



# ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

<p><b>MISSION</b> HEART and SOUL</p> <p><small>To live as part of a Catholic community and respond to our call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.</small></p> <p><small>"We shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27</small></p>	<p><b>EDUCATION</b> HEAD and VOICE</p> <p><small>Become confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners and followers of Christ who are learning through the direction set by the NZ Catholic and NZ Curriculum.</small></p> <p><small>"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6-7</small></p>	<p><b>SERVICE</b> HANDS and FEET</p> <p><small>Be a person of integrity and make a difference in the world, guided by the values of the Catholic social teachings.</small></p> <p><small>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col 3:16-17</small></p>
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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :**  
**Term 2, Week 5, 30th May 2019**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Bishop Denis Browne (retired) who is standing in for Fr Alfonso while he is on leave in the Philippines. Bishop Denis Browne was the Hamilton Diocese Bishop for 21 years and it is a privilege to have him looking after our parish over the next month.



In regards to Wednesday's national primary and secondary school teacher strike action, the Board of Trustees acknowledges the disruption that our school closure caused you as parents/caregivers, having to take time off work or making other arrangements. Thank you for your patience. We support the

conversation with the Government about increased teacher learning support, more hours for children who are struggling with behavioural and additional learning needs and hope that the unions are able to negotiate an acceptable outcome for all.

Congratulations to the Jump Jam teams who participated in the Hamilton Jump Jam Competition on Saturday at St Peter's School in Cambridge. The children did themselves and SCCS proud as did the teachers who contributed to make it a successful day. Thank you to Shaun Wright, Lizzie McCreery, Maria Persson and Tara McAuley.

The PTFA met last week to start organising the School Gala which is scheduled for Saturday, 16th November. The committee is keen to hear from anyone who might have things to offer for the Gala. Please see the list of current ideas further on in the newsletter under the PTFA news. I would like to thank the project committee of: Bonty Ranapiri, Arihia Te Moni, Tua Karalus, Maria

Jones, Kelly Evans, Kerry Ranapiri, Selam Simon, and Whaea Char.

Last night we had our Term 2 Whanau evening. The Junior Kapa Haka group performed and some members from our Iraqi community shared their culture with us. It was a lovely evening.

God Bless  
Gareth Duncan - Principal

## BOT NEWS

We have received six (6) nominations for Parent Representatives on the Board of Trustees. As the number of nominations received is greater than the number of vacancies we will have an election. -Voting papers and candidate statements (if supplied) will come out to you shortly; voting closes at 12 noon on Friday 7 June. Once the votes are in and counted the results will become available to share with you. The new board officially takes office on Friday 14 June. Every vote counts so please make sure that you fill in the form and lodge your voting papers. Thank you to those parents who have put their names forward for our school Board of Trustees.

In the meantime we would like to thank the following Parent Representative board members who have stood down; Thank you for your work and ongoing commitment to SCCS - Sarah Angell (6 years), Natalie Petero (3 years) and Ritchie Peters (6 months).

At last week's meeting, the board adopted the new ICT user guidelines for all children and families to follow. The board will be instructing senior leadership to implement the new guidelines. You can find these on the school website. Included with this newsletter is a hard copy for all Team 4 students only.

### **Key dates:**

- 31st May - Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 2nd June - Ascension Sunday
- 3rd June - Queens Birthday Weekend
- 7th June - BOT voting closes at 12 noon
- 7th June - Junior Cross Country
- 9th June - School Mass - Pentecost Sunday/ St Columba's Feast Day
- 12th June - Kiribati Independence Day
- 14th June - New Board of Trustees officially take office
- 17th June - PTFA Meeting at 7pm in the staffroom
- 18th June - New BOT training evening 7pm - 9pm

- 19th June - 22nd June - PTFA Ice Skating Fundraiser at SCCS
- 21st June - NWPS Winter Sports
- 25th June - BOT Meeting at 6pm
- 26th June - Speeches Showcase evening
- 27th June - Pasifika families evening at 7pm
- 5th July - Mufti Day and last day of term

### Term 3 School Term Dates 22nd July - 27th September

## **Police announce non-emergency number – Dial 105**

New Zealand Police has launched 105 ("ten five"), the eagerly anticipated number for the public to report non-emergency situations to Police.



"More than 60 years on from the first 111 call, the launch of 105 is a milestone for New Zealand Police, offering a new way for people to connect with us," says Commissioner of Police Mike Bush.

"The 105 number and our online platform - [105.police.govt.nz](https://105.police.govt.nz)

-This system will make it easier for the public to engage with us for non-emergency help, advice and support." 105 is a national non-emergency number that will be answered 24/7 by highly trained Police staff. It is free to call from all landline and mobile numbers.

### KIDS CLUB NEWS TERM 2

#### **KIDS CLUB BUSINESS HOURS**

**Before School Care** 7.30am - 8.30am (Monday - Friday) excludes Public Holidays  
**After School Care** 2.45pm - 5.30pm (Monday - Friday) excludes Public Holidays  
*(Please flick us a text or ring if running late as we have staff who have commitments after 5.30pm also).*  
Thanking you in advance.

Regards  
Deb Honey - St Columba's Catholic School Kids Club Centre Manager



# Catholic Character News



## The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Friday the 31st of May, we commemorate the special event when the newly pregnant Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was also pregnant. Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist. Team 3 will be leading Mass to celebrate and we will also be stopping to pray the Angelus at midday.

## ASCENSION AND PENTECOST

The season of Easter is drawing to an end as it approaches two momentous events in our Church calendar: The Ascension of Jesus into heaven (2nd June) and Pentecost Sunday (9th June), the birthday of our Church. Students will be learning about both events in class.



## THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

It had been forty days since Jesus rose from the dead. During that time Jesus told many things about God and explained what was going to happen. Then it came time for Jesus to leave. The disciples were with Jesus in Jerusalem; he gathered them together and spoke with them, 'When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.' After saying this he was taken up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They still had their eyes fixed on the sky, as he went away, when two men, dressed in white, suddenly stood beside him. They said, 'Why are you stand there looking into the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way he left.' (Adapted from Acts 1:8-11) The Ascension took place forty days after Easter Sunday. It was ten days after The Ascension that the Holy Spirit came on the believers at Pentecost.

## THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church. At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another. Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church. The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The colour of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day.

*Excerpt from Catholic Online*

## SCHOOL/PARISH MASS - PENTECOST SUNDAY - 9TH JUNE

Our school Mass is next Sunday at 10.00am to celebrate one of the most important feast days of our Church year - Pentecost. **Please make every effort to attend. Children (and adults) are invited to wear something red,** if you wish, as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Students can meet their teachers in front of the church at 9.45am. We hope you can stay after Mass for a chat and refreshments. **See you there!**

## ST COLUMBA'S FEAST DAY - 9th June (celebrated Monday 10th June)

Our school's Feast day falls on Pentecost Sunday this year, so we will be celebrating it on the following day, Monday the 10th of June (week 7). We will begin the day with a liturgy on St Columba, then return to classes to do activities and learn more about him. After morning tea, we will gather in our house groups to participate in tabloid sports. **Children are invited to wear their house colours to school** - the more colourful the better!



# JUMP JAM™

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - What a day!

We cannot express how incredibly proud we are of all five of our teams that represented SCCS at the Regional Jump Jam Competition for 2019! Our main goal was to have FUN and try our absolute hardest, and man did we crush that! What makes it even more special is that our teams didn't go unnoticed by others, as all five of them won an Excellence in Sportsmanship Award. They are awarded to the teams who are respectful and supportive not only of their own team but every other team they were competing against. Thank you so much to the kids for all the hard work you have put in over the last 10 weeks, thank you to the parents and families for sorting outfits and costumes and coming along to support us.

Our final results were:

### Sonic Boom:

Excellence in Sportsmanship  
Merit in Technical Execution

### The Starbursts:

Excellence in Sportsmanship  
Merit in Technical Execution

### Groovamada:

3rd Place Over All (Strictly year 4-8 Category)  
Excellence in Sportsmanship  
Merit in Presentation  
Merit in Technical Execution

### Dream Team:

Excellence in Costumes  
Merit in Technical Execution  
Excellence in Sportsmanship

### Yass Queens:

Merit in Costumes  
Merit in Technical Execution  
Excellence in Sportsmanship



# RUGBY

## Waikato Rugby Union Year 7/8 Girls Sevens World Series



From now and until the end of term this team will be representing SCCS in Sevens Rugby. Game one was held at Te Rapa Rugby Club where we had a narrow 4 – 0 loss against Morrinsville Intermediate. We were very happy with our first result as 5 of our players have never played rugby before but they now have some understanding of the game and are rearing to get into the next match.

Well done Neve Smith & Aylah Matara for scoring a try a piece and to Chanel Boston-Bennett for being named Player of the Day.

Our remaining matches are being played at the following venues:

- 📍 Cambridge High School 4th June
- 📍 Morrinsville Intermediate 11th June
- 📍 St Columba's Primary 18th June (Home game – come and support us)
- 📍 Morrinsville Intermediate 25th June
- 📍 Hamilton Old Boys 2nd July

## PTFA HONEY FUNDRAISER

St Columba's Catholic School PTFA is selling honey as a fundraiser. Grab yourself a bargain and support our fundraising efforts.

The honey is locally sourced in the Waikato from an export approved supplier. It is a liquid multi-flora honey, commercially tested and packed.

**Price: \$15 for 1kg container**

Please place your order by emailing [ptfa@sccs.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@sccs.school.nz)  
OR place the tear off order form below in the box at the school office with your payment.

Bank account for online payments go to **St Columba's PTFA 02-0312-0046673-00**

Your order will be available from the school office once payment is confirmed.

Kind regards  
**Kelly Evans**  
PTFA Chair



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## HONEY ORDER FORM



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR

Online payment made: Yes/No \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

# SPORTS NOTICES

## RESULTS: Term 2:

<b>BASKETBALL</b>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Result</u>
<b>Saints Gold Wk 3</b>	vs Flyers Lakers	Won 44 - 31
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Peachgrove Slam Dunkers	Won 43 - 35
<b>Saints Blue Wk 3</b>	vs St Peters White	
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs	
<b>Saints Green Wk 3</b>	vs Forest Lake Maori	Won 51 - 22
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs RHS Flyers	Won 36 - 6
<b>Yr 5/6 Pythons Wk 3</b>	vs Flyers Hawks	Won 29 - 25
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Tuna 2	
<b>Yr 3/4 Knights Wk 3</b>	vs C.O.B	Won 27 - 26
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Ham West Hot Shots	Won 50 - 1
<b>HOCKEY</b>	<b>Saints 1st Wk 3</b>	vs St Peters Red
	<b>Wk 4</b>	vs King Country Devel
	<b>Saints 2nd Wk 3</b>	vs St Peters Blue
	<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Te Rapa Titans
	<b>Saints 3rd Wk 3</b>	vs Melville Int 1st
	<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Te Awamutu Int Tornadoes
	<b>Cannons Wk 3</b>	vs Hukanui Shooters
	<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Whitiakahu Green Sticks
	<b>Spirits Wk 3</b>	vs Aberdeen Kilts
	<b>Wk 4</b>	BYE
	<b>Mighty Saints Wk 3</b>	vs Ngahinapouri Gold Sticks
	<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Te Totara Tigers
	<b>Holy Midgets Wk 3</b>	vs Abdn Bagpipes
	<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Knighton Thunder
<b>NETBALL</b>	<b>Saints 8A Wk 3</b>	vs Southwell Diamonds
	<b>SWk 4</b>	Vs Peachgrove Development
	<b>Saints 7A Wk 3</b>	vs RHS 7 Magic
	<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Morrinsville 7A

<b>Saints 7B Wk 3</b>	vs Morrinsville Y7 Ferns	Won 21 - 11
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs RHS 7 Steel	Won 11 - 9
<b>Yr 5/6 Kiwi Wk 3</b>	vs Fairfield Ferns	Lost 7 - 14
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Endeavour Magic	Lost 4 - 20
<b>Yr 5/6 Kea Wk 3</b>	vs Glenview Silver	Won 7 - 3
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs SPC Stars	Lost 4 - 21
<b>Yr 4 Diamonds Wk 3</b>	vs St Josephs	Won 26 - 2
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs HNS Magic	Won 11 - 0
<b>Yr 3/4 Ferns Wk 3</b>	vs Rotokauri Eagles	Lost 1 - 3
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Woodstock Comets	Lost 2 - 13



**Remote Controlled Devices**

*In Week 7 - Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June, we would like to have a remote controlled car get together.*

*Liam Harris and Astyn Fitzgerald will be running this event in the hall at lunchtime on Thursday and Friday*



**Have a safe long weekend !!**

