

# ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

<p><b>MISSION</b> 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><b>EDUCATION</b> 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 2:6-7</small></p>	<p><b>SERVICE</b> HANDS and FEET</p> <p><small>To live as part of a Catholic community and make a difference in the world, guided by the NZ Catholic and NZ Curriculum.</small></p> <p><small>"First plan what 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 3:16-17</small></p>
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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE : TERM 4, WEEK 1**

**Kia ora koutou,**  
Kia ora and welcome

We start Term 4 with bible character preparation where all children are invited to dress as their favourite bible character next Friday.

This week we celebrated two of our house Saints; St Teresa of Avila, Yellow House (Thursday) and St Gerard Majella, Green House (today). Children in these houses were free to wear their house colours, new house colour sports tee-shirt or be creative and dress up in your house colour for the day. Due to St Gerard Majella day falling on the same day as Pink Shirt Day we chose not to participate in this initiative this year.

We start this term with a much freer environment, one that is open to parents to come onsite and visit your son/daughters classroom. We will continue to encourage a high level of personal hygiene, especially hand washing. Coughing and sneezing protocols continue to be a focus and we still require you to keep your children at home if they are unwell or have any of the following symptoms;

- a new or worsening cough
- a fever
- shortness of breath
- sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Please see your health professional or ring the

National Health Line (0800 358 5453) if you are concerned.

Teams 2, 3 and 4 each have around 3 weeks scheduled in the new building this term. This is a highly anticipated and exciting time for all concerned. Team 3 have started the term in our new open plan building and it has quickly become a hive of activity, new and exciting learning for all. Those of you with children in Team 3 will have been invited and hopefully attended the parent evening they held last night.

Team 2 will trial learning in the new building next, followed by Team 4. There will be opportunities for everyone to visit and look around, please keep an eye open for further information regarding these opportunities.

Before this term closes, students in Teams 2, 3 and 4 will receive a written report. The report will include a focus on key competencies, their achievement and rate of progress across RE, Reading, Writing and Mathematics. It also provides information about the supporting (integrated) curriculum areas and a general comment. Along with the written report, a notice will be included that will have your child's teacher and classroom for next year. Team 1 reporting is slightly different and aligned with birthdays.

In preparation for 2021 class placements we offer looping. Looping is the term that we use to describe students having the same teacher for more than one year. At St Columba's Catholic School we loop our odd year students, so that they will have the same teacher in the following year.

If your child is an even year group, your child will be moving on to a new team in 2021, therefore will automatically have a new teacher, and looping does not apply.

If your child is in Years 3, 5 or 7 and you **do not want to loop** with the same teacher next year, you need to complete this **[Request not to Loop form via this link](#)**. This must be done by 3pm, Monday 19th October (next Monday). The form will be closed off at this time. All students in odd years will be looped unless you complete and submit this form.

We are unable to process any parent requests for specific teachers for next year. Likewise, while we take into account friendship groups, we are unable to meet specific requests that students are placed in the same class as their friends. Please do not ask us to make exceptions for your child, as the variables involved in constructing class lists are complex.

God Bless  
Gareth  
**PRINCIPAL**



### **Dates to remember:**

- PTFA Meeting 20th October at 7pm in the staffroom
- Labour Day holiday Monday 26th October - School Closed
- BOT meeting Tuesday 27th October
- Kids Safety online - 11th November at 7pm for all parents (See flyer on Seesaw, email and a link in this newsletter) Click on the link
- Thursday 19th November - Official opening of the new building. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony starting at 9:30am
- School touch and basketball starts next week

### **Enrolments for 2021**

We are inviting applications for enrolment for the 2021 year across all year levels. Preference cards must be obtained through the Parish Office to meet our enrolment criteria. Places are limited, therefore early completion is recommended.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**



Last weekend Mackenzie Gemmell attended the Kiwi Clubs Competition in Auckland where she won another GOLD for trampolining in her age group. The score Mackenzie received highlighted that if Nationals had gone ahead she would have medalled for NZ Champs also.



Term 4 is the time to start wearing our summer uniform. Please make sure your child/children are in full summer uniform after Labour Weekend. Some of the new school uniform is now available : hats, short sleeved polo's and skorts (limited sizes until our indent order is available in December). See below for the new PE shirts. The new school PE shorts are also now available and we are encouraging all students who are playing touch and basketball this term to be wearing them. Please [Click on this link](#) for any uniform orders.

### **Quote of the week**

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



# CATHOLIC CHARACTER



Catholics have been given a very special gift in the rosary. Each time we pray the rosary we should focus on Jesus' life as well as a special person or intention that we want to pray for.

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich"



## The Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation (Humility)
2. The Visitation (Fraternal Charity)
3. The Nativity (Love of God)
4. The Presentation (Spirit of Sacrifice)
5. Finding in the Temple (Zeal)



## The Luminous Mysteries

1. The Baptism of the Lord (Sacrament of Baptism)
2. The Wedding of Cana (Fidelity)
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5. The Institution of the Eucharist (Love of Our Eucharistic Lord)



## The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. Agony in the Garden (True Repentance)
2. Scourging at the Pillar (Mortification)
3. Crowning with Thorns (Moral Courage)
4. Carrying the Cross (Patience)
5. The Crucifixion (Final Perseverance)



## The Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection (Faith)
2. The Ascension (Hope)
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Zeal)
4. The Assumption (Happy Death)
5. The Coronation of B.V.M. (Love for Mary)

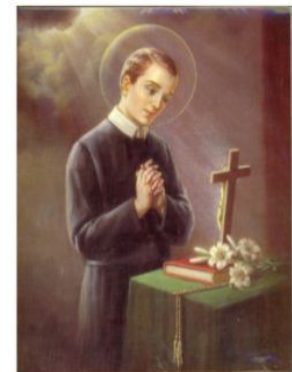


## SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

Feastday: 15<sup>th</sup> October

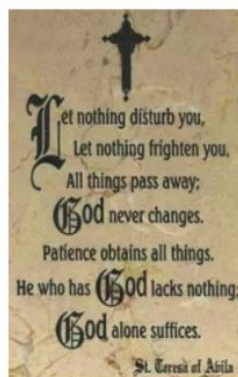
This week we celebrated the feast days of Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Gerard Majella.

All students from their house met in the hall to be led by the house leaders and receive a delicious yellow and green cupcake.



## SAINT GERARD MAJELLA

Feastday: 16<sup>th</sup> October



# KIDS CLUB

**Thank you** to all the families that attended our Kids Club Holiday Programme over the last 2 weeks. A lot of fun times happened, children took home crafts, baking treats and had new fun experiences with new and old friends.

To help parents plan for the Christmas break, applying for Annual Leave etc, we have included the scheduled business days/times for the holiday programme over summer. Please use this information to start planning now (unless you have already) and pop those dates into your calendar.

Wednesday 16th December 2020 - **OPEN 12.30 - 5.30pm** extra cost of \$10  
(last day of school year, SCCS finishes at 12.30)

Thursday 17th December 2020 - **OPEN 8.00am - 5.30pm** cost for day is \$40  
Friday 18th December 2020 - **OPEN 8.00am - 5.30pm** cost for day is \$40

Monday 21st December 2020 - **OPEN 8.00am - 5.30pm** cost for day is \$40  
Tuesday 22nd December 2020 - **OPEN 8.00am - 5.30pm** cost for day is \$40

Wednesday 23rd December 2020 - **CLOSED!!**  
Thursday 24th December 2020 - **CLOSED!!**

## **“CHRISTMAS TIME”**

### **JANUARY/SUMMER Holiday Programme dates for 2021**

**Week 1** - Monday 18th January 2021 to Friday 22nd January 2021

**Week 2** - Monday 25th January 2021 to Friday 29th January 2021

*(programme information and enrolment forms will come out 2 weeks before Term 4 finishes)*

### **TERM 4, 2020 After School Care Enrolments - OPEN**

If you are new to St Columba's and require before or after school care in Term 4 please contact Deb Honey on 021 586633 to book a time to meet and do a site visit with the Kids Club team. This is a very important part of a smooth transition from your child's school day to after school care and we also enjoy meeting our little people before they start with us. Spaces available now for all days of the week for both B4Care and ASCare.

Thank you again for your ongoing support with our SCCS Kids Club.

Regards

**Deb Honey & the KC Team**  
**Centre Manager**





## NEW PE SHIRTS / SHORTS (HOUSE COLOURS)

(These are now available for all students to be purchased through the school office)

**\$25.00**

*St Maria*



*St Teresa*



### **HOUSE LEADERS 2020**



*St Dominic*



*St Gerard*



