

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 soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, 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 a person who makes a difference in the world and to be a person who makes a difference in the world.</small></p> <p><small>"Not whether you do, whether to rest or sleep, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, going thereby to God the Father through Him." Gal 3:17</small></p>
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE :

Kia ora Whānau,

Welcome to Term 3 at SCCS everyone. We hope you were able to spend some time together as a family over the holiday period.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who started with us this term;

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| - Naidu family | - Aiva |
| - Van Der Drift family | - Max |
| - Diesta-Borda family | - Roize |
| - Mesina family | - Cassandra |
| - Julian family | - Sofia |
| - Winter family | - Blair |
| - Wilson family | - Aubrey |
| - Bernardo family | - Bullet |
| - Dockary family | - Logan |
| - Eastwood family | - Catherine |
| - Whyte family | - Marlon |
| - Harrison family | - Poppy |
| - Karalus family | - Isaia |
| - Manning family | - Quinn |

We also welcome two new staff members to our team this term; Rachele Davy (School Counsellor) and Anne Mackey (Classroom Release Teacher).

Learning and teaching changed dramatically when New Zealand went into lockdown. The expected trajectory for acceleration in learning flattened as our priorities turned to our learners and their families

struggling with the stressors associated with Covid-19 and lockdown. Upon our return to school, wellbeing became a focus and we were able to use the NZ Curriculum, along with our RE (Religious Education) Curriculum to provide a context for acknowledging the stress, anxiety and uncertainty that many learners were experiencing.

Here at SCCS, our school focus has been on boosting attendance and engagement in learning along with allowing us all to come back to school and find our way. We start this term with all classes placing their energy into the class dynamics and the conversation is about the mission of our church and how we show care, love, faith, respect and honesty to each other.

-Our theme for this term is - **'Social Justice'**
-A culture of curiosity and collaboration this term - a mindset of opportunities....

God Bless

Gareth Duncan
Principal

Key dates:

- 28th July - PTFA meeting
- 4th August - BOT monthly meeting

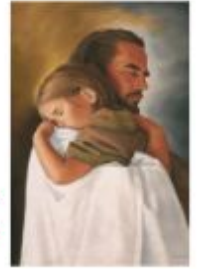
Catholic Character Communications

Gospel

Matthew 13: 44 - 46
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when someone finds treasure hidden in a field and buries it again. A person like that is happy and goes and sells everything in order to buy that field. "The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when a shop owner is looking for fine pearls. After finding a very valuable one, the owner goes and sells everything in order to buy that pearl."

Dear Jesus, nothing we have can compare to life in the kingdom of heaven. Help us to place our trust in you, so that we may find that priceless treasure. In your name we pray. Amen.



The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace and Development



Social Justice Week 2020 runs from September 6-12 and focuses on Catholic Social Teaching principles. The CST applies Gospel values such as love, peace, justice, compassion, reconciliation, service and community to modern social problems. It continually develops through observation, analysis, and action.



Calling ALL students!
Jesus, in the Bible, tells and shows us how to solve modern day problems.
How is he calling YOU?

Feast of the Assumption
School & Parish
10am Mass, 16th August



Community Cultural Celebration in Te Manawa after mass. More information soon.



Our end of Term 2 mass was a true celebration in communion after 4 months apart. We were especially thankful to be back together with Father Alfonso. Father was on holiday in the Philippines when New Zealand went into lockdown. With much prayer he was returned safely to us and was able to lead our Eucharistic celebration once again. Welcome home Father Alfonso.



Honey – We have one 1kg pot of honey available \$15, 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 1year (single city) \$119.99 for 1 year (multi city – enjoy saving across all of Australia, New Zealand & Bali) \$229.99 for two 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!

The 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 is this coming Monday 27 July, 7 pm in the staffroom. Please feel free to join us, we would love to see some new faces.



We collect a considerable amount of lost property. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on **ALL** items of clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles etc to enable us to return it to them, should it go missing.

Lost property is dealt with regularly and the unclaimed items are either recycled within the school or it is taken to a local charity shop.

Please check the lost property box by the office as soon as possible.



Welcome back to all our Kids Club families and thank you to all of you who attended the July Holiday Programme; A lot of fun, art, crafts, games, movies and baking was had. We will share some photos of what the children got up to over the two week programme via the Kids Club SeeSaw classroom very soon. I'm sure you will all enjoy seeing the smiles on your children's faces while they engaged and enjoyed the activities that were planned.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Kids Club accounts are weekly, if you need more time to clear your account, please contact Andrea at the school office to discuss this.
- Business hours are as follows: B4Care 7.30am to 8.30am. ASCare 2.45pm to 5.30pm Mon-Fri during term time (not open on Public Holidays).
- If you have WINZ forms to complete and need us to sign these, please have them to us four weeks before the end of each term so payments from WINZ are processed on time.
- All new families need to book a time with Kids Club to visit and meet staff before attendance commences (Please text 021 586633 to arrange a time, thank you).

If you have any clean extra newspaper laying around at home Kids Club would love it for their craft projects. This can be dropped off to Kids Club (hall) anytime.

Next Holiday Programme dates:

Week 1

Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October 2020

Week 2

Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October 2020

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

Kind Regards

Deb & the Kids Club team