

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

MISSION HEART and SOUL <small>To live as part of a Catholic community and respond to our call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.</small> <i>"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</i>	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 NZC Curriculum.</small> <i>"For the Lord gives wisdom, from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 25-7</i>	SERVICE HANDS and FEET <small>To live and to serve others and make a difference in the world, good and bad, through Catholic social teachings.</small> <i>"And 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</i>
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Week 1, Term 1 at St Columba's Catholic School

Kia Ora Koutou katoa! Talofa! Bula Vinaka!

Hopefully the lovely long break has allowed everybody to relax and get a good amount of sunshine and family time. It is great to see you all back at school for 2022. We are excited about all of our students joining us once again for a promise filled year of learning and opportunity.

Welcome especially to our new students and families. We have a number of you who have joined us recently, from our 5 year old New Entrants right up to our Team 4 Year 7 and 8 students. You are welcome, and you belong. Thank you for joining our family.

Covid-19 update - What we will do if we are notified about a positive case within the school

- We will work with the Ministry of Education and the Public Health Unit to confirm the positive case was infectious at school
- Once the case has been confirmed, we will let the school community know via Seesaw, email and FaceBook
- Parents of the children in the same class of the positive case will be sent a Seesaw message and an email asking them to move to home learning while we work with the Ministry of Education and the Public Health Unit to identify possible Close or Casual Plus

contacts.

-The school will work with the Ministry of Education and the Public Health Unit to determine Close and Casual Plus contacts.

-Within approximately 8 hours, letters will be emailed and sent via Seesaw to the parents of Close and Casual Plus contacts giving you clear information on what you need to do.

What you need to do now.

- 1 - Ensure that your email and phone details are correct by checking the family detail notice that comes home on Monday. Make any changes needed and send back to the school office as soon as possible.
- 2 - Make sure that you have the Seesaw App loaded and that you can access your messages
- 3 - Set up notifications and/or check your email and Seesaw regularly
- 4 - Be prepared for your child/children to be at home should a positive case be identified in their class/classes
- 5 - Continue to follow all public health measures advised when needing to come on to the school site

Devices at school

Cell phones are able to be brought to school, but **must** be signed into the office. No phones are to be left in school bags or taken to the classroom. Chromebooks that are purchased for school use are able to be used in the classroom - on our school domain only. Please remind your child that other personal items and toys are best left at home.

Immunisation Education

At this time of the year, our Year 7 and 8 students are given education about what the Boostrix and Gardasil vaccinations entail by the Public Health Nurses. If you do not want your child to get this information, please notify their class teacher immediately, in writing, so that we can ensure that alternative arrangements are made while this is happening. No student will be given the actual vaccines without parental consent. This process happens at a later date - we will keep you informed.

Hot Weather

Just a wee reminder that in this hot weather, it is especially important that your child has a water bottle at school so that they can stay hydrated. Hats are also very important as we capitalise on being outside in open air and sunshine. Duty teachers will ask your child to stay in the shade if they are outside at play times and do not have a hat, so your help and reminders are appreciated with this.



We still have plenty of summer school uniform in stock, with the exception of junior boys' size 8 shorts. These have been sitting for the last month in a container in the Hauraki Gulf!. We are hoping that a top-up supply will be with us next week.

We also have a good supply of polar fleeces.


Winter uniform items will not be available until Mid-April. These include School jackets, beanies, socks, long sleeve polos and long sleeve shirts for Years 7 & 8 students.

School Banking Update

First Credit Union wishes to advise parents that School Banking will not resume until further notice.

If you would like to continue saving into your child's account - we would be more than happy to help set up regular automatic payments

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact your nearest branch or give our team a call.





Welcome back to SCCS Kids Club for 2022.....

A Huge thank you to all our wonderful families who booked in the Holiday Programme over summer and joined us on day trips. So much fun was had and memories made.

Check out SCCS Kids Club Seesaw for some photos of each day.

As we settle into Term 1 we understand that balancing work/home life is sometimes difficult so remember that SCCS Kids Club is here to help out when we can.

Ring/Text Deb on 021 586633 to discuss your B4Care or ASCare needs.

Reminder.....

Our 2022 Enrolment Forms for B4Care & ASCare are available to download from our school website, or you can grab a copy from Kids Club or the school office anytime. MSD does require a new enrolment form each year with all up to date information on it. If you currently have a permanent booking which has rolled over from 2021 you still have to complete this enrolment form over the next week.

To our current permanent booking families, please text to advise if your child or children will not be attending their confirmed (booked) day/s as this helps staff when signing the children in.

Thank you.

Regards
Deb Honey
Centre Manager - SCCS Kids Club



Medication

If your child requires medication while at school, can you please make sure you bring the medication to the office when your child arrives at school. We require you to fill out a permission form before we can administer any medication. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

MISSION EDUCATION SERVICE



*Term 1
Welcome
Liturgy
2022*

This week we celebrated as a community of the Catholic Faith. All new students and staff were welcomed with our traditional Candle Ceremony in each class. While we were unable to be together as a whole school, we were together in spirit.

God Bless All for 2022

Welcome! You Belong!



Click on image for Liturgy Video



MUFTI DAY



Valentine's Day for TONGA



Next Monday, 14th February we are raising money for our Brothers and Sisters in Tonga.

Students are able to wear MUFTI and bring a Gold Coin Donation to the office.



Then money will go directly to Caritas NZ - the NZ Catholic agency who provides emergency relief.

<https://caritas.org.nz/>

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has offered an immediate Solidarity Grant to Caritas Tonga and is also receiving donations, through its Pacific Relief Fund, to help with the aftermath of the volcanic eruption in Tonga.



As you could imagine, sports around New Zealand are set up to look very different under the Red Light setting. The local Associations are working very hard to ensure most modules can go ahead as safely as possible which has resulted in restrictions being placed under most codes.

Over the weekend we will get the overview of what this looks like to those who have registered for our Touch and Basketball teams.

We look forward to our children getting some sport this year after a disrupted two years! :)

SUMMER HOCKEY FOR FAMILIES THROUGH WAIKATO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION: CONTACT 07 838 0485

Family League

Entries Close: 23 February 2022 or as each grade fills up

Tuesday – FAMILY League 6 aside

- Half field, 13min halves
- Low key grade for all the family
- (limited to years 3-8 kids, minimum 3 kids in this age group at all times on the field. Children year 9 plus can play, however the team still required 3 in the younger age group as well)
- Restricted rules, aimed at fun rather than competition
- 1st March 2022 – 12th April 2022
- \$180 per team
- Limited entries

Please select the experience of your team and Waikato Hockey will try and group teams where possible.

IF this league shows as out of stock, please still enter your team on backorder to go on the waiting list, as we may be able to juggle the allocated slots between the different leagues on this night.

Ensure you are aware of the Covid-19 Traffic Light requirements.

Umpires: All grades are self umpired.

Level: All grades are deemed social.

Team: Mixed gender for all grades.

Entries: There are limited entries available in each competition.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Infrastructure
Alliance



Monday, 17 January 2022

Aberfoyle St footbridge replacement

Dear resident or business owner/occupier,

Hamilton City Council's Infrastructure Alliance is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of a range of road-related assets around our City. We also complete work on some of Council's parks.

As part of our works programme, we will be closing the pedestrian footbridge that runs across the stream in Aberfoyle Park in order to complete a footbridge replacement. Please see overleaf for approximate location.

The closure will be in place from Tuesday 8 February 2022 for approximately 6 weeks, weather permitting. The works will be taking place Monday – Friday between 7am and 5pm, however the footbridge will be closed at all times until the works are completed. If you or anyone in your household make use of this path, please plan ahead and use an alternative route while this area is under construction.

Our scope of work will include replacing the footbridge that runs between the two park entries on Aberfoyle St. Due to the nature of this work, there is likely to be some extra noise during the day.

We do apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause however it is an essential activity to help maintain our city's assets. This work will improve the life and safety of Aberfoyle Park's footbridge and will reduce the need for major repairs in the long term.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Infrastructure Alliance if you have any queries on 07 850 6640 or you can send an email to customer.info@infrastructurealliance.co.nz

Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation. We look forward to completing this project and providing an improved footpath for your use.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Erin Johnston'.

Erin Johnston
Communication & Stakeholder Advisor
Infrastructure Alliance

The approximate location of the Aberfoyle Park footbridge closure is reflected by the yellow line below. The red section is where the bridge crosses the stream.

Three young girls are posing in a gym. The girl on the left is wearing a black and teal leotard. The girl in the middle is wearing a red leotard with white stars. The girl on the right is wearing a purple leotard and is making a peace sign. They are all smiling.

Gymnastics ENROL NOW FOR 2022

Classes for all
ages and abilities

Tramp
classes also
available!

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