15yrs. You can register as an individual or with a friend in a team of two.

A school group has been set up, offering a discounted entry fee plus if we have at least 15 students sign up, we will go in the draw to win some awesome prizes!

Registration forms are available at the office or I can send a copy via email. You can do your own online registration at try.weetbix.co.nz but please link it to our school. If you would like more information, please contact me.

**Yr. 7 & 8 Performance Academy 2018**

Registrations are open now online for 2018 Yr. 7 & 8 students. This is to help develop players in the off season. Register before Friday 1st December.

Basic Info:

Trial Day for 2018 Performance Academy:

Saturday 16th December 8am—10am

If successful at trials session dates held Saturday mornings:

January: 13th, 20th, 27th

February: 3rd, 10th, 17th All sessions are compulsory.

March: 10th, 17th & 24th.

Cost: \$125.00. (Payable once selection has been confirmed).

Well done to all our students who trialled over the weekend for the Waikato basketball. Good luck!!

**SPORTS UNIFORMS**



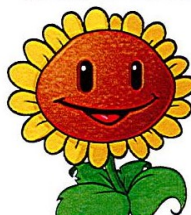







There are still a number of Saints uniforms to be returned, please get these back to the office ASAP!!

If anyone has any sports information, news or updates or if you have any questions about our school sports, please contact: Teoko Peterson. Mobile: 021-686-932 Email: teoko.peterson@gmail.com



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 8th December 2017** and qualify for early bird prices below.

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| MONDAY 15th January 2018  "B" Day \$32/\$37 | TUESDAY 16th January  Dance/Games Day <i>(On site dance company)</i> \$42/\$47 | WEDNESDAY 17th Jan  Garden Art \$32/\$37 | THURSDAY 18th January  Movies @ Hoyts Metro (Town) <i>(leave 9am return by 2.30)</i> \$46/\$51 | FRIDAY 19th January  "Fun in the Sun" Day <i>(Bring togs & Towel)</i> \$32/\$37 |
| MONDAY 22nd January 2018  Bubble & Balls \$32/\$37 | TUESDAY 23rd January  Dance/Music Day <i>(On site dance company)</i> \$42/\$47 | WEDNESDAY 24th January  Beach Crafts \$32/\$37 | THURSDAY 25th January  Movies @ Hoyts Metro (Town) <i>(leave 9am return by 2.30)</i> \$46/\$51 | FRIDAY 26th January  "Summer Fun" Day <i>(Bring togs & Towel)</i> \$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.



Due to children starting school we currently have limited spaces available.

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8477 472

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KIDS CLUB BUSINESS HOURS OVER DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018

Summer School Break

Last day of Term 4 - Friday 15th December 2017 - Normal finish time 2.45pm

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| Monday 18th December 2017 | OPEN | \$35per/day per/child |
| Tuesday 19th December 2017 | OPEN | \$35per/day per/child |

*(Mon & Tues we are open for our families to help you out before Christmas 8.00am to 5.30pm)
Please note.....once you have booked in for these 2 days you will be invoiced*

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| Wednesday 20th December 2017 | CLOSED |
| Thursday 21st December 2017 | CLOSED |
| Friday 22nd December 2017 | CLOSED |

(Holiday Programme - 2 weeks)

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| Monday 15th January - 19th January 2018 | OPEN | 8.00am-5.30pm |
| Monday 22nd January - 26th January 2018 | OPEN | 8.00am-5.30pm |

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| Monday 29th January - Public Holiday | CLOSED |
| Tuesday 30th January - TDO | CLOSED |
| Wednesday 31st January - TDO | CLOSED |
| Thursday 1st February - TDO | CLOSED |
| Friday 2nd February - (School & Kids Club) | CLOSED |

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| Monday 5th February - (School & Kids Club) | CLOSED |
| Tuesday 6th February - Public Holiday | CLOSED |

Wednesday 7th February - 1st day back to school and Kids Club - Term 1, 2018

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