



# ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :**

**Term 3, Week 1, 26th July 2019**

Welcome to Term 3 and the excitement of another busy term. I would like to thank you all for accommodating the temporary change to our drop off and pick up zone at the moment as we build our new staff car park. The board of trustees are pleased that this project is finally coming together, the purpose is to allow extra parking spaces in the church car park for your use.

The major learning focus area for this term is 'Fairness' and how we as a Catholic school display fairness and show acts of fairness. We have started our term with the emphasis on continuing our environmental journey with the goal of becoming plastic free and recycling conscious. You can help your children by ensuring that you do not use plastic in

their lunch box, therefore sending no plastic to school. As part of our environmental initiative we will also be reducing paper copies of notices home. Please check Facebook and SeeSaw for regular updates. We are doing a fantastic job as a school monitor our school environment and reducing our footprinting.

Next Tuesday and Thursday we have Learning Discussions for Teams 2, 3 and 4 children. I would invite all parents to book an appointment with the teacher to discuss your child's progress and next learning steps. This is a positive process and a great opportunity for our teaching staff to share the steps they are taking to support your child with their learning. Please see the information below to book your discussion time.

On the 19th August all Waikato Catholic Schools are gathering for their combined Teacher Only Day. Please be aware that school will be closed for instruction on this day. Kids Club will be open and available for all families; book your children in as soon as possible to confirm your place if you require

this service.

St Columba's AIMS Games teams are busy fundraising for the upcoming games which are held in Tauranga in early September. Thank you for your support of the fundraising activities this term as we as a community help our athletes achieve their goal of representing our school at the games. We wish them all the very best with their training and we look forward to profiling the teams and individual athletes in our next newsletter.

God bless  
Gareth Duncan  
Principal



### ADIDAS FUN RUN FUNDRAISER

School Cross Country - August 16th.

Fundraising is great so far.

Remember there are great prizes to be won - raise from \$10 or more and you can pick a prize or prizes from an extensive range.

If you do not have an information booklet they are available at the school office.

**OXFORD PIES** – Thank you to all those who supported our fundraiser last term. And a big thank you to the women who worked on this fundraiser – collating orders, packing pies etc. – these things just can't be done without the volunteers, PTFA appreciates your help.

**BOOK FAIR** – Open Tues 30 July 12.30pm – 5.30pm & Wed 31 July/Thurs 1 Aug 2.30pm – 5.30pm in NGAIO class, these times coincide with learning discussions. Please come along to see the wonderful range of books available for purchase. All purchases go toward free books for our School library.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** - \$65 each and packed with so many discounts for food activities and entertainment, also celebrating 25yrs! Pick yours up from the office today, or pop online to purchase.

**QUIZ NIGHT** - 20th September – pop it in your diary now so you don't miss out!!

**GALA** – this year our gala is on Sat 16th November. The gala group is underway now mapping out our stalls, how exciting!!

**VITABAGS** – We have some vitabags available to purchase, great way to be environmentally friendly! Fill in the form in the newsletter and return to School office with payment.

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

**Our next meeting is Monday 29th July at 7pm in the staffroom - All welcome.**

### Key dates:

- 30th July - Learning discussions 1:00- 6pm.  
**School closes at 12:15pm**  
**( Kids Club will be open and available from 12.15pm) `extra cost of \$10.00 from 12.15-2.45pm.**
- 30th, 31st July & 1st Sept - PTFA Scholastic Book Fair on in Ngaio Classroom
- 1st August - Learning discussions evening - 3pm - 8pm
- 2nd August - Whole School Mass at 9am - Welcome new families
- 2nd August - Kids for Kids Concert
- 5th August - PTFA Meeting in the staffroom at 7pm
- 6th August - Feast of Transfiguration
- 13th August - BOT Meeting at 6pm
- 15th August - Feast of the Assumption (Whole school mass)
- 16th August - Team 2, 3 and 4 Adidas Fun Run (School Cross Country)
- 16th August - Waikato Gymfest Yr 7 & 8
- 17th August - Catholic Kapa Haka weekend
- **19th August - Teacher Only Day - School is CLOSED for instruction.**  
**( Kids Club will be open and available).**  
**Cost for day \$35 per child. 8am-5.30pm.**
- 29th August - Mums and Daughters Breakfast - guest speaker - Annah Stretton
- 30th August - Team 2 Mass
- 1st September - Father's Day
- 1st September - Confirmation and & First Holy Communion
- 2nd - 6th September - Tongan language week
- 9th September - AIMS Games
- 9th September - PTFA Meeting at 7pm
- 9th - 13th September - Maori language week
- 16th September - Andrew Chinn (Musician) visit to school
- 16th - 20th September - Conservation week
- 17th September - NWPS Cross Country
- 17th September - BOT Meeting 6pm
- 20th September - PTFA Kiwiana Quiz Night
- 20th September - Waikato Gymfest - Yr 2-6
- 22nd September - School and Parish Sunday Mass
- 24th September - Team 4 Camp
- 27th September - End of Term Mass and PTFA mufti day



# Catholic Character News

## Vinnies' Crazy Colour Day



The St Vincent de Paul Vinnies fundraiser at the end of Term 1 was a huge success. Students (and teachers) entered into the fun by wearing all sorts of crazy coloured costumes. At lunchtime the Vinnies' students ran a variety of well-organised stalls, which were eagerly supported by the students.

We are thrilled to announce that **\$902** was raised for the Vinnies' chosen cause - the Breast Cancer Society. A huge thanks goes to everyone for supporting this. A special thanks goes to Tommo's Bakery for their generous donation of baked goods.

## CARITAS MUFTI MANIA

Thanks to support from families, \$266 was raised from our Caritas Mufti Mania day on the last day of Term 2. This money will go towards supporting the Doputz Primary School in Bougainville (Papua New Guinea).

## THE FEAST OF 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*)





St Columba's Catholic School  
**Learning Discussions – Term 3 – 2019**  
**(For years 3 - 8 Only)**



**Available Learning Discussion Times**

- Tuesday, 30th, July - 1pm to 6pm **(PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL CLOSING AT 12.15PM)**
- Thursday, 1st August - 3pm to 8pm

Teachers will contact parents of students in **Team 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: **nv7rb** 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 until 6pm for any parents requiring any uniform items and any other payments you may need to make \*\***

**Please indicate that you have made arrangements for your child (and advised your child's class teacher) for your child at 12.15 on Tuesday 30th July when school closes at 12.15 for Learning Discussions.**

**My child is being: picked up by \_\_\_\_\_ OR my child will be going to after school care \_\_\_\_\_**



### Kids Club News:

A huge thank you to all our St Columba's families who had their children attend Kids Club over the July school holidays. A lot of fun was had by children and staff. Check out what activities we did on the school FB page next week. Also a big special thanks to the Kids Club staff who worked and survived all the winter bugs out there. The time you spend with the children is much appreciated by myself and our school. Keep up the fun times and hard work team.

### Next Tuesday - 30th July 2019

(school is closed from 12.15) - Kids Club is **OPEN**.

**Cost is \$10 (12.15-2.45pm then normal ASC prices apply until 5.30pm)**

- If you have a permanent booking on Tuesdays with Kids Club BUT will be picking up your child at 12.15pm please advise Deb on 021586633 so we are not wasting time looking for your child if they don't arrive at Kids Club. Thank you in advance :)

### Monday 19th August 2019 - Teacher ONLY day - School is CLOSED for instruction

Kids Club is **OPEN**

**Cost is \$35** per day per child

**8am - 5.30pm**

- If you have a permanent booking on Mondays but won't be using our services on the 19th August 2019 then there won't be a charge for that Monday. If you want to book your child in on the 19th August please advise Deb on 021 586633 or write your child's name down on the booking sheet at the sign desk. Once you have booked this day your account will be charged, no refunds given as staff will be rostered on for staff/child ratios.

### **Reminders to new Kids Club families ....**

- Please park and use the side gate down by Father's house to pick up your children after 4pm in the afternoon as we lock this gate at 5.30pm each night. We can not guarantee any of the other school gates will be unlocked after 4pm daily.
- Adults are required to sign children out and add time of pickup each day, *(please do not let your child sign or write on this document as it is an important document which is required for Ministry of Social Development auditing).*

- Our three children who have **NUT** allergies will be returning to Kids Club next week so please avoid sending any food which contains any kind of nuts e.g. peanuts, peanut butter, nutella, cashews etc. Thank you in advance for this.
- When visiting Kids Club in the hall (Te Manawa), please do use our complimentary hand sanitiser which is on our sign desk to help us to reduce the risk of bugs and any nut residue that may be on your hands.

### **MAMAS DONUTS FUNDRAISER FOR AIMS GAMES**



**Friday 9th August**

We are fundraising for our Year 7 Netball Team.

All profits will be going towards their Aims Games costs.

**\$2.50 per donut – Original Glazed Donuts. Must be paid by cash only!!! Drop orders and payment to school office. Orders must be in by Thursday 1st August 3pm. Sorry but no late orders can be taken.**

**Childs Name:**

**Class:**

**Number of Donuts :**

Parents, how about donuts for morning tea or lunch. We will have them ready for you to pick up from hall kitchen when you drop off kids in the morning.

**Parent Name:**

**Mobile:**

**Number of Donuts:**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Last chance for students to check lost property, items will be on display next Friday. Any items left unclaimed will be donated to the Vinnies. Please check to see if any of the items belong to you!!!! All named uniform items have been given back to that child. Thank you.



# **SPORTS NOTICES**

## RESULTS:

<b>BASKETBALL</b>	Opposition	Result
<b>Saints Gold Wk 9</b>	vs Peachgrove Slammers	Won
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Flyers Lakers	Won 28 - 26
<b>Saints Blue Wk 9</b>	vs On Point Ballers	Won 51 - 25
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs On Point Ballers	Won 61 - 22
<b>Saints Green Wk 9</b>	vs Flyers Celtics	Won 37 - 14
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs HJHS	Lost 40 - 48
<b>Yr 5/6 SC Pythons Wk 9</b>	vs Glenview Celtics	Won
<b>Yr 3/4 SC Knights Wk 9</b>	vs Fairfield Bullets	Won 38 - 32
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Fairfield Bullets	Won 49 - 22
<b>HOCKEY Saints 1st XI Wk 9</b>	vs Berkely NMS	Won 3 - 1
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs St Peters Red	Lost 2 - 3
<b>Saints 2nd XI Wk 9</b>	vs RHS Orange	Won 2 - 1
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Maeroa	Draw 0 - 0
<b>Saints 3rd XI Wk 9</b>	vs Southwell Yellow	Lost 0 - 7
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Orini Blacksticks	Lost 0 - 2
<b>SC Cannons Wk 9</b>	vs Matangi Blacksticks	Won 8 - 2
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Matangi Sonics	Won 5 - 2
<b>SC Spirits Wk 9</b>	vs Tamahere Blacksticks	Won 3 - 0
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Ham East Falcons	Won 1 - 0
<b>Mighty Saints Wk 9</b>	vs Homeschool Tigers	Lost 1 - 2
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Pirongia Mt Sticks	Won 3 - 0
<b>Holy Midgets Wk 9</b>	vs HNS Warriors	Won 3 - 0
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Endeavour Slick Sticks	Draw 2 - 2
<b>NETBALL Saints 8A Wk 9</b>		
<b>Saints 7A Wk 9</b>	BYE	



<b>Saints 7B Wk 9</b>	vs RHS Steel	Won 26 - 0
<b>Saints 7 Gold Wk 9</b>	vs RHS Pulse	Won 28 - 12
<b>Yr 5/6 SC Kea Wk 9</b>	Vs H NS Shooters	Won 32 - 2
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Aberdeen Red	Cancelled
<b>Yr 5/6 SC Kiwi Wk 9</b>	vs Fairfield Swifts	Lost 0 - 18
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Ngaati Hauaa Teina	Cancelled
<b>Yr 4 SC Diamonds Wk 9</b>	vs HNS Magic	Won 23 - 0
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs Hukanui Ferns	Won 15 - 7
<b>Yr 3/4 SC Ferns Wk 9</b>	vs Ham East Takahe	Lost 3 - 7
<b>Wk 10</b>	vs HNS Ferns	Lost 3 - 4

**CONGRATULATIONS to Our Yr 3/4 Knights basketball team  
Winners of Pool B in Term 2!!  
and our Saints Green team who were Runners Up in their Pool.**



**Waikato Representative Touch 2019/2020 Registrations** are U10 - U14 grades are open on the Waikato touch website.

To register visit <http://www.waikatotouch.co.nz/Registrations-1/Under-10s-14s>

There is one Skill sessions & two trial sessions.

**Skills Session** - Wednesday 25th September / Flagstaff Park / 5.30pm

**Trial Day #1** - Sunday 29th September / Swarbrick Park / 10am - 12pm

**Trial Day #2** - Sunday 13th October / Swarbrick Park / 10am - 12pm

**\*\*Please note the different for Skills Session & Trials.**





## St Columba's School PTFA Scholastic Book Fair 2019



**Tuesday 30th July, 12:00pm – 5:30pm**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2.30pm – 5.30pm**

**Thursday 1st August, 2:30pm – 5:30pm**

**In Ngaio classroom**

**Please come along before or after your learning discussion and support the Book Fair. The more sales we have, the more free books we get to choose for our school library.**

**Thank you**

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER :**

Please remember to take your scooters home at the end of each day. There have been a number left outside the hall.





**'EVERYDAY HEROES'**

**THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 9.30am-2pm**

**THE BASE, HAMILTON - NORTHERN CARPARK**

An opportunity to get up close with some of the services and agencies involved in keeping your communities safe.





