

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

<p>MISSION HEART and SOUL</p> <p><small>To live as part of a Catholic community and respond to our call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.</small></p> <p><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 intellect, and your neighbour as yourself!" Luke 10:27</small></p>	<p>EDUCATION HEAD and VOICE</p> <p><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></p> <p><small>"For the Lord gives wisdom: from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 25:7</small></p>	<p>SERVICE HANDS and FEET</p> <p><small>To be open, respectful, and make a difference in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit and Catholic social teaching.</small></p> <p><small>"How glad are you to do whether to eat or drink, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Col 3:17</small></p>
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :

Kia ora Whānau,
I would like to thank you and acknowledge the community effort to ensure that we are doing whatever it takes to keep hygiene at school a priority for our children. You will have noticed that we have our own QR code at each gate for you to scan and use to record your movements for Covid-19 tracking and tracing. Thank you all for being vigilant and supporting us through these times.

We have been reviewing our school uniform over the past 12 months. Uniform items are currently sourced from a number of suppliers, which at times is difficult to draw down and deliveries are not always as timely as we would like. For that reason, we have been exploring new uniform options and looking to update some items. From feedback gathered through students and parents when purchasing we have made some adaptations to the current uniform and are now in the throws of finalising these changes with NZ Uniforms. We will continue to sell our uniform through the school office (online) as opposed to outsourcing and we look forward to being able to display our updated uniform items next term as we get ready for implementation in 2021.

Our new PE shirt (house colours) and shorts will be available for purchase next term. Please see the pictures further on in the newsletter.

Next Tuesday, 30 June, we would like to invite you

to come into school and share the post-lock-down learning that has been happening in all of our classrooms. It certainly has been a unique and challenging few months with the advent of Covid-19. Under Level 1, we have come to an understanding that learning and teaching changed markedly over the lockdown period. We would like to thank you for all you did and we acknowledge the strengthened home/school partnerships that have developed across the school.

As a staff, we have seen first hand the impact of the disruption and have carefully considered our response to help the beginning of the recovery process from possible stress and/or anxiety. Our priority has been to focus on a positive learning climate and caring relationships.

As principal, I have been incredibly proud of the quality of the learning environment that our children have come back to. This has, and will continue to play a pivotal role in supporting recovery, resilience, and 'post-trauma growth', in both the short and long-term. I have been heartened to see the focus on social and emotional competencies being used as a vehicle to integrate our two rich curricula and I am encouraging teachers to continue in this way.

To acknowledge the meaningful learning that has happened this term, we will be having a day to showcase the work that your children, classmates and teachers have done together.

This showcase of learning will replace the more formal reporting to parents that would normally have taken place. It is an opportunity to share learning post-lock-down and to open further

pathways for parents and teachers to understand information and insights about the children's progress and achievement through the rich integrated curriculum.

Classes will be open for you to visit up until 6pm. A digital presentation of learning will also be prepared for those parents who are unable to come to the showcase/open day.

If you feel that you need more information about your child's learning after attending the Open Day, please feel free to message your child's teacher and request a Learning Discussion in Week 2, Term 3. This might be at school, or alternatively using google meet. Teachers may also wish to connect with some parents and will contact parents personally if they would like to talk further about learning for these students.

God Bless

Gareth Duncan
Principal



Notices

- **Honey** – We have a couple of 1kg pots of honey available \$15 each, first in first served. (get in touch with Kelly Evans) ptfa@sccs.school@gmail.com
- **Entertainment Memberships** – We are offering **Digital Memberships** \$69.99 for 1 year (single city) \$119.99 for 1 year (multi city – enjoy saving across all of Australia, New Zealand & Bali) \$229.99 for 2 years (2 years of savings across all of Australia, New Zealand & Bali). **A meal out or treat for the kids and you've already recouped the money you've spent in savings you've made!**

PTFA are currently working through how the rest of 2020 fundraising will look for us due to the impact of COVID-19, please be aware that some fundraising events may be postponed and some may be cancelled but we will keep you posted. We thank you for your support. Our next PTFA meeting will be in Term 3.

Key dates:

- Tuesday 30th June - Parents Open Day
- Friday 3rd July - Mufti Day (no donation required)
- End of Term 2 - Friday 3rd July

Please note: There are no Catholic schools sports or Inter-school sports this term - These were all cancelled due to COVID-19.

PASTORAL SCHOOL CARE

From time to time we have families who need support from our school community.

We are fortunate to have a freezer where we can store meals and donate those as required to families in need.

We are needing our freezer restocked with meals so if you are able to assist with preparing a meal or two, please drop them off to the office. Thank you.



SCHOOL HOURS

This is a reminder that our school hours are 8.45am until 2.45pm. Students need to arrive before the 8.45am bell to be marked as present. They must be collected at 2.45pm. While we have staff on road and carpark duties for safety reasons until approximately 3pm, we are unable to provide playground supervision after 2.45pm. Kids club has a facility for supervision if you require after school care and we respectfully request that parents use this service if you are unable to collect your child by 2.45pm each day.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Catholic Character News

Important Update on Sacramental Programme Baptism/Confirmation/First Holy Communion

Due to Covid19, the parish has had to make the following changes. After discussion with Fr Alfonso, they have decided that First Holy Communion and Confirmation planned for the 30th of August 2020 will be cancelled. The plan going ahead will be:

Baptism - a program will be run in Term 3 for all children not baptised and wanting to receive First Holy Communion in 2021 (NB: you must be baptised before receiving First Holy Communion).

Reconciliation - all children registered on the programme will receive this Sacrament before Christmas 2020.

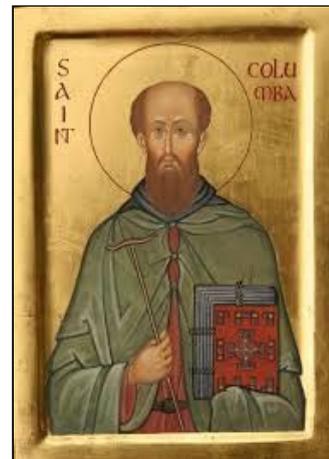
First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2021 - classes will begin in Term 1 2021 with a date to be confirmed (by Bishop Steve) for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in May 2021.

Please note: If your child will be 8 years old or older before the end of this year, they can join the programme for this intake. They MUST register as soon as possible with the St Columba's school parish office. You can email Sister Lydia with your child's details at: stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz or phone her on: 07 847 5688.

PRAYER OF ST COLUMBA

FEAST DAY: 9TH JUNE

Be a bright flame before me, O God
A guiding star above me.
Be a smooth path below me,
A kindly shepherd behind me,
Today, tonight and for ever.
Amen



Last Friday the 19th of June was the 185th anniversary of Suzanne Aubert's birthday. Suzanne is in the process of becoming our first New Zealand Saint. She was a remarkable woman of enduring faith who served God's people in very practical ways - a Mother Teresa of her time. If you want to know more about her life, go the link below:

[Suzanne Aubert](#)



Friday 19th June was also a Solemnity - the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a very special devotion for many Catholics, as it reminds us of the depth of Jesus' love and mercy.

Here is a beautiful reflection on the Feast day from Sr Monica Cavanagh,

<https://www.sosj.org.au>

"On this day, we celebrate God's creative love bursting forth into the heart of creation, into the heart of humanity. It is a day to reflect on the boundless love that God has for each person. In essence it speaks of the great tenderness of a God who stoops down and lifts us up when life is filled with challenges and suffering. God's love reaches out to us, invites us, and draws us into the very heart of God where our lives are transformed into being the hands and feet, the gentle voice and the listening ear of Christ in the world today".

Welcome to all the new families who have joined Kids Club this term, lovely to see our new little faces.

School holidays are fast approaching so if you haven't started planning your care for the holiday period please check out the Kids Club Holiday Programme, our activities flyer is included with this newsletter and can be viewed on Facebook and our website.



Holiday Programme dates:

Week 1 - Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July 2020

Week 2 - Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July 2020

Enrolment forms are available from Kids Club and the school office or you can download these from the school website.

Please Note:

ALL Term 2 Kids Club accounts must be paid before the July Holiday Programme bookings are confirmed. Please see Andrea Hall in the school office if you need to arrange a payment plan or have a query on your account. Thank you in advance for keeping all weekly accounts paid as this helps us to provide care each day for your children.

If you qualify for Winz subsidies please have your Winz forms to Deb at least four weeks before the end of each term to have signed and completed in time for processing. If you are not sure if you qualify for a subsidy please email or ring Winz to inquire. The purpose is to support families who need financial assistance with after school care costs.

We are very excited at Kids Club as we have joined the rest of the school on the Seesaw App in order to communicate with you; Our classroom is Kids Club and the teacher is Deb. This will allow faster and more efficient communication between Kids Club and our families. Please feel free to send Deb a message via the Seesaw App if you find this easier for you than texting. Kids Club will be posting photos at the end of each holiday programme week for you to enjoy and see all the fun the children are having with our staff.

Announcements will go be posted over the holiday period in regards to reminders for parents about the following day if we require the kids to bring anything other than the usual daily requirements. The movies that are showing on our movie trip days are not confirmed as yet but when Hoyts advises availability I will post a message on Seesaw.

The Kids Club Holiday Programme team are looking for any clean unbroken medium to large boxes please. If you have any spare, please deliver to the hall or to Kids Club any time.

Thank you for choosing Kids Club to care for your children while you work each day.

Regards Deb Honey and the wonderful KC Team

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 29th June 2020** and qualify for early bird prices below.

MONDAY 6th July 2020	TUESDAY 7th July	WEDNESDAY 8th July	THURSDAY 9th July	FRIDAY 10th July 2020
 <p>Monday Fun Day (Games) \$35/\$40</p>	 <p>Art/Crafts Day \$35/\$40</p>	 <p>Out of the Box Activities \$35/\$40</p>	 <p>Movie Magic Day (Off Site) \$50/\$55</p>	 <p>Freaky Friday Fun (come dressed up) \$35/\$40</p>
 <p>Games Day (Treasure Hunts) \$35/\$40</p>	 <p>Arts/Crafts Day \$35/\$40</p>	 <p>(Onsite) Young Engineers Programme \$47/\$52</p>	 <p>Movie Madness Day (Off Site) \$50/\$55</p>	 <p>Friday Fun 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 & Kerry McCarthy **Mobile: 021 586 633**

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

NEW PE SHIRTS / SHORTS (HOUSE COLOURS)
For all students

St. Dominic



St. Gerard



St. Maria



St. Teresa



Shorts

