



# ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

<p><b>MISSION</b> HEART and SOUL</p> <p>To live as part of a Catholic community and respond to our call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.</p> <p>"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</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION</b> HEAD and VOICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>"For the Lord gives wisdom from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 25:7</p>	<p><b>SERVICE</b> HANDS and FEET</p> <p>To live as part of a Catholic community and make a difference in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit, through Catholic social teaching.</p> <p>That glorify you, O 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</p>
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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE : TERM 4, WEEK 9**

Kia ora koutou,

**NOTE - School closes for the 2020 academic year this coming Tuesday 15th December at 12:30pm**

As we turn into the final week of 2020 school life I would like to thank you all for your support this term and the time you have taken as families to support this terms activities; Young Vinnies fundraiser, Mission Day, The HITS Toy run, school trips and the Christmas Carol singing trips to Rest Homes and community venues.

The end of the year sees us saying farewell to Ross Trafford who is moving to Te Rapa School. We thank Ross for his fourteen years of teaching at SCCS and his commitment and service to our families and children. We farewell our Yr 8 students and wish them all well in their future learning opportunities at high school. To all the parents who have their son/daughter leaving SCCS, thank you for your contribution to our school and we wish you all farewell.

I would also like to thank Te Oko Peterson for her time, effort and dedication to children's sporting opportunities in our school over the last seven years. Te Oko is moving her energies to other personal opportunities and we wish her well. You will still see Te Oko around our school as she has three children here at SCCS. Taking over the part-time role in our school

will be Abbi Marshall who is currently a Teacher Aide at SCCS and comes to us with an extensive background in sport and administration in Waikato Women's Football.

We have some new people joining our team next year. We welcome these people to our team for 2021 - Miss Chelsea Coplestone, Team 3 teacher, Miss Aleise White, teacher coaching role (from St Joseph's Fairfield), Mrs Anne Mackey, Team 4 teacher (replacing Mr Trafford) and Abbi Marshall, Sports Coordinator (part-time).

Reports are due out to all parents today. We ask that you check your child's bag. In the envelope will be a copy of your child's report, along with the details of the teacher and classroom for 2021. If you have any questions or queries please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher or Senior Leadership - Gareth, Anne-Marie or Gill.

Thank you to the PTFA who recently donated \$10,000 from their fundraising account toward the improvement to the junior area. This area is now much more child friendly, we were able to install a sandpit in the junior area of the school, surrounded by turf and drop-down screens to allow for much more indoor-outdoor use of this area in all weathers.

It is also timely to remind parents of Y3-8 children that we are a BYOD **CHROMEBOOK** school. We have partnered with three companies to bring you options to choose from if you wish to purchase a Chromebook for your child to start the new school year. The link to these partners can be found on the [BYOD Partners](#) section of our school website.

We would like to thank Cameron Chesham from Attic Building, Bunnings and Thompson ITM for the kind donation of resources for the New Entrant children to be able to construct their very own wooden Christmas trees. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who helped in the construction time last week.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours in learning  
**Gareth Duncan**  
Principal



### Important - Allergy information

We currently have six students with life threatening allergies to a variety of nuts and/or eggs. We have three main objectives in mind as we care for all of these children;

1. To minimise child/student exposure to triggers (allergens) as much as possible.
2. To ensure staff are prepared at all times to respond appropriately in case of a life-threatening reaction (anaphylaxis).
3. To ensure children/students with allergies are able to participate in the same educational and recreational school activities as their peers.

Next Monday, a notice will go home to all children who will be in the same class as children with life threatening allergies seeking your help to minimise their exposure to the substance/s they are allergic to. We thank you for your cooperation with this in advance.

### **Family Zone reminder (Keeping children safe online)**

Earlier in the term, information was shared about an excellent filtering service offered to our families. We use School Manager, which is part of the same suite of tools and monitor safety while children are logged

on through the school domain ([sccs.school.nz](https://sccs.school.nz)) either at school or at home. There is no cost to families and allows you to use cutting edge technologies to keep your children safe on your devices at home. All families will automatically be enrolled on to this early in Term 1 unless we hear otherwise. The only information that is shared is the parent's name and email address. It is then up to you to log on and use the service or not. If you do not wish to take up this offer, please email our Assistant Principal Gill Gibbs [gillg@sccs.school.nz](mailto:gillg@sccs.school.nz) who will take you off the list.

### 2021 TERM DATES

TERM	START DATE	END DATE
Term 1 - 11 weeks	Tuesday 2 February	Thursday 16 April
Term 2 - 10 weeks	Monday 3 May	Friday 9 July
Term 3 - 10 weeks	Monday 26 July	Friday 1 October
Term 4 - 9 weeks	Monday 18 October	Tuesday 14 December

### Leaders for 2021

Congratulations to the following students who are our new House Leaders for next year.

**St Maria (Blue House)** -  
Shannon Sitchon and Maz Connor

**St Teresa (Yellow House)** -  
Asha Petrie and Nate Rastrick  
Deputy - Aiden Hermiz

**St Gerard (Green House)** -  
Neve Smith and Lachlan Smith

**St Dominic (Red House)** -  
Chloe Pepperell and Nathan Moore

**OfficeMax MySchool**

*get back to school ready!*

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make back to school easy!

**Your child's class list will be uploaded to [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz)**

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# CATHOLIC CHARACTER



Come Home for  
**CHRISTMAS**  
HAMILTON DIOCESE CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

## Christmas Mass Times 2020

Kia ora, koutou! Aroha mai, aroha atu, nau mai, haere mai!

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with our Catholic family.

St Columba's, 50 Rifle Range Road, Frankton

- 24 Dec 7 pm Vigil, 6.30 pm Carols
- 25 Dec 10 am, 9.30 am Carols

[Link to the Christmas Mass times](#)



Bishop Steve has shared some of his homily for this year's Midnight Mass. Here is a sneak peek!



*Last Christmas, would you have imagined, that we would experience a pandemic and the country being in lockdown? Would you have imagined that our world would be in financial crisis, our borders would be closed and our country would have voted for euthanasia? 2020 is a year many will want to forget.*

*And yet in the midst of this incredible year people have found new ways to connect with and care for others. To connect with and to care with others - this itself is a reflection of our God who is always finding new ways to connect with us, to connect us to others and to care for us.*

*It was like this in the events surrounding the first Christmas.*

## Farewell Father Alfonso

Three and a half years ago we had the joy of Father Alfonso arriving to shepherd the St Columba's flock. In that short time he has delighted us with his wide smile, generous laugh and of course his spiritual guidance. Father has worked tirelessly for our school from the many Masses he has celebrated to his work on the BOT to his support of our community events and so much more. We now must farewell Father Alfonso as he is needed to work for the parishes of Gisborne. While we will dearly miss Father we also wish him all the very best. God Bless you Father.







# ST VINCENT DE PAUL VINNIES

## SERVING OTHERS FOR CHRIST

Last Thursday the St Vincent De Paul Vinnies went to Eventhorpe Rest home.

We sang Christmas carols to the elderly and they sang with us. We gave them chocolate covered shortbread cookies, Christmas trees decorated with joy by the Year 2 students in Rimu and Christmas cards made with love by the Vinnies. Our goal was to spread the Christmas spirit throughout the resthome for the residents to enjoy. We then spoke to them about their lives. After we spoke to them we said our final goodbyes, thank yous and left them with smiles on their faces.

*Written by Isabelle Differ, St Vincent de Paul Vinnies' Secretary*



# KIDS CLUB

## SUMMER BUSINESS HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK 2020 - 2021

### December 2020

#### Tuesday 15th December 2020

(12.30-2.45pm \$10 flat rate applies - extra charge for half day)

(2.45pm-5.30pm normal ASC rates apply)

**OPEN** 12.20-5.30pm

#### Wednesday 16th December 2020

(\$40 per child/per day)

(Flat rate for the day)

**OPEN** 8.00am-5.30pm

!BOOK IN NOW, TO SECURE YOUR SPACE!

#### Thursday 17th December 2020

(\$40 per child/per day)

(Flat rate for the day)

**OPEN** 8.00am-5.30pm

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#### Friday 18th December 2020

(\$40 per child/per day)

(Flat rate for the day)

**OPEN** 8.00am-5.30pm

#### Monday 21st December 2020

(\$40 per child/per day)

(Flat rate for the day)

**OPEN** 8.00am-5.30pm

#### Tuesday 22nd December 2020

(\$40 per child/per day)

(Flat rate for the day)

**OPEN** 8.00am-5.30pm

#### Wednesday 23rd December 2020

**CLOSED**

#### Thursday 24th December 2020

**CLOSED**

#### Friday 25th December 2020

**CLOSED**

Monday 28th December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

**CLOSED**

Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday 8th January 2021

**CLOSED**

Monday 11th January 2021 to Friday 15th January 2021

**CLOSED**

### JANUARY 2021 - Holiday Programme dates:

#### WEEK 1

#### Monday 18th January 2021 to Friday 22nd January 2021

**OPEN** 8.00am-5.30pm

#### WEEK 2

#### Monday 25th January 2021 to Friday 29th January 2021

**OPEN** 8.00am-5.30pm

(information flyer and enrolment forms out 2 weeks before term 4 ends - look out for it)

### TERM 1, 2021 - 1st week back at school hours

Monday 1st February 2021 (Public Holiday)

**CLOSED**

#### Tuesday 2nd February 2021

(1st day back at school and Kids Club)

**OPEN** 7.30am B4Care  
2.45pm-5.30pm ASC

\* As we will need to confirm staff rosters and purchasing for after school care toward the end of January 2021 ready for Term 1, 2021 to start please contact Deb on either Seesaw classroom or text the Kids Club mobile on 021 586633 to confirm your child's days for 2021.

Regards  
Deb Honey & the KC Team  
Centre Manager



# 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 **Friday 11th December 2020** and qualify for early bird prices below.

<p>MONDAY 18th January 2021</p>  <p>Summer Fun &amp; Games \$40/\$45</p>	<p>TUESDAY 19th January</p>  <p>Splash 'n' Slide (On Site) \$53</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 20th January</p>  <p>Summer Arts/Craft Day \$40/\$45</p>	<p>THURSDAY 21st January</p>  <p>Movies @ Hoyts Metro (incl. bus, ticket, popcorn) \$58</p>	<p>FRIDAY 22nd January 2021</p>  <p>(come dressed up) Summer Time Party Day \$40/\$45</p>
<p>MONDAY 25th January 2021</p>  <p>Summer Fun &amp; Games \$40/\$45</p>	<p>TUESDAY 26th January</p>  <p>Petting Zoo/Pony Rides (On Site) \$53</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 27th January</p>  <p>Summer Arts/Craft Day \$40/\$45</p>	<p>THURSDAY 28th January</p>  <p>ZOO Trip Day (incl. bus &amp; entry to Zoo) \$58</p>	<p>FRIDAY 29th January 2021</p>  <p>(come dressed up) Summer Time Party Day \$40/\$45</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

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

# SPORTS NEWS



Our Team	Opposition	Result
<b>BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>Saints Gold Wk 7</b>	Vs HD Lakers	Won 28 - 17
<b>Wk 8</b>	Vs Te Ara Rima Haututu	Won 20 - 0
<b>Wk 9</b>	Vs Berkely Mamba	
<b>Saints Green Wk 7</b>	Vs TKH Boys	Lost 73 - 11
<b>Wk 8</b>	Vs Forest Lake Thunder	Lost 30 - 55
<b>Wk 9</b>	Vs Berkley Huskies	
<b>SUMMER HOCKEY</b>		
<b>Yr 3/4 Hitters Wk 7</b>	Vs SPC Sticks	
<b>Wk 8</b>	Vs Marian	
<b>Wk 9</b>	Vs Panthers	
<b>Yr 5/6 Strikers Wk 7</b>	Vs Newstead Turbos	
<b>Wk 8</b>	Vs HS Tigers	
<b>Wk 9</b>	Vs Hukanui Strikers	
<b>SPRING NETBALL</b>		
<b>Yr 7/8 Yellow Wk 7</b>	Vs Morrinsville United	Won 15 - 4
	Vs Tirohanga	Lost 4 - 15
<b>Wk 8</b>	Vs Saints Mixed	Lost 7 - 10
	Vs Te Ara Rima Tau 7/8	Won
<b>Wk 9</b>	Vs FIS Magic	
	Vs FIS Defenders	
<b>Yr 5/6 Blue Wk 7</b>	Vs Te Ara Rima Tau 5/6	
	Vs Raros	Lost 1 - 10
<b>Wk 8</b>	Vs Frankton Blues	Lost
	Vs Cuzzies	Lost 7 - 8

<b>Wk 9</b>	Vs Frankton Ferns	
	Vs Frankton Blues	
<b>TOUCH</b>		
<b>Yr 7/8 Jaguars Wk 7</b>	Vs Maeroa Steppers	Lost 1 - 8
<b>Wk 8</b>	Vs Maeroa Steppers	Lost 3 - 6
<b>Yr 5/6 Lynx Wk 7</b>	Vs Pukete Dashers	
<b>Yr 5/6 Cougars Wk 7</b>	Vs Pukete Speedsters	
<b>Yr 3/4 Bobcats Wk 7</b>	Vs TOA	
<b>Yr 3/4 Pumas Wk 7</b>	Vs Whitiora Kookiri	Won
<b>Yr 1/2 Boys Panthers Wk 7</b>	Vs Ham West Lions	
<b>Yr 1/2 Mixed Cheetahs Wk 7</b>	Vs Forestlake Tumeke	

As 2020 Sports comes to an end I would like to say a big Thank You to all our coaches, managers from this year. Without coaches and managers our students are not able to play sports. We really appreciate all the time and energy you have given to our tamariki. And to parents too for your support!

### Sports Term 1 2021

Please see below sports to register for Term 1 next year. As more information comes in, the website will be updated. To register please follow this link :

<https://www.stcolumbas.school.nz/1050/forms/12-2021-term-1-sports-rego-form/submissions/new>

Sports	Yr Group	Day	Time	Venue	Start Date	Finish Date	Cost
Basketball	Yr 1 - 8	Tues: Yr 7-8 Wed: Yr 3-4 Thur: Yr 1-2 Fri: Yr 5-6	From 4pm	Ymca, Fraser High or The Peak			
Touch	Yr 1 - 8	Mon: Yr 7-8 Thur: Yr 1-6	From Tues 4pm Thur 3.45pm	Swarbrick Park			
Summer Hockey	Yr 3 - 8	Tuesday	From 4pm	Hockey Centre, Queen St	9th Mar	13th April	\$20





