

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama



Week 7, Term 1 at St Columba's Catholic School

Kia Ora Koutou,

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate students and families for coaching our young people with the way that they are interacting and greeting me at the gate each morning. In a world where old fashioned manners seem to be eroding, I am heartened by the cheery good mornings (in a variety of languages), and when I ask "Kei te pēhea koe?" or "How are you today?" I am, so often, asked how I am too. It shows a level of maturity, consideration, confidence from our students and we know that this has been coached by families.

Well done everyone - this is a habit and a skill that shows that you value people and are acknowledging them. This very much fits with how we welcome and are welcomed. It says "I see you - and you are valued."

Anne-Marie Harland Acting Principal

Whanau Connection Chats

Thank you to all families for engaging with our Whanau Connection chats this week via google meet. I know that our hard working teachers appreciate the information and partnership that comes out of these chats. It really helps us to know and understand our tamariki and what they value. If you did not manage to book a time with your child's teacher, please message them via see-saw to arrange another time to meet virtually.

"Player of the Day"

Congratulations to Gareth and the inaugural champions of the Aupiki Women's rugby tournament - the Chiefs Manawa team. We are immensely proud of this outstanding achievement and the part that Gareth has played in managing these champions. We look forward to welcoming Gareth back as Principal once his commitments with the side are complete.



Uniform

Winter Uniforms will be available to purchase from **1st April.** We have good stock supply of all winter items, except Jackets. The balance of the Jackets will be here for the beginning of Term 2.

A reminder with the roll out of the new school uniform items that Senior Girls and Boys (Yr 7&8) now have long sleeve shirts for the winter as opposed to the navy polos that have been worn previously.

A full description along with prices of uniform items is outlined in this newsletter.

Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for students who have birthdays in these age groups : July - December 2017 or any birthday in 2016, 2015, 2014 or 2013. Unfortunately we are full in other year groups, although we are able to put eligible Catholic students onto a waiting list.

Limited spaces are available for students from Catholic families. Please enquire at the school office for further details.

Covid Update

Please note changes to the COVID-19 Protection Framework which take effect from 11.59 pm today, Friday 25 March, and to vaccine mandates and My Vaccine Pass, which will take effect from 11.59 pm Monday 4 April.

This means that from Monday;

You **no longer need** to scan in or show a vaccine pass to enter buildings

You **DO need to continue** to wear a mask when entering school buildings and ensure that if your child is Year 4 or up, that they are wearing a mask.





Holiday Programme dates

Week 1 - Tuesday 19th April to Friday 22nd April 2022

Week 2 - Tuesday 26th April to Friday 29th April 2022

Programme Flyer and Enrolment Forms will be available from Week 8.

These can be downloaded from our school website then emailed to Deb at <u>Kidsclub@sccs.school.nz</u> or handed into the school office or to Kids Club anytime before the 14th April 2022.

Our April 2022 Holiday Programme has been planned around Easter and Anzac themes with lots of fun activities, games, baking, crafts, sports, music, trip days to the Movies, Rock Climbing and the amazing Hobbiton Movie Set (back by popular demand)! Get in quick to secure a seat on the bus as there is so much fun to be had with our cool Kids Club staff.

(our Hobbiton Movie Set trip is subject to change if the weather is too wet and we will advise all parents as soon as Hobbiton advises us if cancelled).

Remember that we require receipt of your child's enrolment form - completed and signed before we can confirm their booking with us.

Message to all families -

We are trying to get a rough indication of numbers interested in our upcoming Hobbiton Movie Set bus trip scheduled for the next holidays (proposed date is Week 1, Wednesday 20th April 2022). If you think this is a trip you would like to book your child(ren) on please get in quick as it filled up fast last time. Text the Kids Club mobile/email us or message Deb on Kids Club seesaw. Approx cost is \$60 p/child which includes entry and bus transport. Flyer will be out next week confirming all details and costs.

Kind Regards Deb Honey - Centre Manager SCCS Kids Club 021 586633 kidsclub@sccs.school.nz



CATHOLIC CHARACTER





Congratulations to all our Saint Columba's students who celebrated their First Holy Communion last week. They, and their families have persevered throughout the 2021 Lockdown and the restrictions placed on this year's sessions. The limited number made for a very different look and feel. However the children and their families treated the evening with respect and reverence.

Welcome to you all, as full members of our Catholic Church.









