



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :

Term 4, Week 3, Thursday 31st October 2019

Welcome back to Week 3

I would like to acknowledge the PTFA's fabulous hosting of the Grandparents Day last Friday. Grandparents Day is a reminder of the love and care that grandparents have for their grandchildren and it is wonderful to see them in school glowing with pride alongside your children. Thank you to the families who provided a plate for the morning tea and also to those who helped with the set-up and clean up of the hall; thank you all.

A number of grandparents thanked me for the wonderful environment that we have for our children; clean and well-kept school grounds that look great

as well as the exciting learning programmes we have running here at St Columba's Catholic School.

General Information:

I operate an **open door policy**. This means that whenever possible I am available to meet with you should the need arise. Please feel free to call in or email me directly gareth@scs.school.nz - I have also included the link to the [**SCCS Concerns & Complaints Policy/Procedure**](#) here should you ever have a compliment, concern or complaint you wish to raise or formalise.

We will be working on **class placements for 2020** over the coming weeks. Please communicate with us if your child is in Year 3, 5 or 7 and you **do not** want your child to be looped in 2020. Looping is offered within Teams 2, 3 and 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 to students in those years.

The benefits are outlined here :

- 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 are familiar with 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. If your child is not returning next year can you also let us know as soon as possible. The final date for requests for your child **not** to loop is Wednesday 6th November.

We need your help!! Please let the PTFA ptfa@scs.school.nz know if you are able to provide 1 hour of your time to support the Gala on Saturday **16th November**; as a wee bonus, your children will receive 100 House points for you helping out at the Gala.

The PTFA will have a separate flyer coming home shortly outlining donations that are needed from families. The funds raised at the Gala this year will go toward strengthening our reading resources in the junior school, enhancing technology programmes by introducing new and innovative devices and initiatives, and will provide for sports gear and playground equipment.

Engagement of our learners in education is extremely important to us and we see these programmes and initiatives as a means of engaging students, as well as preparing them for future changes and careers.

Thank you to the PTFA and Gala Committee for the planning and work that has gone into this year's event. If you have any questions please call **Kelly Evans** - Gala Coordinator - 021840112 or email ptfa@scs.school.nz Thank you in advance for your support.

Sport NZ has released a new strategic plan - [Sport New Zealand 2020-2032 Strategic Direction](#) that is about NZ schools focusing more on **Active Play**. St Columba's have a Sport and PE curriculum plan and we will be looking at opportunities for our children to be more actively involved in play moments. Some of the key things that we will continue to promote are the scooter track followed shortly by allowing

skateboarding, Friday lunchtime gymnastics and we will also be running activities and games in the hall at lunchtimes for junior students, these will be led by our Young Vinnies leaders. Mrs Lois McGregor has taken up the role of in-school sports coordinator and we continue to have Te Oko Peterson as our extra curricular school sports coordinator. Here is the link to our [School Sports Plan](#).

Summer uniform is now compulsory, this includes sun hats - If you need to purchase any items pop into the office between 8.00am - 3.30pm. Please ensure your child has a note for their teacher if there are variations to their uniform.

On Wednesday 6 November (next week), we will be holding our **Whanau Hui**. This is a gathering for parents of Maori students who would like to discuss our teaching programme and give feedback about possible next steps at SCCS. The purpose is to discuss possibilities and develop a group who would like to support our school in continuing to develop our cultural awareness and opportunities for our children to connect with the Treaty, the stories of the old and new. Come along and add to the chat next Wednesday 6th November at 7pm in the staffroom.

**God Bless
Gareth Duncan
PRINCIPAL**

Key dates:

- ★ 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

Catholic Character News

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Next week we will complete our fourth week praying the Rosary as a whole school. It was wonderful to see the children becoming more familiar, each week, with the prayers of the Rosary. This week, we focussed on the Sorrowful Mysteries and next week will be the Glorious Mysteries. These last two of the four mysteries are covered below:— *taken from Loyola Press.*

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony in the Garden—Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before he dies.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar—Jesus is lashed with whips.
3. The Crowning With Thorns—Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns.
4. The Carrying of the Cross—Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify him.
5. The Crucifixion—Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.

The Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection—God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.
2. The Ascension—Jesus returns to his Father in heaven.
3. The Coming of the Holy Spirit—The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.
4. The Assumption of Mary—At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.
5. The Coronation of Mary—Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

ALL SAINTS' DAY – 1st November

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1st. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2nd, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognised in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.



ALL SOULS' DAY – 2nd November

All Souls' Day is a holy day set aside for honouring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven. *Excerpts taken from Catholic Online*

HOLY SOULS WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

Beginning this week, there will be a foyer display commemorating our loved ones who have died. Last week every student was 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 be have prayers offered for them at every Mass (daily) 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.



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.





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

In a world where you
can be anything, be
kind!



NEWS:

**** 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), Whitcoulls, Heathcotes, One Day / Torpedo 7, NZME, beauty therapist Mitch Fray, National Storage (Dinsdale).**

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	Opposition	Result
BASKETBALL		
Saints Gold Wk 1	vs KBC Clippers	Lost
Wk 2	vs X Factor Red	Won 45 - 22
Saints Green Wk 1	vs RHS Flyers	Lost
Wk 2	vs Flyers Blazers	Won 43 - 22
Yr 3/4 SC Knights Wk 1	vs TOA Rockets	Lost 55 - 26
Wk 2	vs Glenview Sonic	
Yr 5/6 SC Pythons Wk 1	vs Flyers Timberwolves	
TOUCH		
Yr 3/4 SC Bobcats	vs Pukete Jaguars	Won 5 - 0
Yr 3/4 SC Puma	vs Ham West Red	Won 4 - 3
Yr 5/6 SC Cougars	vs Te Kowhai Wolves	Won 2 - 1
Yr 5/6 SC Lynx	vs Whakawatea	Won 5 - 4
Yr 7/8 SC Jaguars	vs Whitiora	Won 3 - 0
Yr 7/8 SC Panthers	vs Maeroa C	Lost 2 - 5





News:

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- If your child is away from school/Kids Club, please contact Kids Club directly to advise the absence; 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 require an appointment to come and talk with Deb and do a site visit. The best time for this is **before 2pm or after 3.30pm** daily.
- If your child has any new medical/behavioural conditions please advise Deb immediately so we can make a note, then we are informed and able to help your child 100%.
- We have noted the Kids Club summer holiday business hours below so you can start planning for your childcare early and relax over the summer time.
- Accounts and payment. A reminder that Kids Club invoices are charged out weekly and payments are also required on a weekly basis. The school cannot afford to carry the debt of overdue accounts so please address any outstanding balances immediately. Should your account remain unpaid you run the risk of your child(ren) not being able to attend on the days you require. If you need to make arrangements to clear a debt we are happy to discuss payment plan options, please call into the main office or email accounts@scs.school.nz
- 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

Kids Club will be OPEN after school finishes (half day).

THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2019

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

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2019 - OPEN

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

This is an additional day we are opening to accommodate SCCS families who are still working or need time out to go shopping without the kids. This day will be a fun in the sun day, with games, movies, some 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

HEROS & HALOS

31ST
OCTOBER
5.30 - 7.30 PM

Central
Baptist Church



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