#### 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 FFFT

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 9, Term 2

Kia ora koutou. Greetings to you all

We have had a most amazing term and, with one week to go, we still have a number of exciting learning opportunities happening next week. Our whānau evening was an absolute joy. To have so many of us able to come together to share kai, fellowship and our tamariki performances was very special indeed.

I'd like to invite you all to our end of term liturgy on Friday, 8th July at 10am. Friday is also St Maria Goretti feast day. All St Maria Goretti students are welcome to come in their house colours on the day.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

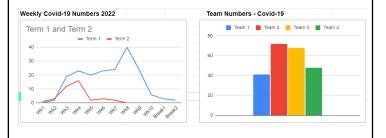
God Bless

#### Gareth Duncan

Principal

#### **COVID-19/FLU UPDATE**

Here is an update on our Covid numbers as at the end of last week. Our attendance, overall has been sitting between 83% and 86% most weeks this term.



#### **INFLUENZA**

We have a number of students who have been away from school where this has been tested and confirmed as influenza. This is happening throughout New Zealand and certainly has made its presence known at SCCS in recent weeks. This is highly contagious and has very similar symptoms to Covid. Symptoms are as follows:

- fever and chills.
- headache and muscle aches.
- feeling tired and weak.
- sneezing, and stuffy or runny nose.
- sore throat and cough.

Here is further information from Public Health with regards to influenza. <u>LINK</u>

#### **KEY DATES**

- Swimsafe Team 4 Monday 4th July Friday 8th July
- St Maria Goretti feast day Friday 8th July
- End of Term Liturgy Friday 8th July 10am
- Whole school assembly Friday 8th July
   12pm
- End of Term 2, Friday 8th July

# Key dates for Term 3 to add to your diary

- Mihi Whakatau (Day 1 of Term 3) -Monday 25th July
- Welcome Mass 9am Friday 29th July
- Quiz Night (Aims Games fundraiser) -Saturday 30th July
- Learning Discussions Tuesday 2nd August
   1pm 6pm (School closes at 12.15pm)
- Learning Discussions Thursday 4th August
   3pm 8pm

- Team 4 Science Fair Thursday 4th August
- SCCS Cross Country Monday 29th August
- CIS Cross Country Wednesday 31st August
- Aims Games Monday 5th Friday 9th September
- Speech Showcase Tuesday 20th September
   6pm
- End of Term 3 Friday 30th September

#### **LEARNING DISCUSSIONS - Years 3-8**

These will be held in the 2nd week of Term 3 - Tuesday 2nd August from 1pm - 6pm (School finishes at 12.15pm) and Thursday 4th August from 3pm - 8pm.

More information will be available soon about how to book on the on-line portal.

One change to note for our Year 3-4 learners in Whanau Whakapono: You may select a time slot only. The teaching team in Whanau Whakapono will let you know which teacher will meet with each parent depending upon who takes that student for the bulk of their learning.

#### **VACANCY - TEACHER AIDE**

We are seeking to employ a compassionate and dedicated Teacher Aide (beginning Monday 25 July 2022), to join the team who support students with special needs in our school. This position is for 20-25 hours a week, during term time.

This person will be one of a team of people working with a young learner who is partially sighted and ORS funded. This position entails the successful applicant helping with strategies that will include the learner safely into the daily class programme, making and accessing appropriate resources for the partially sighted, and supporting with scaffolding learning. The position requires someone who is able to build relationships quickly, is eager to learn the requisite skills and is flexible and professional in their approach.

A team of people is available to help, guide and provide support for the appointee in their new role. Applications close 3pm Tuesday 12 July. Please send CV and letter of interest to:

Anne-Marie Harland Deputy Principal anne-marie@sccs.school.nz



# AIMS GAMES FUNDRAISER QUIZ NIGHT

#### SATURDAY 30TH JULY

Doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts at 7pm

\$10 per person

Tickets available from the office

- St Columba's School hall -x10 people max in a team
- THEME -Wear your favourite sports team colours
- BYO alcohol (snacks provided)
- Raffles, spot prizes, auction items
- Eftpos available
- Live DJ





# CATHOLIC CHARACTER



# First Holy Communion

We are expecting that there will be another Sacramental Programme this year for those wishing to make their First Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Father Eamon is away for all of July and when he returns we are hoping he will have the dates for another First Confirmation & Holy Communion.

In the meantime I am happy to take names ready to be passed on. Please contact Kerry Ranapiri (DRS) - kerryr@sccs.school.nz

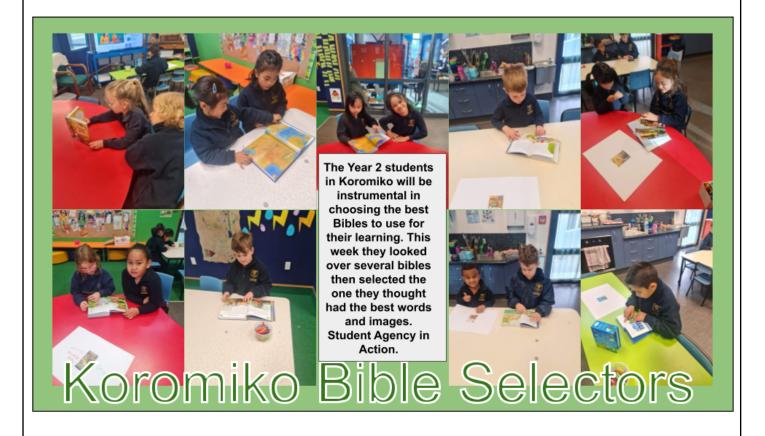
Most Welcome



End of Term Thanksgiving Litu

Friday, 8th July, 10am in Our Church.

give thanks for Term 2. You are welcome to sit with your child.





Deb at kidsclub@sccs.school.nz.

The July school holidays are fast approaching. Below is our July Kids Club Holiday Programme information. Check out what is on offer and get booking today to avoid missing out. We need a completed enrolment form signed before we can confirm your child/s enrolment. Also if you are enrolling your child/s for the first time into Kids Club you will need to follow our new enrolment/induction process - please ring to arrange a meet and greet.

All current enrolment forms and information is available on our school website under Kids Club which can be downloaded then emailed direct to A copy is also available from the school office or from Kids Club at the

#### Reminders:

- All Holiday Programme fees are to be paid BEFORE our programme starts.
- All school Kids Club account fees for Term 2 or any outstanding arrears need to be paid before you
  can enrol for July 2022 HP or Term 3, 2022 ASC/B4C unless you have made an arrangement with
  Andrea Hall at the office. Any queries please do contact myself/us to discuss.
- All Winz subsidy forms for Term 3, 2022 are due please arrange with Deb to complete Kids Club's part.
- If your child/s have any new allergies or need medication please contact Deb to discuss.
- If your child/s get asthma, and do use an inhaler please contact to make sure we have one for them in our Asthma Register on site.

Thank you for choosing SCCS Kids Club for your after school hours care. Our team is committed to making sure your child/s have a fun and safe time while with us all.

Regards
Deb, Kerryn, Gareth
SCCS Kids Club



**8:00am**—5:30pm daily. Morning & afternoon tea provided. Bring your own **lunch/drink** bottle. Book in before *Monday 4th JULY 2022* and qualify for early bird prices below.



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 & Kerryn McCarthy Mobile: 021 586 633

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



We are looking to put together a year 5&6 basketball team for Term 3 providing there is enough interest.

Please email <u>abbim@sccs.school.nz</u> if your child is keen to play basketball in Term 3. More information to follow.

#### **VOLLEYBALL - Team 3**



#### **Catholic Interschool Sports Day**

On Tuesday 28th July the Yr 7&8's got to compete in the Catholic Interschool Sports Day. Sacred Heart Girls College hosted the netball, and St John's College hosted Hockey, Rugby and Soccer. It was so great seeing the children giving their all and some for the first time giving these sports a go. They did it with determination and smiles. The new sports tops looked sharp.





## 3rd - 9th September 2022

The Zespri AIMS Games gives 11, 12 & 13 year olds an opportunity to compete as an individual or a team against their age in NZ & invited countries in 23 codes.

This year we have 32 athletes competing in Hockey, Netball, Ripper Rugby, Cross Country, Gymnastics & Swimming. It is a spectacular event that has not been held (due to covid) since 2019. We are very excited to be preparing to compete to our very best ability and be involved in the biggest sporting event for school students in NZ.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP & SUPPORT ....

Over the next few months we will be running a number of fundraising events to support our athletes financially to compete at the Games.

• "Save the Date" - Saturday 30th July - QUIZ NIGHT more information to come soon

If you own a business and would like to support our teams in the form of a \$500 (+ gst) sponsorship payment please contact Andrea in the school office.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### **KiwiRail Traction Substation**

In preparation for the replacement of life expired electrical equipment at the nearby Substation, KiwiRail will need to undertake some civil and engineering work.

This upgrade will happen in two phases across a three month period:

Monday 28th June – Friday 8th July AND Monday 15th August – Friday 9th September

**Please note:** That a public footpath that your students may use will be affected by vehicles crossing. We are asking that pedestrians proceed along this walkway with precaution.

Please be aware during this period of work your community will be impacted by increased traffic movement. There will be a small number of construction vehicles using Mary street, to access the gate near the Hamilton Racing Pigeon Club building.

If you have any questions or queries please not hesitate to contact us.

contactus@kiwirail.co.nz OR 0800 801 070 ext 43042

Kind Regards,

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#### CRICKET HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We will have a mixed gender holiday programme in the July holidays at the Waikato university. Please click on the link below for more information and to register. https://www.ndcricket.co.nz/holiday-programmes

