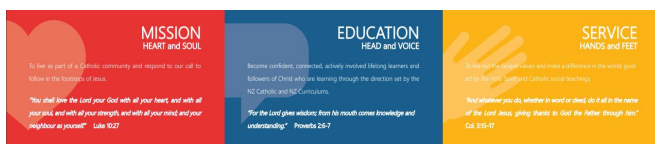




# ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :**

**Term 3, Week 5, Friday 23rd August 2019**

Kia Ora Koutou

A reminder about our Mother's and Daughters breakfast this coming Wednesday, the 28th August. Our guest speaker is Annah Stretton who will be starting right on 7am. Please park behind Father's House, in the church car park or down the new driveway (this is still under construction but is ok to park on). Thank you to our sponsor Bidfood for our breakfast supplies.



Next weekend is extremely special for all our St Columba's School First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates. We celebrate as a Catholic community as these wonderful young people respond to the Holy Spirit's call to become full members of our Catholic faith. They have had weeks of preparation and after this weekend they will be able to participate fully in the life of the Church by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist at every Mass. We wish all our candidates the very best for this (1st September at 10am Mass) and may you all be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Terry Cameron who replaces Nikki Stirling in Totara classroom. We also welcome our two new gorgeous lambs to our SCCS family.

We are blessed to have a fantastic school of committed and willing people. This is evident in the way parents engage with us and the strong special Catholic Character that permeates our daily work. Thank you everyone for the contribution you make

to our school – BOT members, PTFA members for your fundraising efforts and the ongoing work you do as we prepare for the Quiz Nite and the Term 4 Gala. And of course, thank you to the staff, parents and children!

Kind regards and God bless

Gareth Duncan

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## Cross Country

Wow! What a wonderful event we had. All students who participated enjoyed the courses at our new cross country home of Bremworth Park. They were challenged with flat terrain and long undulating slopes. Every student gave their all in their race. We endured changeable weather but made the most of this winter sports day event.

With our school cross country done and dusted we are now in the process of selecting students to compete at the Northwest Primary, Catholic and Waikato Full Primary Cross Country events over the next few weeks.

A huge thank you to Helen Eagleton for her photography skills to capture the essence of the event and to those parents that assisted with the various jobs required to help this event run successfully. As you all know, without parent support we cannot run these events, so your time is valuable to us and is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Regards,  
Mr Wright



## Key dates:

- 28th 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

## Adidas School Fun Run



A reminder that all sponsorship money for the Adidas Fun Run is due into the office today Friday 23rd August 2019. Thank you.





# KAPA HAKA

On Saturday the 17th of August, our Senior and Junior Kapa Haka roopu performed at the Kahui Ako Cultural Performance Festival - Te hui Ahurea. It was a fun day where our Catholic community came together to celebrate our tamariki and their cultural heritage. A day that showcased what Kapa Haka is all about, manaakitanga, kotahitanga, and whakawhanaungatanga. Both roopu performed alongside not only each other, but also other Catholic Primary and High Schools in the Waikato area. Our tamariki performed with mana and wairua and delivered performances that showed the hard work, dedication and many hours of practise that went into preparation for this day. We are all so proud of their efforts. Ka mau te wehi!

A special mention has to go out to Te Oko Peterson, Kylie Paekau, Thach Tran and Sam Ranapiri for their talents, time and commitment to helping our tamariki.



# Catholic Character News



Last Thursday the 15th August, 46 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was a great joy to witness their excitement before and after encountering God's grace and mercy. The same students are now getting close to their **Confirmation and First Holy Communion, which takes place on Sunday the 1st of September.** Please keep praying for them as they prepare to be fully initiated into the Church.

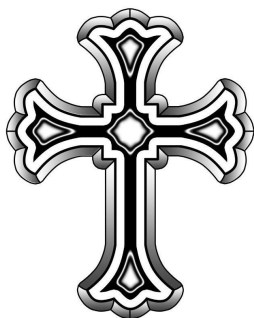


## ST VINCENT de PAUL VINNIE'S SERVING OTHERS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE



On Friday of week 9 (20th September), the St Vincent de Paul Vinnies' will be participating in an ice-bucket challenge to raise money for Riding for the Disabled. From week 7 onwards, students will be invited to bring coins (10 cents a vote) to vote on which Vinnie should be 'iced'. More details will follow - in the meantime, we ask that you start collecting your coins to support this worthy cause.

## SCHOOL/PARISH MASS SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, 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 mark this date in your diary.







### Reminders.....

Please ring or text Deb on 021 586633 to make an appointment to meet and do a site visit of our centre if you are thinking of enrolling your child in Kids Club. Please avoid visiting between 2.30pm and 3.15pm if possible as this is our busy time of day signing in children etc. Many thanks.

**2019 Enrolment Forms** are available from Kids Club and the school office or they can be downloaded off the school website.

**WINZ families.....** please remember to have your WINZ forms to Deb at least 4 weeks before the holidays so there is enough time for WINZ to process your requests and pay the fees.

### Holiday Programme - October 2019

Planning for this programme is well underway - Flyer information and enrolment forms will be out in Week 7.

Thank you for choosing Kids Club to care for your children.

Regards  
Deb Honey & the Kids Club Team



To Katrina Broadbent for the wonderful donation of popcorn for our school.



### News :

Our next meeting is Monday 9th September starting at 7pm in the staffroom.

Your support is always welcomed and we are embarking on the following fundraising activities this term:

- Quiz night – 20th September. Our theme is 'Kiwiana' – come along and have a FUN night out!! BYO, Tickets \$10 each, these will be on sale in the next week or so.
- Entertainment Books - \$65 each loads of value for everyone. Pick up a flyer from the office with all the details you need to make a purchase.
- Honey - \$15 for 1kg container locally sourced, multiflora. See attached advert.
- Mufti Day - 27th September

### Events/Planning groups we need support with :

- Team Discos – Term 4
- Grandparents Day -Term 4, Week 2, 25th October
- Gala Group - The event is: Term 4, Saturday 16th November

We are very lucky to have secured some wonderful sponsorship for our gala from the following businesses: The Lawrenson Group, Leap, Cycle Time & River Riders. A big thank you to these sponsors. We are still looking for other sponsors for the gala so if you have any links to businesses' or own a business that would like to donate or sponsor us in any way please get in touch with Gareth Duncan [gareth@sccs.school.nz](mailto:gareth@sccs.school.nz) or Kelly Evans ([ptfa@sccs.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@sccs.school.nz) or 021840112)

A huge thank you to you all for the fundraising support. It is great for our parent community to know that we are putting money directly back into our children's learning and learning opportunities. PTFA are always looking for fresh new faces to come along and join us. We are a small but hardworking team who would welcome some new members to help share in some exciting fundraisers we have coming up over the next couple of terms in 2019.



## **HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS**

In October Junior High School students from Japan are being welcomed to St Columba's School. We are looking for families with children living at home who would enjoy the experience of hosting a student for the 16 nights they are in New Zealand. They will be here from the 13th until the 29th of October, 2019. Students require their own room and three meals a day. Usually host families help each other to transport children to and from school each day, as students are not permitted to travel on their own. The Japanese students will be 14-15 years old, both boys and girls. Japanese children enjoy relating to younger children. If your children are very young you are still able to apply to participate. As the students are here to learn English we do not place them in homes with other Japanese nationals. We also place students in homes which have a child of the same gender. Families may only host one Japanese student. Hosting can be a very enjoyable experience for all the family. As well as building international friendships, participation in hosting helps to build relationships between families in our local community. Often families team up for activities like sightseeing or a bbq, which helps families with a common interest in hosting to get to know each other.

Support is provided for families; this includes 24 hour emergency coverage. Translation services are also available.



### **Finedays International (NZ)**

P.O.Box 17126, Greenlane,

Auckland, 1546,

TXT to 021 207 3893

Email to [finz.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:finz.hamilton@gmail.com)

## **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)



Bank account for online  
payments go to **St**

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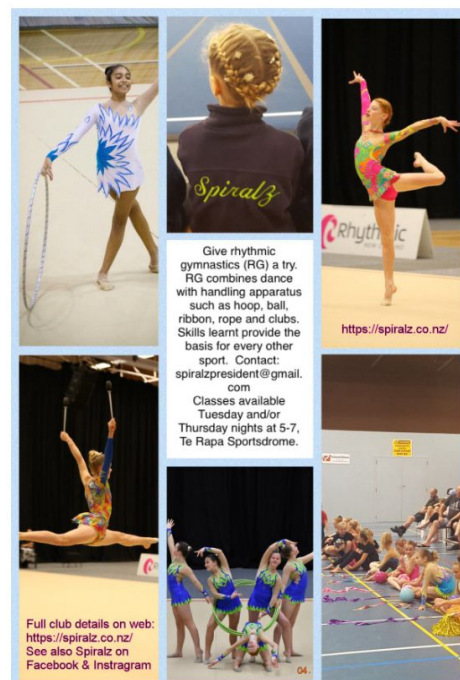
Your order will be available from the school  
office once payment is confirmed.

Kind regards

**Kelly Evans**

PTFA Chair

## **COMMUNITY NOTICE**



# **SPORTS NOTICES RESULTS**

<b>Our Team</b>	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>BASKETBALL</b> Saints Gold Wk 3	vs Peachgrove Slam dunkers	Won 50 - 22
Wk 4	vs Flyers	Won 42 - 40
Saints Blue Wk 3	vs RHS Warriors	Lost 2 - 54
Wk 4	vs St Peters Blue	Lost 16 - 25
Saints Green Wk 3	vs Berkley Storm	Won
Wk 4	vs Peachgrove Lionesses	Won 37 - 24
Yr 5/6 SC Pythons Wk 3	vs Te Totara celtics	Lost 19 - 29
Wk 4	vs Hawk Flyers	
Yr 3/4 SC Knights Wk 3	vs Te Ara Rima	Won 34 - 14
Wk 4	vs Marian Eagles	Lost 30 - 31
<b>HOCKEY</b> Saints 1st XI Wk 3	vs CMS A	Won 2 - 1
Wk 4	<b>BYE</b>	
Saints 2nd XI Wk 3	vs CMS Blue	Lost 4 - 1
Wk 4	<b>BYE</b>	Lost 0 - 2
Saints 3rd XI Wk 3	vs CMS White	Lost 2 - 5
Wk 4	vs ST Peters Flying Mooses	Lost 0 - 4
SC Cannons Wk 3	vs Pukete Strikers	Won 3 - 1
Wk 4	vs Te Totara Eagles	Won 8 - 1
SC Spirits Wk 3	vs Endeavour Blacksticks	Won 4 - 0
Wk 4	vs St Pius Arrows	Lost 2 - 3
Mighty Saints Wk 3	vs TeRapa Cheetahs	Won 6 - 0
Wk 4	vs Aberdeen Kilts	Won 3 - 1
Holy Midgets Wk 3	vs Silverdale Keas	Lost 0 - 1
Wk 4	vs Vardon Volts	Won 2 - 0
<b>NETBALL</b> Saints 8A Wk 3	vs St Peters 8A	Lost 12 - 28
Wk 4	vs CMS 8A	Won 24 - 17
Saints 7A Wk 3	vs Maeroa 7A	Lost 16 - 27

<b>Wk 4</b>	Vs CMS 7A	Lost 12 - 34
<b>Saints 7B Wk 3</b>	vs Melville 7 Ferns	Lost 10 - 25
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Fairfield 7 Gold	Lost 8 - 23
<b>Saints 7 Gold Wk 3</b>	vs TeRapa Raiders	Won 13 - 7
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Ham West Assassins	Won 20 - 0
<b>Yr 5/6 SC Kea Wk 3</b>	vs Te Totara Ferns	Lost 3 - 7
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Te Ao Marama Kahu	Lost 3 - 8
<b>Yr 5/6 SC Kiwi Wk 3</b>	vs Te Ara Rima Tau 5	Won 16 - 10
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Templeview Firebirds	Won 29 - 2
<b>Yr 4 SC Diamonds Wk 3</b>	vs Fairfield Funksters	Won 13 - 4
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs Hukanui Fernz	Won 5 - 3
<b>Yr 3/4 SC Ferns Wk 3</b>	vs Southwell Topaz	Won 13 - 4
<b>Wk 4</b>	vs HNS Ferns	Won 4 - 1

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

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

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 difference for Skill Sessions & Trials.***

### **SAINTS UNITED 2019 Netball Prizegiving**

End of season prizegiving and celebratory breakup of Saints United Netball.

**WHERE:** St Pius School Hall

**WHEN:** Saturday 31st August

**TIME:** 3 - 4pm

**BRING:** A Small Plate of food for shared afternoon tea, team gear bag and Saints United Netball Uniform - Don't worry if the uniform is dirty, all will be cleaned once collected.

All players, parents and supporters welcome!



### **SAINTS UNITED 2019 Hockey Prizegiving**

End of season prizegiving and celebratory breakup of Saints United Netball.

**WHERE:** Marian School, Event Center

**WHEN:** Saturday 13th September

**TIME:** 6 - 7pm

**BRING:** A Small Plate of food for shared meal, Goalie bags, Team gear bag and please return your Hockey Top.

All players, parents and supporters welcome!





