

# ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

## Term 3 - Week 1



### **Principal's Message :**

We welcome everyone back to the new term excited and ready to embrace a new theme in our learning for this term - Social Justice and Equity for all. Our children will be taking the opportunity to pray, think and take action on things to do with social justice around our school, city and world. I invite you all, as parents at home, to ask your child about what his/her class is doing this term to think and learn about social justice.

### **Our school wide question for this term is:**

*To examine the concept of equity for all. Our mission this term is to look at what basic human rights are,*

*what this means for us in our homes, school, city, across Aotearoa and the world. We will identify what our responsibilities as Catholic people might look like when we see injustice. The basic social justice principles to guide work with young people are access, equity, rights and participation.*

**Learning Discussions Week 2** this term. The purpose of these discussions is for the teacher to share with you your child's progression against the NZ Curriculum levels. Please make time to schedule this in your diary for either Tuesday 31st July (1pm - 6pm) or Thursday 2nd August (3pm - 8pm). If these times don't suit then make a time that you can meet your son or daughters teacher. A Learning Discussion sheet has been prepared by your child's teacher and will be sent home on Monday, in an envelope. This outlines the current learning levels for your child. Please bring this with you to the discussion, as it forms the basis for the conversation that you will have with the teacher. Thank you for taking the time to sit with us and discuss your child's learning.

St Columba's School and Parish welcome our new teachers Mrs Sarah Kibby who has joined the New Entrant teaching team in Koromiko classroom and Nikki Stirling who has been relieving in our school previously and is now working with us four days per week. We also welcome Lucy Rush our new Learning Assistant. Along with our new staff we have a number of new pupils who have started at SCCS and they are: Xavier Karalus, Jakob Edge, Caleb Annals, Michaela Hipolito, Miley Fraser, Braxton Vong & Blair Henwood.

**IMPORTANT information** -Teachers across New Zealand are increasingly concerned about several aspects of our professional employment contract, including the recruitment and retention of teachers (and what this means for quality education for all learners) and how appropriate remuneration influences the attractiveness and credibility of the profession. NZEI (Teachers Union) are planning on strike action; the date that has been confirmed is Wednesday 15th August.

It is yet to be confirmed whether the strike action will be a full or half day. Due to strong feeling about current issues for teachers, NZEI is consulting its members this week and asking them to vote on a full day strike on this day. We realise that it is important that we give you as much warning as possible and I will inform you as soon as I have more details as to whether this will be a half or a full days strike. If this goes ahead, our school will close due to the high numbers of staff who are Union members.

#### **How do we share our concerns at SCCS?**

At SCCS we have a complaints and concerns policy which can be accessed from the office by emailing [admin@sccs.school.nz](mailto:admin@sccs.school.nz). It is important to point out the following steps to take if you have a concern, or you would like something addressed that you are worried about.

Steps to take when you have a concern:

1. Go to the **classroom teacher**
2. You haven't reached a satisfactory answer - Go to the **Team Leader** (see below who they are)
3. You are still concerned - Go to the **DP** Anne-Marie Harland [anne-marie@sccs.school.nz](mailto:anne-marie@sccs.school.nz) or **AP** Gill Gibbs [gillg@sccs.school.nz](mailto:gillg@sccs.school.nz)
4. Still concerned - Go to the **Principal** Gareth Duncan [gaerth@sccs.school.nz](mailto:gaerth@sccs.school.nz)
5. Final step - Go to the **Board of Trustees** in writing (refer to the Complaints and Concerns policy)

#### **Team Leaders at SCCS are:**

Team 0 - Vicki Robinson	Team 1 - Rachel Rowe
Team 2 - Kerry Ranapiri	Team 3 - Linda Woulfe
Team 4 - Chris May	

If you have an issue or concern with an adult at SCCS please address that concern directly with the person and apply the same steps above. I would like to point out that in St Columba's School working environment we expect respect shown to each other at all times. We expect **all** parents to respond to the same level of respect when engaging with staff onsite, this means in the office or around the school grounds at all times. Thank you for your attention to this, Gareth Duncan.

#### **Key dates for this term are:**

- Learning Discussions - Tuesday 31st July and Thursday 3rd August
- Welcome Mass - Friday 3rd August at 9am
- School Assembly - Friday 3rd August at 2pm
- AIMS Car Wash - Saturday 4th August at 8am
- PTFA Meeting - Monday 6th August at 7pm in the Staffroom
- AIMS Ice-Block selling - Friday 10th and 17th August
- BOT Meeting - Tuesday 14th August at 6pm
- NZEI Teachers Union - Wednesday 15th August (TBC) STOP WORK meeting
- School and Parish Mass - Sunday 19th August at 10am
- School Cross Country (Team 2, 3 and 4 only) at the Hamilton Lake - Friday 24th August
- First Holy Communion and Confirmation Mass - Sunday 26th August at 10am (with Bishop Steve)
- Dads and Lads PTFA FREE Breakfast - Thursday 30th August at 7:15am in the Hall
- Fathers Day - Sunday 2nd September
- Yr 7/8 Catholic Inter-Schools Cross Country - Wednesday 5th September
- AIMS Games Parent and players evening in Te Manawa - Wednesday 5th September at 6.30pm
- AIMS Games starts - Sunday 9th September in Tauranga to Friday 14th September - All the best to our teams travelling to compet.
- PTFA Meeting - Monday 10th September at 7pm in the Staffroom
- Week 9 - Monday 17th September Social Justice Week starts
- NWPS Cross Country - Tuesday 18th September
- BOT Meeting - Tuesday 18th September at 6pm

- PTFA Quiz Night Fundraiser - Friday 21st September at 7pm
- End of Term Mass - Friday 29th September at 9am

God Bless you all  
Gareth Duncan  
Principal

*Quote of the Week.....*

One KIND word can  
change someone's entire  
day!!

## **YEAR 7/8 SPORTS**

If you follow this link you will view snippets of the sports played at St John's College  
<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsCollegeHamilton/>

A superb effort from all Year 7/8's who competed in the CIS Winter Tournament. You all represented our school with great pride.

SCCS Gold hockey team finished with a well deserved win. Well done to Jamee Webber for being awarded the Female Most Valued Player and David Fernandes for being awarded Male Runner Up. A big thanks to the parents who helped out on this day, we couldn't have done this without you.

To our two teams that competed in rugby at the tournament, you showed great teamwork and a positive attitude. Congratulations Team 1 for getting into the semi finals. Special thanks to Siave our coach for being a huge asset to the team and being super supportive.

At our CIS netball tournament you all represented our school with respect and great pride. You all trained and competed to the best of your ability and it really showed on the court. We also congratulate those who played in the Saint Columbas Team 1 who won the year 8 grade. We also show a great appreciation to Helen Eagleton who took time out of her Thursdays to teach us all of her wonderful skills and developed us into stronger players.

Well done to St Columba's 1 football team who managed to qualify for the final. Also congratulations to Chester Opperman as runner-up for male Most Valued Player.

We would like to thank all of the parents who helped on the day, and the supporters who came. Also a big thank you to the coaches, managers and especially the referees.

***On behalf of Team 4, written by the House Leaders***

\*\*\*\* PTFA NEWS \*\*\*\*

**OUR PTFA SCHOOL GALA IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT  
TERM - SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

This Term Mikaela competed at the Hamilton Year 7/8 Gymsports School Festival.

Mikaela came 1st on bar, 2nd on vault and 3rd overall.

A fantastic effort by Mikaela who will now represent St Columba's at the Waikato Regional Year 7 - 8 Gymsports Championship.



### **LOST PROPERTY**

We have a large amount of lost property that has been handed into the office. This will be displayed outside the office tomorrow (Friday). If you are missing any items of your child/children's clothing please come and have a look through!!

**LOST PROPERTY**

### **Board of Trustees News:**

Policies under review with the BOT at the moment are:

- Complaints and concerns
- Health and Safety
- Assessment

Please find enclosed a copy of our schools strategic direction for children called our Graduate profile. We want our children at SCCS to be confident, connected, actively involved, proud to be Catholic lifelong learners when they leave our school. To achieve this we deliberately developed these outcomes in our Graduate profile to promote this thinking and action. We have identified the vision for our children, drawing on children, community and staff aspirations and feedback, along with the NZ curriculum requirements. We have also ensured that we have added a future focus that will equip our children for learning and a Catholic life beyond SCCS.

# Catholic Character News

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW TERM

*Hēhu Karaiti, Jesus the Christ, we hear your call.*

You show us how to love all people,  
The healthy and sick, the wealthy and poor,  
The powerful and weak, the faithful and lost.  
So, we answer that call to love like you, *kia aroha*.

*God of the journey be with us.*

*Help us to find you in everyone we encounter and  
everything we do.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, among us  
and the breath of the Spirit, dwelling in us. Amen*

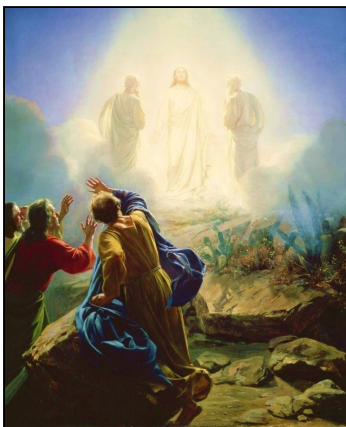


## **SCHOOL MASS SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST, 10.00am**

The Sunday Mass is where we come together to celebrate our Catholic faith, to refresh and renew our spiritual strength, and most importantly, to give thanks and praise to our generous God. Taking an hour out of our week is a small sacrifice for such a great reward. While we would love to see students at Mass every Sunday, we do expect **all students to attend the once a term School Masses** - please make arrangements to be there. Students can meet their teachers at the front of the church at 9.45am, or if they prefer, they can sit with family. They do not have to wear their uniform to Mass.



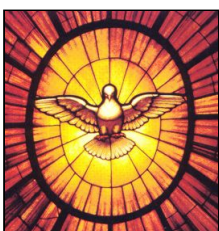
## **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD -6th August**



The feast of the Transfiguration of Christ celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee (Matthew 17:1-6; Mark 9:1-8; Luke 9:28-36).

After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem, Christ, along with Saints Peter, James and John, went up the mountain. There, Saint Matthew writes, "He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow."

On that Mountain, Jesus revealed before mortal eyes the Transcendent Truth of who He is - and who Peter, James and John - and each one of us - will become in Him. They were invited to exercise their freedom and embrace the path that He had prepared. So are we, right now. (From Catholic.org)



## **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**26th AUGUST 2018**

*Please pray for our students who are preparing for their  
Confirmation and First Holy Communion.*



Get ALL sore throats checked at your swabbing service as soon as possible to help prevent Rheumatic Fever.

**FREE** sore throat swabbing is now offered at your local pharmacy, Pathlab, some high school clinics and GP practices.

## KIDS CLUB NEWS



Thank you to all our families who supported our school Kids Club over the July holidays. Fun, crafts, art projects, baking, games, dancing, music, trips to movies and theatre shows etc were had. Check out next week some of the cool photos of the activities we all did on our school FB page.

Week 2, Tuesday 31st July 2018 Kids Club is OPEN from 12.15 - 5.30pm to help out any extra families needing care.

Cost - flat rate \$10 each child 12.15-2.45pm then after school care prices apply.

Text Deb Honey on 021 586633 to book your children in. Once you have booked & confirmed for this half day then you will be charged on your school account the extra \$10.

\* Please note..... If you have a permanent booking on Tuesdays with Kids Club then please advise as early as possible if your child is not going to attend.

Week 2, Wednesday & Thursday

The senior science fair students will be using the School Hall to display their work on these days but we will still use the front of the hall (foyer) for our parents to sign out on both these days.

Reminder please if you haven't returned your 2018 enrolment form for Kids Club yet, please can we have them back ASAP.

## CYBERSAFETY PARENT INFO EVENING -

Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September  
7 – 8.30/9pm

Waikato Police and Netsafe are putting together a Cyber safety Parents Information Evening. This will be held at St Pauls Collegiate, Hukanui Road. Its free of charge, however spaces are limited, so parents must RSVP on the event below as attending. Please visit the Waikato Police Facebook page, and go to the events to RSVP Link here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/254276345327544>

Guest speakers include:

Pauline Spence – Educator from Netsafe NZ

Detective Reece Durston – Hamilton Police CIB

Constable Pete van't Wout – School Community

Officer – Hamilton Police Youth Services.



## Sports Club:

### Start Dates:

Netball: start back this week: Yr 3/4 Tuesday 24th July Yr 5/6 Thursday 26th July Yr 7/8 Saturday 28th July.

Basketball: Week 2; Yr 3/4 Wednesday 1st Aug Yr 5/6 Friday 3rd Aug Yr 7/8 Tuesday 31st July.

**Saints Sports Photos:** This Friday 27th July - *if any need a ride please send me a text on 021-686-932.*

Photos are at Marian from 12pm for the following teams: Netball - 8a,8b & 7a. Hockey - Saints 1st XI, 2nd XI & 3rd XI. Cricket - Saints Matrix.

## Our Amazing Rep Netball players



## Results Table - Term 2 Week 9 & 10

Well done to our Yr 5/6 Pythons who played such an exciting final that resulted in a draw!

Our Team	Opposition	Result
<b><u>Basketball</u></b>		
Saints Gold	Toku Mapihi Tuna	Won 37 - 35
	Toku Mapihi Tuna	Lost 35 - 69
Saints Blue	Cambridge Mix	
	Saints Green	Lost 21 - 40
Saints Green	Peachgrove 3 Pointers	Lost 26 - 28
	Saints Blue	Won 40 - 21
Yr 5&6 SC Pythons	<b>Pool Finals:</b> Flyers Hawks	Draw 34 all
Yr 3&4 SC Knights	Te Ara Rima 1	Lost 15 - 26
	Flyers Thunder	Lost 18 - 32
<b><u>Hockey</u></b>		
Saints 1st XI	Homeschool Tigers	Lost 1 - 2
	King Country Development	Draw 1 all
Saints 2nd XI	Matamata Int Blue	Draw 1all
	Maeroa 2nd XI	Won 2 - 0
Saints 3rd	Southwell White	Lost 2 - 3
	Te Awamutu Tornadoes	Lost 0 - 1
Yr 5&6 Cannons	Vardon Vikings	Draw 1 all
	Aberdeen Celtics	Lost 1 - 2
Yr 4-6 SC Spirits	Te Totara All Stars	Won 5 - 1
	St Joseph Gems	Won 5 - 0

Yr 3&4 Mighty Saints	Glenview New Sticks	Draw 2 all
	Puketaha	Won 1 - 0
Yr 1&2 Holy Midgets	Te Rapa Tiny Turfs	Won 5 - 0
	Ham West Whero	Won - Default
<b><u>Netball</u></b>		
Saints 8A	Morrinsville 8A	Won 24 - 12
Saints 8B	Melville Y8	Lost 21 - 25
Saints 8 Gold	Maeroa Y8 Rebels	Lost 14 - 15
Saints 7A	Southwell Y7A	Won 17 - 9
Yr 6 SC Kiwi	Ham East Flyers	Won
	Forest Lake Tuakana	Won 21-0
Yr 5 SPC & SC Comets	TMM Toki 2	
Yr 3&4 SC Diamonds	BYE	
	Whitiora Tigers	Won 14-2
Yr 3 SC Ferns	Pukete Strikers	
	Aberdeen Silver	Won 10-2

### Waikato Representative Touch 2018/2019

Registrations are U10 - U14 grades are open on the Waikato touch website.

Theres is one Skill sessions & two trial sessions.

**Skills Session** - Sunday 23rd September. 1pm - 2pm at Swarbrick park. Frankton.

**Trial Day #1** - SUNDAY 30th September. 10am - 12pm at Swarbrick park, Frankton.

**Trial Day #2** - Sunday 14th October. 10am - 12pm at Flagstaff park, Flagstaff.

**\*\*Please note venue change for the second trial.**





# St Columba's Catholic School



## Learning Discussions – Term 3 – 2018

(For years 3 - 8 Only)

### Available Learning Discussion Times

- Tuesday, 31st, July - 1pm to 6pm **(PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL CLOSING AT 12.15PM)**
- Thursday, 2nd, August - 3pm to 8pm

Teachers will contact parents of students in **Team 0/1 - Years 0-2** to make an appointment at their birthday/half birthday - **you will not be able to book online.**

We are encouraging all parents/caregivers of students in Years 3-8 to book a time to discuss your child's learning with their teacher. These 15 minute meetings are an opportunity to celebrate your child's strengths and discuss areas for development.

Practical suggestions will be provided for ways you can assist your child's learning at home.

The emphasis of these discussions is on your child's **learning** journey, should you have other things you wish to discuss, please arrange a suitable time at a later date. We strongly encourage students to attend these learning discussions. It would be preferable if siblings were not present.

This year we will again use a web based booking system. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the Parent Code: **8uc9b** and follow the prompts. If you have any difficulties or do not have access to a computer please contact the school office to make a booking. It would be preferable to ring outside of the following hours of 8.30-9am and 2-3pm, as these are our busy times. You will need to know your child's year level and their classroom teacher to make a booking.

Teachers need to prepare for each discussion with parents by collating recent data, analysing this and planning next learning steps. For this reason please allow teachers time to prepare for your child's discussion by booking the time you wish the day prior. **Bookings for Tuesday will close at 12.00 Noon on the Monday before. Bookings for Thursday will close at 12.00 Noon on the Wednesday before. Where bookings have been made before these times you will receive a copy of the Learning Discussion sheets the day before your appointment for you to look at and think about the information presented before you meet with the teacher.** Requests received after these times will be passed on to the teacher who will be in contact about a suitable time for the discussion.

Yours faithfully  
Gareth Duncan

\*\* Please note that the School Office will be open during this time for any parents requiring any uniform requirements (especially the winter uniform) and any other payments you may need to make \*\*

**Don't forget school closes at 12.15pm on Tuesday 31st July for Learning Discussions - please make sure you make arrangements for your child / children to be picked up, thank you.**



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**The countdown is on with only 7 weeks until AIMS Games.**  
**This term the Athletes are continuing with their Strength & Conditioning training**  
**with Andrew and Lesley, two mornings a week.**  
**Individual team trainings are increasing as the teams build towards game day.**

**We have several fundraisers coming up:**

**4th August - Carwash @ School 8am**

**10th August - Iceblocks @ lunchtime \$2**

**17th August - Iceblocks @ lunchtime \$2**

**Thank you for your ongoing support for our TEAM!**