



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :



Welcome back to Week 3 and thank you to those parents and children who attended last nights Meet the Teacher and Whanau evening. Last night I talked about the vision of our school and the belief that creating great human beings was the responsibility of school and home in a relationship working together. Our vision is to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to fulfil the key aspects of Mission, Education and Service - which are our three graduate profile pillars, these are the key competencies that we aspire to for all children in their time at SCCS.

We have our Welcome Mass tomorrow in our Church, everyone is welcome to attend this great celebration where we look forward to welcoming our new families and children to St Columba's Catholic School. Mass starts at 9am.

I would like to highlight an extremely important opportunity for all parents this coming **Monday evening, - 25th February -NZ Netsafe presentation at 7pm in the hall.** We will be discussing internet safety and the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015. At SCCS we see this as an important community conversation and an opportunity for parents to bring children (Yr 4 up) to listen and discuss the ways that we work together to be aware of online bullying, social media worries, age restrictions and to discuss the rising incidents of online bullying and pornographic material risks.

Parental queries or clarifications about school life

If you have any queries regarding learning or life at school in general, your first port of call should always be your child's teacher. Classroom teachers are working very hard on establishing expectations and relationships within the classroom and have the day to day knowledge of the intricacies of the daily happenings. Please clarify anything that you are wondering about with your child's teacher first. If then, there are

ongoing questions, follow the school process of approaching the Team Leader next, and only after that, forward concerns to the Senior Leadership Team. Any questions that come to the Senior Leaders as first contact will always be directed back to the class teacher.

AIMS update

We held our meeting on Monday night and are in the process of finalising teams. A reminder that training starts this term, Monday 11th March at 7am in Te Manawa. If you are Yr 7 or 8 and would like to come to school early and start a very easy body awareness and flexibility training programme, then this is for you. We will be holding three sessions a week - Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 7am - 8am in Te Manawa (Hall) with breakfast served at the conclusion of the training. Parents, if you would like more information please call me (Gareth) or feel free to come along and watch the sessions. If you are able to help with breakfast preparation please let me know as soon as possible.

AIMS costs should not be a barrier for your child to attend, please come and talk to us if you are needing support with finance. All teams travelling to AIMS Games will be fundraising for the event, the various fundraisers will be coordinated with the teams and parents soon.

BOT Elections 2019:

The triennial elections for schools is scheduled for May/June of this year. If you are interested in being on the SCCS Board of Trustees, with time to invest in our learning community please speak to Gareth Duncan or Natalie Petero (BOT Chairperson). We can share online resources for you to look at or we can have a conversation with you about what is involved. If you have a specific interest or skills in the area of strategic planning, property management, policy development, legal expertise or previous governance experience and are willing to give time to support us in ensuring our school and our children get the very best learning opportunities then please let us know. You are welcome to stop us around school or email Gareth if you would like to chat gareth@sccs.school.nz

Year 7 and 8 immunisations:

Your Year 7/8 child has been sent home with information regarding an immunisation session that they will attend very soon. Please ask your child for this if you have not seen it. If you DO NOT wish your child to attend this information session, you need to return the slip. All Team 4 students will attend unless this slip has been received. You do not need to

return the form if you do want your child to attend.

Coming up:

-Children's Day, Saturday 2nd March - FREE activities at the Hamilton Library...
-Dads (or significant male in your life e.g. Uncle, Grandad or big brother) and daughters breakfast - 28th March
-Assembly next Friday at 2pm. During our assembly we will farewell Deidre McNamara who has commenced in a new role as Resource Teacher of Learning & Behaviour (RTLb)

Key dates Term 1:

- Welcome back School Mass - Friday 22nd February at 9am in the Church. All new families to SCCS are invited to join us at mass followed by morning tea.
- NZ Netsafe - Internet safety evening - Monday 25th February at 7pm in the Hall (Everyone welcome)
- Swimming sports, Te Rapa Pools - Tuesday 26th February
- Catholic Community Commission Mass at the Cathedral - Wednesday 27th February at 6pm
- Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday 5th March
- Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 6th March
- St Patrick's Day Tabloids Sports - Friday 15th March
- Mufti Day - PTFA
- St Patrick's Day - Sunday 17th March
- Learning Discussions (Day 1) - Monday 18th March - School closes at 12:15pm for interviews
- St Joseph's Feast Day - Tuesday 19th March
- Learning Discussions (Day 2) - Thursday 21st March at 3pm - 8pm
- Touch at Leamington School for Yr 7 Girls - Tues 19th March
- The Feast of the Annunciation - Monday 25th March at 7pm
- PTFA Meeting - Monday 25th March at 7pm
- School Photos - Tuesday 26th March
- Dads and Daughters Breakfast - Thursday 28th March at 7:30am
- BOT Meeting - Tuesday 9th April at 6pm
- Holy Thursday Liturgy - Thursday 11th April

Catholic Character News



Welcome Mass

Join us for our School Welcome Mass tomorrow
Friday, 22nd February, 9.00am
St Columba's Church

(Welcome to new families and blessing for the new year)

Please note the following change to Team 3 Mass:

Friday 1st March - Team 3 Mass, 9.00am (not Friday 22nd March)

Commissioning Mass

At the beginning of each year, a Commissioning Mass is held whereby the Bishop blesses the teachers and staff of the Hamilton Diocesan schools and commissions them for the year ahead.



The Mass for our region will be held at the **Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Hamilton East at 6.00 pm, Wednesday the 27th February.**

The invitation is open to board members, students and parents to join us for this special Mass – you are most welcome.

Ash Wednesday - 6th March, 2019

On the 6th March we will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.00am where everyone will receive a cross of ashes on their forehead. Below is an explanation taken from the website Catholic On-line.



The first day of Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Why we receive the ashes

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and remind us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told:

"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The Ashes

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance

during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.



Baptisms, Confirmation and First Holy Communion



The programme/preparation classes for these Sacraments will begin in March, starting with Baptisms and then moving on to Confirmation and First Holy Communion classes next term.

The best way to ensure that you don't miss out for your child/children is to email the St Columba's parish office ASAP for a registration form.

Registrations for Baptism must be in by Monday 25th February. If you miss out this year, you can still ask the parish to put your child's name on a contact list for next year.

NB: Children must already be baptised before receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and must be at least 8 years old to attend any of the preparation programmes, including Baptism.

St Columba's Parish office: email: stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz Phone 847 5688

Altar Servers

Any student who has made the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation and who would like to become an altar server is invited to attend a practise at the Church on Friday 1st March from 4.30-5.30pm. If you have any questions, please ring Heidi Fransen 021686959.

PTFA News Corner

Juicies – Juicies / Moosies will be every Friday beginning 1 March, notices have gone home.

Mufti days this term – 15 March and
5 April 2019

Disco – 5 April – notice will come home closer to the time. If you are keen to help out at the disco's please leave your name & number at the School Office & a PTFA member will get back to you.

Vitabags – We have some vitabags available to purchase, great way to be environmentally friendly! \$13 for set of 4. Fill in the form in the newsletter and return to School office with payment.

Nothing Naughty protein bars - are starting again, order dates are Friday 8th March and Friday 5th April.

PTFA are always looking for fresh new faces to come along and join us. We are small but hardworking team who would welcome some new members to help share in some exciting fundraisers we have coming up during 2019.

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Nothing Naughty Fundraiser Order Form 2019



Code	Product	Weight	Recommended Retail Price per bar	Qty Ordered 10 pack	Qty Ordered 20 pack
8310R/8311R	Beauty Bar Coconut & Chia	40g	\$2.50		
8010R/8011R	Raspberry Fruit Bar *	35g	\$2.50		
8130R/8131R	Very Berry Fruit Bar*	35g	\$2.50		
8020R/8021R	Protein Bar – Mixed Flavours (Caramel, Fudge, Pineapple, Raspberry, Vanilla Bean)	40g	\$2.50		
8030R/8031R	Protein Bar – Mint ONLY	40g	\$2.50		
8040R/8041R	Protein Bar – Fudge ONLY	40g	\$2.50		
8060R/8061R	Protein Bar – Pineapple ONLY	40g	\$2.50		
8070R/8071R	Protein Bar – Vanilla Bean ONLY	40g	\$2.50		
8080R/8081R	Protein Bar – Caramel ONLY	40g	\$2.50		
8090R/8091R	Protein Bar – Espresso ONLY	40g	\$2.50		
8095R/8096R	Protein Bar – Raspberry ONLY	40g	\$2.50		
8200R/8201R	Request Low Car Protein Bar – Mixed Flavours Liquorice, Mint, Toffee	40g	\$2.50		
8210R/8211R	Request Low carb Protein Bar –Liquorice ONLY	40g	\$2.50		
8220R/8221R	Request Low carb Protein Bar –Mint ONLY	40g	\$2.50		
8230R/8231R	Request Low carb Protein Bar –Toffee ONLY	40g	\$2.50		

Your Name:	Janenne	Total Packs Ordered		
Daytime Contact Number:	211200497	Multiple by Cost per pack		
Organisation or School:	St Columba's PTFA	Subtotal		
		Total Amount Due		

Order Dates this term: **Friday 8th March**

Friday 5th April

Orders to be in by these dates. Cash or internet banking. Text Janenne or put orders into office.

Date Ordered: _____

Bank account for Payments 02-0312-0046673-000 *St Columba's PTFA.*

** Please pay into above account if internet banking !!*

Reusable Produce Bags Fundraising Order Form



Each Set contains 4 bags:

- 1 x Large Cotton Mesh Bag (28 x 33cm)
- 1 x Small Cotton Mesh Bag (20 x 25cm)
- 1 x Large Cotton Muslin Bag (28 x 33cm)
- 1 x Small Cotton Muslin Bag (20 x 25cm)

My Vita Bag Reusable Produce bags are made from 100% organic cotton and are machine washable and bio-degradable. Reduce your plastic foot-print whilst supporting us!

**ONLY \$13 PER SET
In Stock!!!**


Order Form	Quantity	Price	Total
Reusable Produce Bags – Set of 4		\$13.00 ea	

Name:	Ph:
Email:	

Thanks heaps for supporting St Columba's PTFA. It is much appreciated! Please transfer your order total into the bank account below or pay cash to the office, with your order form.





A/C Name: St Columba's PTFA
A/C Number: 02-0312-0046673-000

Any questions please contact Janenne
0211200497



MUSIC LESSONS at SCHOOL

Guitar, ukulele, voice, piano and drum lessons at St Columba's School

Would your child like to learn to play a musical instrument?
Enrol your child in the music lessons they have always wanted to do.

Carl Watkins, an experienced music tutor and musician with MusiqHub, has guitar, ukulele, voice, keyboard, and drum lessons available at St Columba's School.

Did you know students who learn a musical instrument get better marks in other subjects? And that music helps with brain development?
Research has shown "learning a musical instrument is associated with better cognitive skills and school grades as well as higher conscientiousness, openness, and ambition."

Sign your child up to learn a musical instrument and they'll learn skills for life, and not just musical ones. They'll acquire increased coordination, memory and confidence, improved concentration and self expression, and many other valuable traits.

CARL WATKINS.

Carl is a musician with over 20 years experience in the music industry, as a writer, performer and recording artist. He has a Master of Music and has been tutoring for MusiqHub for 5 years having taken over his own franchise last year. Carl is a trained vocalist, who taught himself to play guitar, ukulele and piano. He writes for orchestra and rock ensembles and is involved in local theatre. Carl believes learning a musical instrument is empowering and provides kids with a valuable physical and emotional outlet.

Lessons are 1/2 an hour long Keyboards are provided at lesson time but students are required to have their own keyboard or piano for home practice. Guitar and ukulele students are required to have their own instruments.

Costs (GST inclusive). Small Group Tuition \$18.00 per lesson on a term-by-term basis. Individual lessons \$31.00 per lesson on a term-by-term basis (limited availability).

Who we are . . .

- MusiqHub is a national network of independent music tutors who are passionate about supporting children's development and learning through music tuition.
- We believe learning music develops life skills in children – confidence, discipline, coordination, self-esteem, teamwork, creativity and self-expression.
- We have awesome teachers who will share their passion for music with your child.

MUSIQHUB
PLAY SMART

To register or for more information, contact us via:
Phone: 027 388 9558
Email: carl.watkins@musiqhub.co.nz
Or via our website www.musiqhub.co.nz

Congratulations to our HOUSE LEADERS

ST DOMINIC -	Zyera & Chester
ST MARIA -	Teserne & Joaquin
ST GERARD -	Devontae & Chanel
ST TERESA -	Miller & Jakob E



NOTES!

School closes at **12.15pm** on **Monday 18th March 2019 (week 7)** for school learning discussions.

YES, Kids Club will be open from 12.15pm to 5.30pm to help our families out if needed. If you need to book your child in from 12.15pm please let me know ASAP.

Cost is: 12.15pm to 2.45pm **\$10 flat rate** then 2.45pm to 5.30pm normal ASC rates apply.

Reminder to all families who have a permanent booking on a Monday, please confirm if your child will **NOT** be attending ASC so we are not looking for them. This is much appreciated in advance.

REMINDERS:

If the school has the school hall in use on a Friday for other events e.g, Disco's gala's etc....please take note at the front of the hall where your children will be. We will always have the whiteboard out with any changes of information on it. As this is a shared space we keep in contact with the school to use other spaces. Kids Club will always have a staff member wearing an orange vest at the front of the hall to guide you. Please do be patient as we will always know where your child or children are.

Overdue accounts reminder from Gareth, Andrea and Deb, please pay your Kids Club accounts weekly or contact Andrea Hall at the school office to arrange a plan moving forward. If you are a WINZ family then it is YOUR responsibility to take your signed and completed forms to WINZ before each new term starts or Holiday Programme starts. Thank you in advance.

New Enrolment to Kids Club:

If you choose to enrolment your child or children with Kids Club, we must have a signed and completed enrolment form before your child can be confirmed starting with us. We also need to meet the child and family first and have you visit our center. No forms, No confirmation. This is a MSD requirement.

April 2019 Holiday Programme information and forms will be out in Week 7.

Thank you for choosing St Columba's Catholic School - Kids Club for your after school care where safety comes first then fun.



RESULTS :

<u>BASKETBALL</u>	Opposition	Result
Yr 5-6 SC Pythons	X Factor Blue	Lost

SAINTS UNITED Yr 7/8 NETBALL TRIALS:

Registrations are open online for these trials under the Saints United tab in the Sports section on the website.

To trial you must register prior to trial day

WHEN: Saturday 9th March

WHERE: Netball Centre, Moore St.

TIME: Yr 7—8am and Yr 8—11am.

Registrations closes Friday 1st March.

Please be there at least 15mins before your trial starts. Make sure you bring your water bottles. Netball dresses will be given out on trial day. It is not compulsory to trial but we do encourage all students who wish to play this season to trial. If you wish to play netball this season but do not want to trial, please contact me.

Good luck to our students trialling for these teams. If you have any question, please contact me.

If anyone has any sports information, news, updates, achievements you'd like to share or if you have any questions about our school sports, please contact: TeOko Peterson. Mobile: 021-686-932

Email: teoko.peterson@gmail.com

KIDS CLUB News.....

Do you enjoy working with children????

Kids Club have staff vacancies –
in TERMS 1&2, 2019

Casual/On Call Support Staff Position Vacancies - After School Care (Kids Club – St Columba's Catholic School)

An exciting opportunity exists for more Casual/On Call Support Staff to join our St Columba's Catholic School Kids Club. We are a busy facility with a large role and are seeking more Support Staff with high energy who love hanging out with kids to join our Crew.

This position will assist the Kids Club Site Manager, 2IC and the team with providing high quality care to children in conjunction with St Columba's School cornerstone values.

In this role, your key duties will include:

- To help supervise the running of the programme ensuring we provide safe and harmonious care of the enrolled Kids Club children
- Prepare Healthy food options as required
- Care for children as outlined in the Kids Club Policies and Procedures
- Meet all Health & Safety requirements as outlined in the Kids Club Policies and Procedures, including the reporting of accidents.
- Some help with planning fun and safe activities for groups of children.
- Some general cleaning duties when required.

If you have some experience working with children, have a full drivers licence and have a caring nature.....then come and help us have fun with the kids!!

A current first aid certificate is preferred (but not essential). Hours of work are between 2.00pm – 5:30pm Monday– Friday (during term time) as needed & Monday – Friday (school holiday programme as required).

If this sounds like you, please send your CV and covering letter to Kidsclub@sccs.school.nz
Copy of job description is available by contacting above email address.

Applications close..... Friday 1st March 2019
You will be contact by the following Monday if successful for an interview.

Please note: only applicants with current working visas or permanent residents of NZ/Australia will be considered for this position.

NOTE: Due to a NZEI Paid Union Meeting, **Learning Discussions will now be on Monday 18th March and Thursday 21st March** (NOT Wednesday as previously advertised).

Rugby Weigh-ins coming up:

HOB : Thursday 28th Feb, 6.30-8pm

Frankton: Thursday 28th Feb,
5.30-7pm

Melville: Sunday 3rd March, 10-12

Fraser Tech: Sunday 10th March,
10-12



www.lunchorders.co.nz

Lunch Orders are available to be ordered and paid for online through the above website.

**** Delivery for St Columba's School is every Tuesday ****

Simply signup, add your child/children and choose a lunch order.

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