MISSION HEART and SOUL

To live as part of a Catholic community and respond to our call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

"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

EDUCATION HEAD and VOICE

Become confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners and followers of Christ who are learning through the direction set by the NZ Catholic and NZ Curriculums.

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6-7

SERVICE HANDS and FEET

To live out the Gospel values and make a difference in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit and Catholic social teachings.

"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

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

Week 3, Term 2

Kia ora koutou whanau of Te Kura Hato O Karama

William Pike Breakfast

Today, Friday 20th May we had a breakfast for our William Pike Challenge participants. This is the first year St Columba's Catholic School has offered the Challenge to students. Students are expected to complete 20 hours of community service, 20 hours of learning a new skill, and 5 outdoor activities. Today, our Mayor Paula Southgate, came and shared ideas around community service with our tamariki and their whanau. It was an inspiring, challenging, and motivating morning.







Important safety message from the Board of Trustees

The responsibilities of the Board include providing and maintaining a safe physical and emotional environment for students and staff and that we meet our <u>legal requirements</u>, to ensure the safety of students, employees, and visitors. As a part of upholding our primary duty of care to everyone in the school community and exercising <u>due diligence</u> to ensure that the school meets its health and safety obligations, we would like to ask your co-operation in the following;

- Understand that the school gates are open from 8:15 am.
- If you do need to drop your child off a few minutes earlier than 8:15 am, please talk to your child/children about the need to quietly wait, either on the footpath in the drop-off zone or under the church eyes.
- No one is to be dropped off before 8 am, unless it is directly to Kids' Club. Please contact Debbie Honey, 021586633, to arrange enrolment for your child.
- Please note that there is no adult supervision before 8:15 am, so the children remain your responsibility until the time when the gates are opened at 8:15 and they can enter the school.

Drop off's/pick up's at the church car park offer a great deal of flexibility to all parents when dropping children off (and picking children up) each day. For the safety of your child, and all children, and to model sensible road safety we require you to park and walk across the car park to collect your child/ren

from the church foyer or from their classroom. As you walk out of the school gate, veer left and depart from the church steps, utilising the patrollers who are there each day. Please wait for the patrollers to give the "Cross Now" direction before you cross with your children. Do not cut across the car park directly out of the gate.

Please use the church step area to wait, rather than standing on the wheelchair parks. This creates congestion and makes accessibility to these parks difficult. Also, please do not stop under the church verandah to pick children up or park on any yellow lines around the church car park. For your convenience we also have the school drop off zone at the front of school - please do not leave your car parked here when dropping your child off in this area - we need to keep the flow of cars constant in this space. And finally, a reminder that there is NO turning right out of the school driveway between 8:15 am to 8:45 am and 2:45 pm to 3:15 pm - please see the sign at the driveway exit reminding you. This is extremely dangerous for young children who are our Road Patrollers trying to stop cars on a busy road for our students and families to safely cross Rifle Range Road.

Karyn Rastrick Gareth Duncan Board of Trustees Chairperson Principal

Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for Catholic new entrant children who are turning five in 2022. There are limited spaces available and early enrolment is recommended. Please download the application to enrol form from our website.



The staff at SCCS will be having a TOD on **Friday 3rd June**. Please mark this in your diary as the school will be closed for instruction.

Key dates:

- TOD Teacher Only Day Friday 3rd June
- Queens birthday Monday 6th June
- Matariki Friday 24th June
- End of Term 2, Friday 8th July



Important dates for Term 2, 2022
Friday 3rd June 2022 - TOD at SCCS.
Both school & Kids Club is CLOSED on this day.
(no B4Care & ASCare on the 3/6/22)

July School Holiday Programme dates

Week 1

Monday 11th July 2022 to Friday 15th July 2022 Week 2

Monday 18th July 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022 (information flyer & enrolment form will be out in week 9)

Reminder if you are a WINZ family please give Deb your forms at least two weeks before the end of each term so they can be completed and scanned to WINZ. This will avoid late payments coming through to the school. If you are unsure what to do, please contact Deb ASAP to discuss our options.

Thank you from the SCCS Kids Club team for supporting our school in Term 1, we look forward to caring for your children each term.

Kind Regards Deb, Kerryn & Gareth SCCS Kids Club 021 586633

Waikato Schools Showjumping

Lilly Sutton and I, Mackenzie Falconer, on Wednesday 11th May went to a showjumping competition representing the school. We did three rounds at 65-70cm. The first round was the speed round which meant we jumped a course of 8 jumps and the fastest time won. The second round was amateur which was when we jumped a course with 8 jumps and then there was a joker that you could attempt [the joker was a set at 80cm] if you knocked the joker you would lose 16 points off your score, if you cleared it 16 points would be added to your score, the person with the fastest time and highest score won. The third and final round of the day was the puzzle. It is when there are 10 jumps in the ring, two people would go into the ring and have to jump five jumps each, the pair with the fastest clear round won. Lilly and my team won second overall for the school.





CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Term 2 Welcome Liturgy

We had the joy of welcoming our new students and families for Term 2. We gifted each family one of our school candles. While it wasn't a full school Mass, we were thrilled to gather in our church after 8 months.







Our Saint House Leaders











Our 2022 House Leaders have been busy leading the school these past two weeks. Now we can all meet together they have led at the Welcome Liturgy and Assembly. They have also been working with Whaea Kerry as we plan for the coming months.

God bless you all!



PARENTS CORNER





Pink Shirt Day

We brought attention to positive behaviour this week through Pink Shirt Day. Your child was encouraged both to wear something pink and to talk in class about what bullying is.

Bullying is a repeated and targeted hurting behaviour. In order for us to help our

children, it is more useful for us to specifically name what is concerning for them rather than to immediately label it as bullying.

If there is a situation that needs to be restored, we are encouraging students to describe what they see and hear, rather than using generic terms such as "bullying". It is much more useful to talk about "unkind words" or "teasing" so that we can then pinpoint what needs to happen, what needs to stop, and then we are able to restore the relationship and grow skills for the students concerned.

If you have concerns about something that your child says has happened at school, please ask them to talk to their teacher about it. Although we do listen and do our best to resolve issues that happen, it is difficult to do this if we don't hear about what happened straight away. As you can imagine, there are ALWAYS two sides to consider, and students often need encouragement to see what their part in the dispute is, and how this could be avoided.

We continue to put in front of our children, the Cornerstone Values of caring, faith, respect, honesty and love that are an integral part of "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" (Nga tapuwai Hehu) and to make links to what we believe we need to grow in our young Catholic people. Thank you for your support with this, it makes for an easy journey when we are all on it together.

Winter School Shoes

School shoes are to be black and must be able to be nuggeted. "Labelled" sport shoes with logos & designs with contrasting colours are not permitted. Canvas shoes are also not permitted.

Buckled, Velcro & Laces are All Acceptable.

Examples of Correct Footwear







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100 YEARS OF MARIST EDUCATION IN HAMILTON

St John's College Hamilton is hosting a Mass and luncheon to celebrate 100 years since the Marist Brothers opened a school in Hamilton. Mass will be held on our campus at 11am on Sunday 5th June, followed by a light luncheon and gathering. Old Boys and families who've had an association with Marist and St John's College in Hamilton are all welcome. We would be very grateful if parishioners would share this invitation to people who may be interested. Please register attendance online at www.foundation.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz, or phone the College Office on 07 856 7091.

