



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :

Term 4, Week 1, Thursday 17th October 2019

Welcome back to Week 1

Welcome back to this term where we take the opportunity to serve each other and our wider community.

This term we welcome two new teachers Miss Macale Ratana to Tawhai class (replaces Shaun Wright) and Mr Terry Cameron who remains in Totara class (replacing Nikki Stirling) for this term.

At the end of last term, Team 4 teachers and students left us to attend Tui Ridge Camp on their bi-annual, four day camp. We are extremely proud of all the

students who participated and challenged themselves on the various activities that Tui Ridge offers regardless of some very wet weather.

Thanks must also go to the Team 4 teachers and the wonderful group of parents that ensured the planning and execution not only kept our students safe, but made this a memorable learning opportunity for everyone.

Within our school community we have people who need our prayers, thoughts and support. There are a number of children and adults who are struggling with serious illness. Over the next weeks, we will be considering various ways that we might be able to help pastorally. If you are interested in supporting in a pastoral way, please watch our newsletter for more information in the coming weeks.

Please be mindful of your children engaging with online apps. In recent times we have been

spending more of our daily time on social media issues here at school. We ask that you be aware of age-specific material, legal age restrictions and what your child is using particular apps for. Take time to look over the Netsafe site and feel free to talk to me at school about the risks we face. As an adult community, we must be involved in our children's online life and be connected to the conversations they are leading online.

God Bless
Gareth Duncan
PRINCIPAL



BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

The board held our sixth meeting of the year on the 1st October. We had great support from the senior leadership team at this meeting ensuring we are working together to make great choices for all of our tamariki and school community. We spend a considerable amount of the meeting considering student achievement and success, and strategies to support this area. A copy of the minutes and this meeting (and all our meetings) are available in our school office.

The board have recently accepted the resignation of Jolene Wright and wish to publicly acknowledge the dedicated service Jolene has given our school community in her role on the board. Thanks Jolene.

We now have a casual vacancy on the Board of Trustees and have elected to fulfill the vacancy in the role of a parent representative by selection. We would like to consider the best person to represent our community and meet the needs of the board. Please see the notice below for our Parent Representative Vacancy, this was published in the Hamilton Press on Wednesday, 9 October 2019.

Karyn Rastrick
Chairperson



St Columba's Catholic School Board of Trustees

Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
St Columba's Catholic School
Board of Trustees
PO Box 5353, Frankton 3204
by: 6 November 2019

www.sccs.school.nz

Class Placements and Looping for 2020

LOOPING:

Over the past few years our school has offered "looping" as an option for students to continue their learning for a second year with the same teacher.

This is offered within Teams 2-4 for students in Years 3, 5 and 7. As students in Years 2, 4 and 6 move on to the following team, looping is not offered at all to students in those years. Teaching Team structures are slightly different in Years 0 -2 and for this reason, looping is not offered for these years either.

The benefits are outlined below:

- Staying together for two years enhances the bonding and trust established between students and teacher
- Research indicates 4-6 weeks "extra" learning time as students know previously established routines and expectations. Teachers already know the students learning needs and therefore targeted learning begins on the first day of that school year
- Teacher knowledge about a child's intellectual/emotional strengths and needs increases in a way that is impossible to achieve in a single year

Most students will be looped in Years 3, 5 and 7. You do, however, have the opportunity to opt out of looping if you choose, if there is a specific request

from parents that they prefer for their child not to be looped. (Please see the separate letter your Year 3,5 or 7 child will bring home tomorrow and tick the box, or download the PDF, print, fill out and return).

CLASS PLACEMENTS:

As with previous years compilation of classes for the following year, **parents are not able to request specific class, friendship or teacher placements for their children.** If you have information that is pertinent to the learning profile and/or well being of your child, feel free to comment below.

Alternatively, feel free to email Gareth or Anne-Marie if there are matters that require more detail concerning your child's needs for 2020; gareth@sccs.school.nz or anne-marie@sccs.school.nz

While we make every effort to accommodate requests, please understand that the decisions made by the teaching staff are informed by what we think is best for **all** students. There are a number of factors and variables in compiling class lists and this is a complex process. We can commit to considering all requests, however, this does not guarantee that this is able to be met

Finally, **if your child will not be returning** to us in 2020, please let the school office know admin@sccs.school.nz or e-mail Gareth or Anne-Marie.

Key dates:

- ★ 25th October - Grandparents' Day
 - ★ 28th October - Labour Day - **School Closed**
 - ★ 29th October - SCCS Teacher Only Day - **School Closed**
 - ★ 6th November - Whanau Hui 7pm
 - ★ 7th November - Junior Athletics
 - ★ 8th November - SCCS Athletics Team 4
 - ★ **16th November - GALA**
 - ★ 18th November - CIS Athletics
 - ★ 20th November - Team 2 & 3 Athletics
 - ★ 21st November - Dads & Daughters Breakfast
 - ★ 24th November - School/Parish Mass - Feast of Christ the King
 - ★ 27th November - Whanau Evening - 6pm
 - ★ 2nd December - PTFA Meeting 7pm
 - ★ 3rd December - NWPS Athletics - Team 3
 - ★ 5th December - Volunteers morning tea
 - ★ 9th December - Mission Day
 - ★ 19th December - Final Mass and Farewell
- END OF TERM 4 2019

Kids on Bikes programme

Is running this week for all Team 2 students. A collaboration between Hamilton City Council, Team Energize and Cycling NZ. 120 students who are learning basic bike skills to be more confident and learn how to ride a bike safely. Thanks to Sean, Cam and Rikki. Special thanks to Whaea Maria for organising and driving this. Day 1 was Bike Safety.



Nikau class participating in Bikes for Kids. This has been an amazing opportunity especially for students who could not ride. We watched them go from nervous and unwilling to try to wide smiles as they did it. Great job by the tutors.



Catholic Character News

School/Parish Mass Sunday 24th November, 10.00am

Feast of Christ the King

Remember to mark this date in your diary—all students are expected to attend.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Mysteries of the Rosary



Although as Catholics we pray the rosary year round, October is recognised as the 'Month of the Rosary', where we give special focus to this beautiful and powerful prayer. For the next four weeks, we will be praying the rosary every day in class. We started the week by gathering as a school to pray the first Joyful Mystery together. As we pray the different mysteries, we meditate on the life of Christ.

The Church has used three sets of mysteries for many centuries. In 2002 Pope John Paul II proposed a fourth set of mysteries—the Mysteries of Light, or Luminous Mysteries. Below is an overview of the first 2 mysteries— *taken from Loyola Press*.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation—Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.

The Visitation—Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.

The Nativity—Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.

The Presentation—Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to God.

The Finding of Jesus in the Temple—Jesus is found in the Temple discussing his faith with the teachers.

The Mysteries of Light (the Luminous Mysteries)

The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan—God proclaims that Jesus is his beloved Son.

The Wedding Feast at Cana—At Mary's request, Jesus performs his first miracle.

The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God—Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.

The Transfiguration of Jesus—Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John.

The Institution of the Eucharist—Jesus offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper.

HOLY SOULS WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

Beginning next week, there will be a foyer display commemorating our loved ones who have died. Every student will be given a Holy Souls prayer slip to take home—if you would like prayers for loved ones who have passed away, please fill out the prayer slip and put it in the Holy Souls box in the school office. The name of your loved one will be copied on to a heart card and placed on the foyer display and your prayer slip will go to the church's Holy Souls prayer box. All these souls will have prayers offered for them at every Mass during the month of November. If you would like another prayer slip, please see your child's teacher or the office staff. You can also send in photos of loved ones or funeral booklets for the display, if you wish.





TERM 4 - SUMMER UNIFORM

Term 4 is the start of our summer uniform, please see below for a list of required items and prices. All items apart from footwear are available from the office.

GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM

Blue/Maroon check tunic	Years 0-6
Blue/Maroon check skirt	Years 7-8
Navy short sleeved polo shirt	Years 0-6
White short sleeved blouse	Years 7-8
Black Sandals	

School sunhat
Sports T-Shirt
Sports shorts

BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM

Navy short sleeved polo shirt	Years 0-8
Grey shorts – light weight	Years 0-8
Black sandals	

School sunhat
Sports T-Shirt
Sports shorts

Price List

Polo Shirts	\$25	PE Shirt	\$30
Senior Girls Blouse	\$35	Headbands	\$10
Tunics	\$80	Scrunchies	\$ 5
Skirts	\$70	Hats	\$12
Boys summer shorts	\$25	Polar Fleece	\$45

Quote of the week

Be helpful. When you see a person without a smile, give them yours!



NEWS:

**** Grandparents Day -Term 4, Week 2, 25th October – If you are able to help us out on Grandparents day please contact Kelly Evans 021840112 or ptfa@sccs.school.nz or leave your details at the office.**

**** Gala - 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, JUTA Surveying Ltd, Leap, Cycle Time, River Riders, McDonald's Te Rapa, Serenity Float, Hinterland, Event Cinemas, Lola Café, Contempo Hair Design, Classics Museum, Jukebox Diner, Gallagher's, Just Cuts, Florist Ilene, Paper Plus The Base, Anytime Fitness (Avalon Dr), Office Max, Placemakers, Rees Room (AnnMaree Vercoe) Wingers, Hamilton Gymnastics, Redwoods Outdoor Activities, Sunny Nelson real fruit ice cream, Inflatable World, Vilagrad Winery, Waikato Museum, Skyline Rotorua, North Beach, Cherub Crafts, A & A Automotive, Arbonne (Andrea Mudaliar).**

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 that would welcome some new members to help share in our awesome fundraisers.

Honey - \$15 for 1kg container locally sourced, multiflora. Email ptfa@sccs.school.nz to order.

SPORTS NOTICES

SPORTS NOTICES - RESULTS :

Our Team - Term 3 Week 9	Opposition	Result
BASKETBALL Saints Gold Wk 9	vs Toku Mapihi	Won
Wk 10	vs Maeroa Girls	Away at Camp
Saints Blue Wk 9	vs Peachgrove Shooters	Lost 35 - 14
Wk 10	vs	Away at Camp
Saints Green Wk 7	vs Flyers Heat	Won 54 - 9
Wk 8	vs MIS	Away at Camp
Yr 5/6 SC Pythons Wk 9	vs Flyers Clippers	Won
Yr 3/4 SC Knights Wk 9	vs COB	Won 23 - 21

Well done to our Yr 3 Knights Basketball who placed 3rd in A2 pool last term.

CONGRATULATIONS To the following students for being selected for Waikato Touch teams this season.

Well done and Good luck for your upcoming tournaments.

U10 Mixed - Casey Morrell & Jacob Haysom.

U10 Girls Red - Sophie Peters.

U12 Girls Red - Matilda Chandler & Neve Smith.

U12 Girls Black - Isabella Hunter & Eliza Chandler.

U12 Boys Red - Carson Hunter & Carter Steans.

U12 Boys Black - Kaea Jones.

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Sunday 16th February 2020

Waikato University Fields, Hamilton East, Waikato



- Entries are open for the Hamilton Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon
- Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for SCCS when prompted. All packs will be sent to the school. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some cool prizes.

- To enter the TRYathlon visit tryathlon.co.nz
- If you have any school group related questions please contact Lois McGregor on loism@sccs.school.nz.

News:



Welcome back after a fun 2 weeks of Holiday Programme activities. Thank you to the families who enrolled their children with Kids Club over the October 2019 Holidays - lots of fun was had and you can check out some photos of what your children got up to on our school FB page later in the week.

Kids Club is **CLOSED** for Labour Day, Monday 28th October 2019.

Kids Club is **OPEN** for Teachers Only Day, **Tuesday 29th October 2019.**

- **Business open hours are 8am-5.30pm** on this day
 - Flat Rate for the day of **\$35.00** per child
- Bookings are essential - get in quick! Text or ring Deb on 021586633

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- If your child is away from school/Kids Club, please contact Kids Club direct to advise on 021 586633
- Side driveway. This is for **STAFF ONLY** please do NOT drive your cars down to the hall. Use the designated carpark in front of the church or beside Father's house.
- Any new enrolments for Kids Club please make an appointment time to come talk to Deb and do a site visit first. Anytime before 2pm or after 3.30pm daily please as this is our busy kid time.
- If your child has any new medical/behavioural condition please advise Deb immediately so we can note this down so we are able to help your children 100%.
- See below Kids Club notice on summer holiday business hours so you can start planning for your child care early and relax over the summer time.
- Reminder that Kids Club invoices are charged weekly. Payments should be made weekly also. Please keep an eye on your account so you don't run the risk of your child(s) not being able to attend on the days you require. Please refer to our enrolment forms for more details.

Thank you for choosing St Columba's Catholic School Kids Club to care for your child(ren).

Last day of Term 4, 2019 (last day of school)

Kids Club WILL be **OPEN**

THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2019

12.30 - 5.30pm (\$10 extra for half day then ASC prices apply)

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2019 - OPEN

8am - 5.30pm (\$35 per child for the day)

This is an extra day open to help out our SCCS families who are still working on the Friday or need time out to go shopping without the kids. This day will be a fun in the sun day, with games, movies, bit of baking etc to fill up the day.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME DATES - OPEN

Week 1

Monday 20th January 2020 - Friday 24th January 2020

Monday 27th January 2020 - CLOSED (Anniversary weekend)

Week 2

Tuesday 28th January 2020 - Friday 31st January 2020

First day back at SCCS - Monday 3rd February 2020

Thursday 6th February 2020 - CLOSED

GRANDPARENT'S DAY FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

We are asking each family to bring a plate for morning tea. Please drop off at Te Manawa (the school hall) before school on Grandparent's Day.

- Team 1 (Year 0 - 2) Sweets
- Team 2 (Year 3 - 4) Savouries
- Team 3 (Year 4 - 6) Sandwiches
- Team 4 (Year 7 - 8) Fruit, Sweet or Savouries

Thanks for your support.



Heros and Halos is a positive alternative to halloween intended for Primary School children and their families.

Entry fee is \$5 per child or \$15 for a family.

Come dressed as your favourite hero and join the fun of a carnival in a safe environment. The evening will finish with a show and prize giving.

33 Charlemont Street Hamilton

www.hcbc.nz/heros&halos