



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

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| MISSION HEART and SOUL <small>To live as part of a global community and respond to our call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.</small> <small>"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27</small> | EDUCATION HEAD and VOICE <small>Become confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners and followers of Christ who are learning through the direction set by the NZ Catholic and NZ Curriculum.</small> <small>"For the Lord gives wisdom: from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6-7</small> | SERVICE HANDS and FEET <small>To be a person of good character and make a difference in the world, guided by the Catholic and NZ Curriculum.</small> <small>"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col 3:15-17</small> |
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :

Term 4, Week 7, Thursday 28th November 2019

Last week we held the Team 3 and 4 athletics day. Thank you to all the parents who joined the children and supported them while they celebrated their athletics showcase. We made some changes to how we ran the event this year and I am pleased to report that it was an extremely successful day and much more manageable for the children having this event in our own backyard. The decision to hold athletics at school was also heavily based on safety and alleviated the concerns that come with running an event in a public use environment. Thank you for your help and continued support to ensure these days run successfully.

The PTFA have tallied up the funds raised from the Gala and are very pleased to say we raised

approximately \$16,000 dollars this year. This would not be possible without your donations, support, sponsorship and attendance on Saturday 16th November. The funds raised will be used for teaching resources across all year levels in the school. Thank you all for your time, support and help on the day.

As you know, we ran a house points system to encourage participation in the pre-gala build up. The class with the most house points was Tawa with a total of 1610 points. This was closely followed by Koromiko with 1450 points and Karaka with 1205 points. Congratulations to the winning class, they will enjoy a class lunch shout next week. Well done to everyone!

The House with the most points was Green house with a total of 4205 points, closely followed by Red house with 4040 points, Yellow with 2730 points and finally blue with 2630 points.

This coming Thursday we recognize and acknowledge our school volunteers. We will be having a morning tea on Thursday morning,

5th December, in the school hall at 10:30am. This is an opportunity for the teaching staff to thank you for your help this year.

Our annual Sports Prize Giving evening will be held this coming Wednesday, 4 December, at 6pm in the school hall. Please join us to congratulate our super star young sportsmen and women as we recognize their participation and achievements this year.

God
Bless
Everyone

Gareth Duncan
PRINCIPAL

Fundraising with Matai:

Today some students from Matai class held a car wash to raise money for Rainbow Place. They are hoping to raise enough money to create a hamper for the nurses and staff at Rainbow place. This is to help them feel that they are very much appreciated for all they do at this time of the year. So come on over to the car wash and know that your donating your money for people in need. Thank you from Nathan, Ishika, Ravena and Dorita from Matai Classroom.



PLEASE NOTE :

**All accounts
MUST be cleared
prior to school
finishing at the
end of this term!!**

Key dates:

- ★ 3rd December - NWPS Athletics - Team 3
 - ★ 4th December - Sports Prize Giving at 6pm in the school hall
 - ★ 5th December - Volunteers morning tea
 - ★ 9th December - Mission Day
 - ★ 9th December - PTFA Meeting 7pm
 - ★ 10th December - BoT Meeting
 - ★ 19th December - Final Mass and Farewell
- END OF TERM 4 2019

St Columba's Parish Sacramental Programme

Baptism 2020

If your child is 8 years of age or older and wishes to be baptised, classes will begin in **Term 1**, next year.

Please indicate your interest by emailing the Parish Office : stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz so that we can prepare a contact list of those interested.

Classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin in **Term 2**.

IMPORTANT to note - these are the **only** Baptism Preparation lessons for school-aged children within St Columba's Parish. Children must already be baptised before receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Quote of the week

The pain you feel
today is the strength
you feel tomorrow!!

Catholic Character News



St Vincent de Paul Vinnies' Resthome Visit



Last Friday a group of twenty-six St Vincent de Paul Vinnies, two teachers and a group of parents travelled to Eventhorpe Resthome in Hamilton East to sing carols to the residents. It was one of those special events that you were privileged to be part of. After we sang a number of carols, the staff and residents surprised us with a ukulele and sing along to *You Are*



My Sunshine. Next, our students handed out homemade biscuits, hand-made cards, lavender bags and talked to the residents. The smiles and the way the residents joined in with the carols and talked with our students was heartwarming enough, however the little stories we found out about afterward was the true spirit of service to others. There was this man who hardly ever leaves his room but after hearing our singing he came out and joined in. Then there was an elderly lady who talked about going through a dark time and how our visit brought her back to life. Finally, on the side of the common room was a row of ladies fast asleep on these fancy bed/chairs. As the singing started they woke and sang along or smiled their way through the afternoon. We can be very proud of our students. They were compassionate, courageous and respectful throughout the event.

Allan Goodison and Pauline Schmidt (Vinnies' Co-ordinators)

ADVENT IS COMING!

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is observed for the month of December, in the lead-up to Christmas. The first Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus", which means "coming" or "arrival". Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus. We prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the anniversary of the first coming of Jesus to us. We also prepare for him to come again at our death or at the end of time.



The Sunday readings in Advent reflect these themes of waiting, longing and hope for the coming of Jesus. The readings of the First Sunday of Advent look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. On the Second and Third Sundays the readings are about the role of John the Baptist who came to 'prepare the way of the Lord'. On the Fourth Sunday of Advent the Gospel is about the events which lead up to and follow the birth of Jesus.



The liturgical colour worn of Advent is purple but it is a time of joyful preparation rather than being a penitential season. Purple was once the colour of royalty and it is used in Advent to signify the coming of Christ and his kingdom.

(Excerpt taken from: <http://www.catholic.org.nz>)

Every day during Advent our school will stop and pray The Angelus at 12:00pm. The Angelus is a traditional prayer that reminds us of the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that God had chosen her to be the mother of His Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.



NEWS:

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

Your support is always welcomed and we invite you to join us to discuss and plan for 2020 fundraising opportunities.

GALA raised a whopping *\$16,000*****

A massive thank you to these sponsors. We ask that you support these businesses where you are able to.....

We are very thankful to the following businesses for their sponsorship and donations toward our 2019 gala: The Lawrenson Group, JUTA Surveying Ltd, Leap, Cycle Time, Bidfood, River Riders, McDonald's Te Rapa, Serenity Float, Hinterland, Contempo Hair Design, Classics Museum, Gallagher's, Just Cuts, Florist Ilene, Paper Plus - The Base, Anytime Fitness (Avalon Dr), Office Max, Placemakers, Rees Room (AnnMaree Vercoe), Wingers, Hamilton Gymnastics, Sunny Nelson real fruit ice cream, Inflatable World, Vilagrad Winery, Waikato Museum, Skyline Rotorua, North Beach, A & A Automotive, Arbonne (Andrea Mudaliar), Whitcoulls the base, Heathcotes, One Day / Torpedo 7, NZME, National Storage (Dinsdale), Miller Electrical, Edwards Transport (NZ) Ltd, Fairview Mazda, BTS Guitar School, Web Hosting Services, Budget Tyres, Hot Gossip, Super Cheap Auto Te Rapa, Flex Fitness, Collins Auto Electrical, Tu Tonu Rehabilitation Centre, Cherub Crafts (Natalie Petero), Frankton Butchery, St Vincent De Paul, Clarence St Dental, Hamilton Marist Rugby Club, Seafood Bazaar, Signature Homes, Kumar Family, 1 Day & Torpedo 7, Burger Fuel, Refresh Aesthetics, Amy's Flowers, Rainbow Springs, Animates Te Rapa, Bunnings Warehouse, First Credit Union, Kiely Family, Hamilton Zoo, Countdown (Dinsdale), Echo Automation Ltd.

A huge thank you to you all for supporting our various fundraisers over 2019. It is great for our parent community to know that we are putting money directly back into our children's learning and learning opportunities.

The PTFA are always looking for fresh new faces to join us. We are a small but hardworking team who would welcome some new members to help share in our awesome fundraisers.

I would like to thank all of our PTFA members (and their families) for the countless hours and hard work they have given to help with various fundraisers we have held over 2019. These have included Discos, Oxford pies, Juicies, Quiz Night, Pizza lunches, and of course the gala. We appreciate all you have done.



News (Term 4, 2019)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Thursday 19th December 2019 - School finishes at 12.30 (Last Day of 2019 school year)

Kids Club is **OPEN 12.30-2.45pm \$10 from 2.45pm-5.30pm normal ASC prices apply.**

PLEASE NOTE.... Even though this is the last day of term and school finishes early, if you have a permanent booking on a Thursday with Kids Club, please ensure you advise us if your child is **not** going to be attending on Thursday 19th December 2019 so we do not waste time looking for them at bell time. Thank you in advance for this!

Friday 20th December 2019 - School is closed but Kids Club is OPEN

Cost **\$35 per child** Open **8am - 5.30pm**

This day is being run as a special day for our SCCS families who need help with care either while they are at work or maybe you need some time out to do some Christmas shopping by yourself or catch up with friends before a busy Christmas break.

Contact Deb Honey on 021 586633 to book in either of these two dates. Just remember once you have booked with us, the booking is confirmed and invoiced to your school family account. No refunds or credits will be given as staff and supplies would have been rostered once confirmed. Lots of fun activities will be available for all children to enjoy!

The January Holiday Programme information and flyer is out now and is also available on our [website](#), so get planning for the Summer now! [Enrolment forms](#) and information are also available from the school office or from Kids Club. You can email Deb on kidsclub@sccs.school.nz if that is easier.

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

Deb Honey
Site Manager - Kids Club
021 586633



St Columba's Catholic School Mission Day Monday 9th December 2019

The purpose of Mission Day is to raise money for the Mission Society and the Mission Sisters who help some of the most vulnerable people around the World.

Mission Day activities start at 10.20am and will finish at 12.00noon (approx.)

The day is run by Team Four and the Year 7 & 8 students who have planned and organised a number of fun activities and treats.

Most stalls and activities are under \$1. Children need to bring money to support this event. Please ensure children bring their money in a **named envelope / plastic bag with full name, class and amount of money.**

We also need donations of toys, games and books for our white elephant stall. Please check that these are not broken or lost parts. We also have raffles so donations for this will also be appreciated. Please send items for this to the office or Harakeke class.



ST COLUMBAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2019 SPORTS PRIZEGIVING

6PM WED DEC 4TH 2019

Prizegiving will be held in
Te Manawa hall.
Please bring a plate to share.
All Welcome.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
TEOKO 021-686-932 OR
TEOKO@SCCS.SCHOOL.NZ



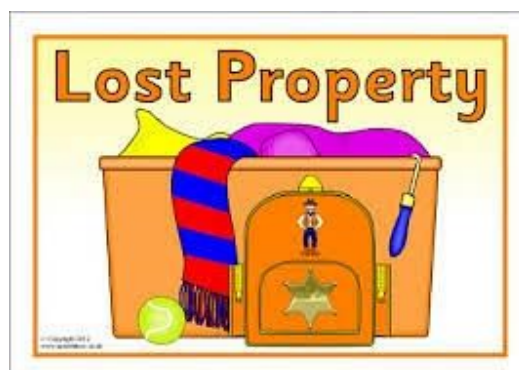
A Facebook group has been set up for you all to view and/or purchase our event photos taken by Helen.

To keep it simple all you have to do is to comment on the photos that you'd like to purchase with "Yes Please" send Helen your email address and once funds have cleared she will send direct to you. Cost is only \$3 per photo as a digital download

You can find the page under SCCS School Event Photography or there are links on the schol FB page. All funds go back into funding Helen to do more events for us



Please check the Lost Property box outside the office - items not collected will be redistributed!



SPORTS NOTICES

RESULTS :

| Our Team | Opposition | Result |
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| BASKETBALL | | |
| Saints Gold Wk 5 | X Factor Red | Lost 34 - 46 |
| Wk 6 | Maeroa Raptors | Won 45 - 34 |
| Saints Blue Wk 5 | Flyers Heat | |
| Wk 6 | On Point Ballers | |
| Saints Green Wk 5 | Forest Lake Thunder | Won 36 - 24 |
| Wk 6 | Mixed Up | Won 33 - 32 |
| Yr 5/6 SC Pythons Wk 5 | Hillcrest Stars | |
| Wk 6 | Flyers Hawks | |
| Yr 3/4 SC Knights Wk 5 | Flyers Hornets | Won 35 - 22 |
| Wk 6 | Glenview Pelicans | Won 42 - 18 |
| TOUCH | | |
| Yr 3/4 Bobcats Wk 5 | Ham West | Lost 1 - 6 |
| Wk 6 | Pukete Zoomers | Won 7 - 1 |
| Yr 3/4 Puma Wk 5 | Whakawatea | Won |
| Wk 6 | Whitiara Wehi | Won 8 - 0 |
| Yr 5/6 Cougars Wk 5 | Te Rapa Thunder | |
| Wk 6 | TOA | Won 3 - 2 |
| Yr 5/6 Lynx Wk 5 | Frankton Broncos | |
| Wk 6 | Ham West | Lost 2 - 3 |
| Yr 7/8 Jaguars Wk 5 | Maeroa Social | Lost 5 - 6 |
| Wk 6 | Maeroa C | Lost 2 - 4 |
| Yr 7/8 Panthers Wk 5 | TK Leopards | Won 6 - 2 |
| Wk 6 | Maeroa Social | Lost 0 - 2 |

Registrations for 2020 Term 1 touch is now open

<https://www.stcolumbas.school.nz/1050/forms/12-2020-term-1-sports/submissions/new>

SAINTS UNITED 2020 TRIALS: Basketball & Cricket

Trials are for all 2020 Yr 7 & 8 Students wanting to play basketball & cricket next year.

BASKETBALL Trial Information

Date: Friday 6th Dec & Mon 9th Dec

Time: 4.15pm - 5.30pm

Venue: St Johns College, Gym.

This trial is for students keen to play in the Saints A/Gold team. Trials are not compulsory & students are still able to play if they do not trial. To register for trials follow this link :

<https://www.stcolumbas.school.nz/1050/forms/13-saints-basketball-trial/submissions/new>



CRICKET Trial Information

Date: Friday 6th Dec & Mon 9th Dec

Time: 4.15pm - 5.30pm

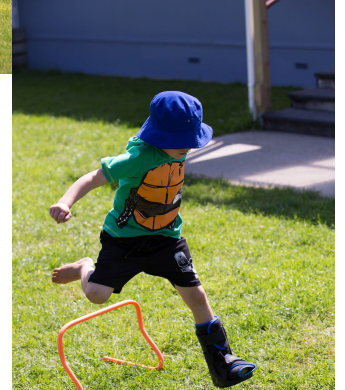
Venue: St Johns College, Gym.

To register for trials follow this link :

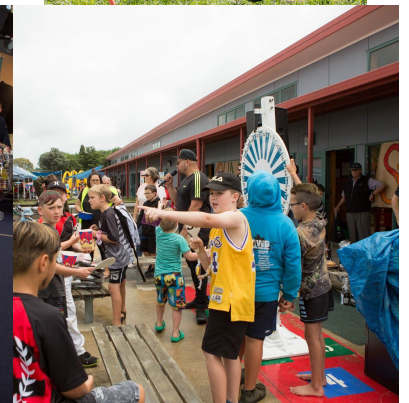
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ATHLETICS



Wonderful events at St Columba's Catholic School



GALA



DAD'S & LAD'S BREAKFAST



GRANDPARENTS DAY

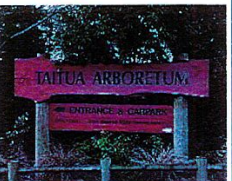






St Columba's Kids Club Holiday Programme

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

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

-Theme for the 2 weeks is planned around "SUMMER TIME FUN"-

| <p>Theme for the 2 weeks is planned around Summer Time Fun</p> | | | | |
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| <p>MONDAY 20th January 2020</p>  <p>Summer Games Day \$35/\$40</p> | <p>TUESDAY 21st January</p>  <p>Taitua Arboretum Trip (Off Site) \$45/\$50</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY 22nd January</p>  <p>Splash 'n' Slide (On Site) \$45/\$50</p> | <p>THURSDAY 23rd January</p>  <p>Movies @ Hoyts Metro (leave 9am return by 2.30) \$50/\$55</p> | <p>FRIDAY 24th January</p>  <p>Summer Splash Attack (bring your togs n towel) \$35/\$40</p> |
| <p>MONDAY 27th January 2020</p> <p>CLOSED (Anniversary Day)</p> | <p>TUESDAY 28th January</p>  <p>Young Engineers Programme (Onsite) \$47/\$52</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY 29th January</p>  <p>Summer Creations \$35/\$40</p> | <p>THURSDAY 30th January</p>  <p>Movies @ Hoyts Metro (leave 9am return by 2.30pm) \$50/\$55</p> | <p>FRIDAY 31st January</p>  <p>Wet 'n' Wild Fun Day (bring your togs n towel) \$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.

JB'S SCHOOL DEAL!

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**St Columba's Catholic
Primary School**



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Offer is not available on all cards. No Payments on it as interest for 12 months ("Pay as You Go") is available on Fixed Payments Plans for in-store purchases only. Offer is ongoing. Not more spent \$200 Annual Account Fee of \$20 applies. New Cardholder Fee - \$3.95 (for Mail Order). Subj. to Credit Card fee - \$20 Address. Standard Interest Rate, currently 22.9% p.a. applies to any outstanding balance not on Payment Holiday. Lending criteria, fees, terms and conditions apply. Rate and fees correct as at date of publication, subject to change.

OFFICE USE: This transaction must be processed through sales code 16851 (Commercial).

Purchaser must provide proof of attendance at St Columba's Catholic Primary School. Offer Ends 31st January 2020.



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