



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :

**Term 3, Week 7, Thursday 5th
September 2019**

Kia Ora Koutou, Malo e lelei and
welcome back to Week 7,



This week we are celebrating Tongan language week. Classes have been doing activities and the arts to acknowledge the Tongan language. Next week is Maori Language Week and our Whanau evening is scheduled for **Wednesday 11th September at 6pm** in the hall—everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share and watch our Junior and Senior Kapa Haka groups perform at 6pm.

On Monday 16th September all of our classes will be involved in workshops with Andrew Chinn, Australian religious singer and songwriter. The workshops are

in preparation for the concert at 6pm. This is **FREE** for all children to be involved in and we ask that you bring your child to the concert on **Monday evening at 6pm.**

Thanks go out to our PTFA and BOT for subsidising this event for our children.

Last night we had a farewell gathering for our AIMS Games teams before they head away this Sunday. We came together with Sport Waikato and the families of our athletes to wish all the teams all the very best over the coming week - 9th - 14th September.

With the departure of Mr Wright, school sport will now be managed by Lois McGregor. A huge thank you to Shaun for all the time and energy organising and running our school sporting events over the past years.

God Bless
Gareth Duncan
PRINCIPAL

Measles outbreak and the things to be aware of.....(Click on the DHB link on Measles)

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

- Measles is highly contagious – and easily preventable.
- It affects both children and adults.
- Two doses of the measles vaccine provide the most effective protection for yourself, your family and the wider community. After one dose of the MMR vaccine, about 95% of people are protected from measles. After two doses, more than 99% people are protected.
- In New Zealand, if you were born in 1969 or later, you can get the measles vaccine for free.
- Vaccination is particularly important if you are planning to travel anywhere overseas – to protect yourself and to help prevent outbreaks in New Zealand.

Stopping the spread

Measles is a highly infectious airborne virus which affects both children and adults. If you think you have measles, it's important to call before visiting your doctor to avoid you spreading the virus in the waiting room.

If you're feeling sick, you should stay away from work, school or public places, to help prevent putting other people at risk.

This also applies if you or a family member aren't fully immunised and may have been in contact with someone with measles.

By isolating yourself you will help protect vulnerable people including babies, pregnant women, cancer patients and others who are unable to be immunised and for whom the impact of the disease can be devastating.

You are contagious 5 days before to 5 days after rash onset, counting the day of rash onset as day 1.

Key dates:

- 9th September - AIMS Games
- 9th September - PTFA Meeting at 7pm
- 9th - 13th September - Maori language week
- 11th September - Whanau evening
- 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

Looping

Looping is the term that we use to describe students having the same teacher for more than one year. At St Columba's we offer looping to our odd year students, so that they will have the same teacher in the following year. If your child is an even year group, your child will be moving on to a new team in 2020, therefore will automatically have a new teacher, and looping does not apply.

Early next term, a letter will come home to odd year students explaining the looping process. All students in odd years will be looped unless we receive the slip back from parents stating that they do not wish for their child to be looped. This must be received so that we can use this information during our class placements process.

Unfortunately we are unable to process any parent requests for specific teachers for your child for next year. Likewise, while we take into account friendship groups, we are unable to meet specific requests that students are placed in the same class as their friends. Please do not ask us to make exceptions for your child, as the variables involved in constructing class lists is complex.

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. Japanese children enjoy relating to younger children. If your children are very young you are still able to apply to participate. Families may only host one Japanese student. Support is provided for families; this includes 24 hour emergency coverage. Translation services are also available.



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Catholic Character News

Last Sunday was a very joyful day for our school and parish as we witnessed the Confirmation and First Holy Communion of 45 of our young people. Bishop Steve Lowe celebrated the Mass alongside Fr Alfonso. The Mass ran smoothly and the children showed their readiness by answering all of the Bishop's 'curly' questions. There was a wonderful moment when the children were lined up along the sanctuary with eyes closed, and hands outstretched, as the Bishop and Fr Alfonso blessed each one of them - the children looked so serene and there was a real sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit. A big thanks to all who were involved in preparation for the day. Our congratulations goes out to all the candidates - we pray that they continue to enjoy the gift that they have been given when they come to Mass.



ST VINCENT de PAUL VINNIES SERVING OTHERS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE - RIDING FOR THE DISABLED



On Friday of week 9 (20th September) after lunch, the St Vincent de Paul Vinnies' will be participating in an ice-bucket challenge. Starting next week, all students are be invited to bring coins (10 cents a vote) to vote on which Vinnie and teacher they would like to be 'iced' (each class has 3 Vinnies and 5 teachers to vote on). All proceeds are going to the Vinnies' chosen charity, Riding for the Disabled. Please support this worthy cause by sending in money over the next two weeks - voting will end on Thursday the 29th to allow time for collating the votes.

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.



The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday 8th September

Sunday the 8th September is the feast day
celebrating the birthday of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

To honour Mary, we pray...

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen.












St Columba's Kids Club Holiday Programme

8:00am—5:30pm daily. Morning & afternoon tea provided. Bring your own lunch/drink bottle.

Book in before **Monday 16th September 2019** and qualify for early bird prices below.

-Theme for the 2 weeks is planned around "ANIMALS"-

<p>MONDAY 30th Sept 2019</p>  <p>Petting Zoo/Pony Rides \$45/\$50</p>	<p>TUESDAY 1st October</p>  <p>Animal Art/Crafts Day \$35/\$40</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 2nd October</p>  <p>Musical Fun Day \$40/\$45</p>	<p>THURSDAY 3rd October</p>  <p>Movies @ Hoyts Metro (leave 9am return by 2.30) \$50/\$55</p>	<p>FRIDAY 4th October</p>  <p>Furry Friends/Fun Day (Come dressed up) \$35/\$40</p>
<p>MONDAY 7th October 2019</p>  <p>Animal Games Day \$35/\$40</p>	<p>TUESDAY 8th October</p>  <p>"BARK NZ" visit \$40/\$45</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 9th October</p>  <p>Animal Jamming (Music) \$35/\$40</p>	<p>THURSDAY 10th October</p>  <p>Movies @ Hoyts Metro (leave 9am return by 2.30pm) \$50/\$55</p>	<p>FRIDAY 11th October</p>  <p>Party Animal Day (Come dressed up) \$35/\$40</p>

These are just some of the fun filled activities we will be doing. There are many more arts, crafts, sports, baking and games planned each day & we are **OSCAR APPROVED!!!!**

Contact: Deb Honey & Kerryn McCarthy **Mobile: 021 586 633**

Enrolment forms at the St Columba's School office or at Kids Club.



St Columba's Catholic School PTFA

"Kiwiana" QUIZ NIGHT!

Friday, 20th September 2019
Te Manawa, the school hall
7pm until late!

SPOT Prizes!
2019 Chiefs jersey up for grabs!

BYO drinks and table snacks
A small selection of soft drinks will be available for purchase on the night. Cash only.

\$10 per seat
with no more than
10 people at any one table.

Team names can be entered via email to
ptfa@scs.school.nz
or you can drop your interest into
the School Office.










WUSHU

Thanks to the Asia New Zealand Foundation, Wei Zhao and Yin-Chi Lee who drove down from Auckland to teach Tanekaha class Wushu. Wushu is a contemporary Chinese martial art. The two sessions were really enjoyable and informative.



Our next meeting is Monday 29th 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. Email ptfa@sccs.school.nz to order.
- 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 or Kelly Evans (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.



SPORTS NOTICES RESULTS

Our Team	Opposition	Result
BASKETBALL Saints Gold Wk 5	vs FIS Cavs	Lost 20 - 43
Wk 6	vs Maeroa Girls	Lost 28 - 30
Saints Blue Wk 5	vs Forest Lake Thunder	Lost 25 - 44
Wk 6	vs TOA Suns	Lost 5 - 48
Saints Green Wk 5	vs RHS Warriors	Won 30 - 16
Wk 6	vs Berkley Storm	Lost 28 - 36
Yr 5/6 SC Pythons Wk 5	vs Tamahere Spurs	Lost 18 - 33
Wk 6	vs Flyers Clippers	
Yr 3/4 SC Knights Wk 5	vs KBC Phillies	Lost 24 - 27
Wk 6	vs C.O.B	Won 36 - 14
HOCKEY Saints 1st XI Wk 5	vs CMS A	Lost 1 - 2
Wk 6	vs St Peters Red	Draw 2 all
Saints 2nd XI Wk 5	vs CMS Blue	Won 3 - 1
Wk 6	vs St Peters Blue	Lost 0 - 4
Saints 3rd XI Wk 5	BYE	
Wk 6	BYE	
SC Cannons Wk 5	vs HNS Hurricanes	Won 7 - 1
Wk 6	vs Pukete Strikers	Won 7 - 4
SC Spirits Wk 5	vs Te Totara Cheetahs	Won 5 - 0
Wk 6	vs Aberdeen Kilts	Lost 0 - 1
Mighty Saints Wk 5	vs Whatawhata Sharks	Won 3 - 1
Wk 6	vs Gordonton Quick Sticks	Won 1 - 0
Holy Midgets Wk 5	vs Ngahinapouri Green	Draw 0 all
Wk 6	vs HDS Sneaky Stix	Lost 0 - 4
NETBALL Saints 8A Wk 5	vs Berkley 8A	Won 23 - 15
Wk 6	vs CMS 8A	Lost 18 - 23
Saints 7A Wk 5	vs Rhode St Ferns	Won 26 - 16
Wk 6	vs Rhode St Ferns	Won 4 - 0

Saints 7B Wk 5	vs TeRapa Ravens	Won 15 - 13
Wk 6	vs TeRapa Ravens	Lost 18 - 20
Saints 7 Gold Wk 5	vs RHS 7 Firebirds	Won 23 - 0
Wk 6	vs Fairfield 7 Bronze	Won 14 - 5
Yr 5/6 SC Kea Wk 5	vs Te Ao Marama Kahu	Lost 3 - 8
Wk 6	vs Frankton Swift	Won 6 - 2
Yr 5/6 SC Kiwi Wk 5	vs Templeview Firebirds	Won 29 - 2
Wk 6	vs Ham West Thunder	Won 17 - 3
Yr 4 SC Diamonds Wk 5	vs Aberdeen Yellow	Won 9 - 4
Wk 6	vs Templeview Mystics	Won 16 - 15
Yr 3/4 SC Ferns Wk 5	vs Rotokauri Fantails	Won
Wk 6	vs Ngahinapouri Magic	Won 8 - 5

Hockey & Netball teams played their last game of the season over the weekend. Well done to all our players this season, especially to those students who played for the first time. Thank you for all your hard work, commitment and effort and a big shout out to parents too!

Well done to our Saints netball teams- 7 Gold finished 1st, 7A 3rd and 8A & 7B both placed 4th in their grades. Also our Yr 3/4 Ferns & Yr 4 Diamonds who were top of their Pools. And Yr 5/6 Kiwi who placed 2nd in their pool.

Please return all Netball uniforms to the office.

Well done to our Saints 2nd XI hockey who placed 2nd and 1st XI placing 3rd equal in their grades. And our Yr 5/6 Cannons team that were 1st in the Kiwi sticks Badgers grade.

SCCS Girls Yr 7/8 Sevens Rugby Congratulations to our team who won the competition on Tuesday night beating Southwell Jade 75 - 0. Our girls ended the season with 7 wins and 1 loss, scoring 370points for and only 70 against!



Thank you to our wonderful coaches for all their time and energy. Without coaches we can't have teams. And to all parents for your support this season.

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

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 Skills Session & Trials.**

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!



2019 Term 4 Sports: Sports on offer next term are listed below. More information & Registrations forms are on our website, under the Sports Tab. Registrations close Friday 27th September. (As some team registrations are due by the

end of this term). If you have any problems with forms or have any questions, please contact me by email: teoko.peterson@gmail.com or by phone : 021-686-932. Or register online at

<https://www.stcolumbas.school.nz/1050/forms/10-2019-term-4-rego-form/submissions/new>

Please note: Team entries depend on having enough interested players and parent support. Without a coach or manager we cannot enter teams. Any offers of help is greatly appreciated. .

Sports	Yr. Group	Day	Time	Venue	Start Date	Finish Date	Cost
Basketball	Yr 1 - 8	Tues: Yr 7-8 Wed: Yr 3-4 Thur: Yr 1-2 Fri: Yr 5-6	Frm 4pm	Ymca or The Peak	October: Tues 15th Wed 16th Thurs 17th Fri 18th	December: Tues 3rd Wed 4th Thurs 5th Fri 6th	\$45
Touch	Yr 1 - 8	Thursday	Frm 3.45pm	Swarbrick Park	Thurs 24 Oct	Thurs 28th Nov	\$25
Volleyball	Yr 5 - 8	Thursday	Between 4pm - 6pm	The Peak	Thurs 21st Nov	Thurs 12 Dec	\$15
Cricket **	Yr 3 - 6	Fri - Yr 1 - 5 Sat - Yr 5-6	Fri - Evening Sat - Morn	City Wide	Fri 25th Oct Sat 26th Oct	Fri 6th Dec Sat 7th Dec	\$20
Summer Hockey	Yr 3 - 8	Monday	Afternoon	Gallagher Turf	Mon 14th Oct	Mon 2nd Dec	\$25
Lacrosse	Yr 7-8 Girls	Saturday	Afternoon	Tamahere Park	Sat 26th Oct	Sat 7th Dec	\$30

** Cricket: Year 3-5 play variations of Kiwi Cricket on Friday nights. Year 5&6 play Hard Ball cricket on Saturday.

SAINTS Yr 7-8 Cricket: The 2nd IX team is short a couple of players for term 4. Fees are \$40. If anyone is keen please email me: teoko.peterson@gmail.com or text 021-686-932.

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

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.

Kelly Evans
PTFA CHAIR

