



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :



Welcome back to Week 9 of Term 4!

Kia Ora Koutou

Well, the end of year is almost in sight and this is our last school newsletter for the year. I would like to start by welcoming Ritchie Peters to the St Columba's School Board of Trustees. Being a board member is a voluntary and tireless role with time often spent at the expense of work commitments and family time. Thank you to **all** of our board of trustee members for the work you do leading the stewardship of our school.

Carols on the Village Green was a wonderful success last night and we can't wait to host this again next year. It was lovely for us to all come together as community; food, friendship and fun. Thank you to Miss McCreery and our wonderful school choir and of

course the special musical talents of Roy Chou-Lee, Thach Tran and Hannah Doherty. We finished off the evening with a visit and lolly scramble by Santa himself.

On Tuesday we held a morning tea to honour family, friends and whanāu who have their donated time to school throughout the year. We understand that not everyone was able to attend and I would like to extend my acknowledgment to all of you for the support you provide to our children, teachers and the school. Your ongoing support and assistance is invaluable and we could not do many of the things we do without you.

Sports Prizegiving was held in Te Manawa last Thursday and was another wonderful time shared recognising the achievement and successes of all our wonderful athletes and young sportsmen and women.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for photos of our school events, with thanks to Helen Eagleton

for the work that goes into capturing these moments.

School reports come home tomorrow. The purpose of the report is to reflect your child's learning progress and tell the story of the learning journey they are on. It is a chance for you, as parents, to reflect on the successes and accomplishments of your children this year. Their report will also include information pertinent to 2019, stationery requirements and the likes. Each child's report also shows who your child's classroom teacher for 2019 will be. Below is an overview of the teaching teams for 2019;

Team 1 Yr 0-2 (please note that we have combined

Team 0 and 1 back together again for 2019)

Vicki Robinson - Team Leader - Koromiko Class

Lorraine Thomas - Koromiko Class

Cecily Shannon - Koromiko Class

Rachel Rowe - Kowhai Class

Pauline Schmidt - DRS - Rimu Class

Team 2 Yr 3-4

Kerry Ranapiri - Team Leader - Nikau Class

Lizzie McCreery - Rewarewa Class

Shaun Wright - Tawhai Class

Char Manning - Karaka Class

Maria Persson - Tawa Class

Team 3 Yr 5-6

Linda Woulfe - Team Leader - Rata Class

Nikki Stirling - Totara Class

Andrea Noakes (New) - Matai Class

Rebecca Locker/Desi Walker - Miro Class

Team 4 Yr 7-8

Lois McGregor - Team Leader - Kauri Class

Ross Trafford - Tanekaha Class

Deidre McNamara - Titoki Class

Allan Goodison - Harakeke Class

Gill Gibbs - Assistant Principal

Anne-Marie Harlin - Deputy Principal

Gareth Duncan - Principal

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a restful holiday period and may the birth of Christ at Christmas fill all our hearts with peace. I look forward to working alongside you all next year.

On behalf of all our teaching team, I share Christmas joy to you all.

God bless
Gareth Duncan

Key dates for Term 4 :

- Yr 8 Retreat - **Friday 14th December**
- Pizza Day - **14th December**
- Reports go home - **14th December**
- Classroom certificate assembly - **Monday 17th December at 1.30pm**
- Mission Day Team 4 - **Wednesday 19th December**
- Meet your 2019 teacher - **19th December**
- End of Term Mass - **Thursday 20th December at 11am.** Our farewell to the Year 8's.
- Last day of school - **20th December -12.30pm**

TERM DATES - 2019

Term 1 - Monday 4th Feb - Friday 12th April

Term 2 - Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July

Term 3 - Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th Sept

Term 4 - Monday 14th Oct - Thursday 19 Dec

IMPORTANT NOTICE :

All accounts are required to be paid and up to date as we head towards the end of the school year. The school cannot afford to carry the debt of overdue accounts so please make every effort to clear your fees and Kids Club accounts as soon as possible. Putting an automatic payment in place may be the solution for you. Please contact Andrea in the office if you wish to discuss your account or make a payment arrangement. Ph. 07 847 9322 or email accounts@sccs.school.nz

MISSION DAY

Wednesday 19th December

"To be true followers of Christ we must be an active community"

Money raised will go to a Mission Sisters Outreach project and the Pontifical Mission Society.

In exchange for a gold coin donation, children are allowed to wear mufti to school on this day—please send this to the office.

We would appreciate donations of toys, games and books for our white elephant stall and items suitable for raffles. We will also have raffles on the day so donations for this will be appreciated.

Please ensure children bring their money in a **named envelope / plastic bag with full name, class and amount of money.**

Year 7/8 Inter-school Athletics results 2018



Catholic Interschools	Athletics	Place
YEAR 8 GIRLS		
Mikaela Joynes	100 m	1 st
	200 m	1 st
	High Jump	1 st
	Long Jump	1 st
Brooke Rouse	800m	2 nd
	1500m	2 nd
YEAR 8 BOYS		
Samuel Maggof	100m	2 nd
	200m	2 nd
	High Jump	2 nd
	Long Jump	3 rd
Samuel Yang	Discus	1 st
	High Jump	4 th
	100m	4 th
Macs Skinner	Shot Put	3 rd
YEAR 7 GIRLS		
Katie Haysom	Long	2 nd
	High	4 th
Johnika Afuie-Wulf	Shot Put	1 st
YEAR 7 BOYS		
Devontae Temoni-Rua	100m	1 st
	200 m	2 nd
	Long Jump	2 nd
	High Jump	4 th

Cruz Mason-Scowen	Discus	1 st
	Shot Put	2 nd
Jakob Edge	800m	3 rd
Chester Opperman	1500	2 nd
	800m	4 th
Josef Bavastro	Discus	3 rd
Year 7 Girls	Relay	3 rd
Year 7 Boys	Relay	1 st
Year 8 Girls	Relays	2 nd
Year 8 Boys	Relays	3 rd
Waikato Full Primary	Athletics	Place
Mikaela Joynes	100m	4 th
	200m	2 nd
Devontae Temoni-Rua	Long Jump	3 rd 4.25m
	100m	4 th
Samuel Yang	Discus	4 th 27.51m
Joseph Bavastro	Shot Put	4 th 7.99m
Year 8 Boys	Relay	3 rd

SCHOOL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The school office will be open on the following days for all enquiries i.e. enrolments and school uniform purchases :

Tuesday 29th January 2019
Wednesday 30th January 2019 and
Thursday 31st January 2019

LOST PROPERTY

Please don't forget to check the lost property before school finishes. One container outside the office and more lost property in the hall. Thank you!!

Catholic Character News



FINAL MASS FOR 2018

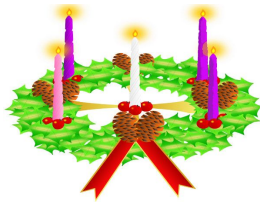
Next Thursday, the 20th December, 11.00am

There will be a short prize-giving at the end of Mass followed by a candle ceremony to farewell our Year 8 graduates. We would love to see you there.

One of the aims of our Graduate Profile is for all students to receive the Sacraments of initiation into the Church. The first Sacrament is Baptism. If your child/children are not baptised yet, Father Alfonso will be holding baptism preparation meetings in term 1 of next year. You can leave your details with Sister Lydia in the parish office, and she will contact you when the meeting dates have been set. Father Alfonso has discussed the possibility of the school having a joint Baptism day, where several children will be baptised at a school Mass - wouldn't that be a wonderful event to witness and be part of! If you have any questions, you can leave a message for Mrs Schmidt, the Director of Religious Studies at our school.



AN ADVENT PRAYER



Advent God,
we journey with you, to Bethlehem's stable
and a new-born King,
ears attuned to the song of angels,
eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.
Forgive us if on our journey
we are distracted by the tempting offers of this
world.
Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas,
and the promise of a Saviour. Amen
from:

http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Advent.htm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Over the past few weeks, we have been reminding the children of the true meaning of Christmas—celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. It's important to remember the 'Birthday Boy' on this special day by going to Mass. The following are the Mass times for St Columba's Parish. Hope to see you there:

**Monday, 24th December: Family
Mass—6.00pm**

(5.30pm Christmas Carols)

**Tuesday, 25th December: One Mass
only—10.00am**



St Vincent de Paul Vinnies—Serving the Community



As in previous years, the St Vincent de Paul Vinnies have been making hand-crafted Christmas cards and lavender bags for Rest-home Residents. On the 28th November, a group of 30 year 7 and 8 students visited Eventhorpe Rest-home in Hamilton East. They sang Christmas Carols and passed out the cards, lavender bags, Christmas cookies and a gift. It was their last official act of service for this year and a fitting way to celebrate Advent.



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12 December 2018

E ngā mana, E ngā reo, E ngā karangarangatanga maha,
Ko koutou na kei te whakapumautanga o te Ariki,
Tena tatou katoa!

By now you may well have heard that at the end of January 2019 we will be farewelling Pa David Rawiri Gledhill and Pa David Moore as they leave our Diocese to take up new appointments in Ōtaki and Wairoa. Needless to say, an enormous debt of gratitude is owed them for their dedicated priestly mission and ministry particularly among the Catholic Māori people and communities throughout the Diocese. We pray God's blessings upon them and wish them well on the journey ahead.

At this time it is also appropriate to remember with deep gratitude and admiration the devoted service in the Diocese of Pa Hemi Hekiera. The 'dynamic duo', of Pa Hemi and Pa Rawiri, with 'tyres to the road' has inspired, served, nurtured and deepened the faith and life of generations of Catholic Māori. We are confident that their rich legacy, their gift to us, will continue to bear its fruit in the time to come.

It is fitting, too, that we acknowledge and thank the Society of Mary whose charism and missionary spirit has been present since the early growth of the Church in our Diocese. They were the first to bring the Catholic faith to the Diocese and the fruit of their labours are our own Pa Wiremu Te Awhitu and Pihopa Takuirā Mairu. Following the Marist Fathers, other courageous priests and men of faith arrived in the Mill Hill Fathers. Theirs too is a legacy deeply rooted in the soil of generations past, present and most surely will live on in generations to come. May the Lord continue to fill them with his blessings!

With the departure of the Marist Fathers the mission and ministry of Pastoral Care to Māori is now entrusted to us in the Diocese. To help facilitate this transition it has been envisaged that 2019 be set down as a 'fallow year'. In this way we can respect

this time of change and to use it to our advantage as we look to and plan for the future.

I have asked that next year, Pa Gerard Paterson, our Vicar for Māori, make connections with the various parishes and communities/whānau proximate to them, around the Diocese. I want the voice of Māori to be heard as we discern the best way forward in the midst of our changing and challenging times.

This year of reflection gives us the opportunity to look to the past with gratitude for our tūpuna in the faith, to embrace the present with a renewed enthusiasm and missionary zeal and to look forward to the future with confidence.

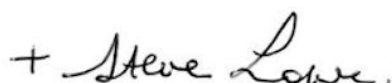
In the same way, the 'fallow year' will be for Pa Gerard a helpful preparation for when he takes on his new assignment within the Maori Pastorate in 2020 and will enable details and practicalities to grow and emerge.

In the meantime, practical ways of supporting, as much as possible, those faithful whānau ministered to by the Marist Fathers in recent years, is still being discerned. While there is much to be done and to learn, a reflective focus and pace ahead better serves our purposes at this time. Also vital is the ongoing support and participation of each and all as we move along, for ours is a shared endeavour and mission.

As we live through this graced time of change and possibility our hearts at present sense the Lord's approaching nearness as we look forward to celebrating once again the Christ-Child born to us. In Jesus, God has pitched his tent among us. Therefore, 'there is no need to be afraid.'

Let us continue to 'ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest', throughout the coming year and beyond.

I roto i te Karaiti,
Naku noa,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Steve Lowe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠ Steve Lowe
BISHOP OF HAMILTON



NEWS: REMINDER.....

**SUMMER BUSINESS HOURS
OVER THE CHRISTMAS
BREAK 2018-2019**

DECEMBER 2018

Thursday 20th December 2018

OPEN 12.30-5.30pm

(12.30-2.45pm \$10 flat rate then ASC rates apply)
BOOK IN NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPACE!

Friday 21st December 2018

OPEN 8am-5.30pm

(\$35 per child per day, flat rate)
BOOK IN NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPACE!

Monday 24th Dec to Friday 28th Dec 2018

CLOSED

Monday 31st Dec to Friday 4th Jan 2019

CLOSED

Monday 7th Jan to Friday 11th Jan 2019

CLOSED

Monday 14th Jan to Friday 18th Jan 2019

CLOSED

JANUARY 2019 - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME DATES

WEEK 1 - Monday 21st January 2019 to 25th January 2019 **OPEN 8am-5.30pm**

WEEK 2 - Tuesday 29th January 2019 to 1st February 2019 **OPEN 8am-5.30pm**

Note..... Monday 28th January 2019 is a Public Holiday and Kids Club is **CLOSED**

TERM 1, 2019 - 1st week back at school - Monday 4th February 2019

Note..... Wednesday 6th February is a Public Holiday and Kids Club is **CLOSED**.

Look out for our *Holiday Programme Flyer and Enrolment Form* on our School FB page, copies will be available from the office or Kids Club or you can email Debs direct Kidsclub@scs.school.nz
If you did attend our last Holiday Programme at Kids Club then you will receive an email shortly direct from Kids Club.

Donations:

Kids Club love fruit so if you have any fruit that is extra and going to waste in your backyard this summer then let us know, we enjoy extra fruit in the hot weather.

Helen Eagleton
PHOTOGRAPHY

EVENT PHOTO PASSWORDS

Event:

Senior Athletics
Team 4 Showcase
Team 3 Showcase
Senior crosscountry
Jump Jam
Tabloid Sports
Sing Off
Junior Crosscountry
Wheels day
CIS touch tournament
Galaxy touch tournament

Password:

awesome
team4
social justice
running
greatfun
greatfun
greatfun
team1kids
greatfun
rugby
rugby

Please note as from now on I am going to do these differently. ALL Photos will appear on school FB page, if you'd like to purchase a photo just comment "Yes please" and send me your email and once payment has cleared I will send photos direct to you.

Feel free to contact me
Helen@Heleneagletonphotography.co.nz
or PM me on facebook: Helen Eagleton Photography



CLASS STATIONERY FOR 2019

Our school stationery lists will be available again this year online (Office Max website) from Friday 14th December onwards 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 !

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You'll find your child's school stationery list online at myschool.co.nz
It's easy to shop online, in-store or by phone.

*Conditions apply. See myschool.co.nz for details

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FOR SALE

St John's Boys school uniform - Please contact Kelly Evans on 021-840112 for more details!



RESULTS : TEAM 4 WEEK 7-8

Term 4 Wk 7 - 8		
BASKETBALL	Opposition	Results
Saints Gold Wk 7	vs FIS Cavs	Won 38 - 35
Wk 8	vs Maeroa Rockets	Won 34 - 33
Saints Blue Wk 7	vs Peachgrove 3 Pointers	Lost 35 - 51
Wk 8	vs Peachgrove Sharpshooters	Won 51 - 31
Saints Green Wk 7	Vs Peachgrove Nothing But Net	Won 30 - 25
Wk 8	vs Warriors Athletic Ryburn	Won 40 - 38
Yr 5/6 SC Pythons Wk 7	vs Ham West Red	Won 37 - 23
Wk 8	vs Flyers Mavericks	Draw 37 All
Yr 3/4 SC Knights Wk 7	vs Flyers Bulls	Won 22 - 15
Wk 8	vs Ngahinapouri Rebels	Won 42 - 18
SPRING NETBALL		
Yr 3 SC Ferns Wk 7	vs Hukanui Flames	Won 12 - 4
Yr 5 SC Kiwi Wk 7	vs HNS Goals	Lost

Yr 6 SC Magic Wk 7	vs Frankton Blues	Won 17- 12
Yr 8 SC Gold Wk 7	vs Maeroa 7A	Won 27 - 15
LACROSSE		
Saints Thunder Wk 7	vs Peachgrove Pandas	Won 10 - 4
Wk 8	vs Morrinsville	Won 9 - 7

Well done to our Saints Thunder Lacrosse team who won their Final on Saturday against Morrinsville.

Congratulations!

Well done to the following students being selected into the 2019 Saints Gold Basketball Team:

Tesrne Blank, Devontae Te Moni-rua, Jakob Edge, Dom Pearce, Coeyn Lockington, Siosua Vea.

Sport	Age Grade	Day	Venue
Basketball	All ages	Tues—Fri	Ymca or
Touch	All Ages	Thursday	Fraser Swarbrick Park
Cricket	All Ages	Fri or Sat	City Wide
Softball	Yr 5 - 8	Sat	Resthills Park
T Ball	Yr 1 - 4	Sat Morning	Resthills Park
Lacrosse	Yr 7 & 8	Sat Afternoon	Bremworth Park

TOUCH UNIFORMS

THIS IS A FINAL REMINDER THAT ALL TOUCH UNIFORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED ASAP.

Any missing uniforms will be charged out to the families responsible!!