

## 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 1, Term 3

Kia ora koutou. Greetings to you all and welcome back to Term 3.

### Manaaki (Care) and Aroha (Love) Focus for Term 3

Over a period of time our noticings have been (in many contexts) the deteriorating use of appropriate language in our society. Be this on social media, in our playground, the supermarket or in public

spaces. Therefore, we are deliberately focusing on the language that we are all using while at school, and bringing this forward in an explicit way.

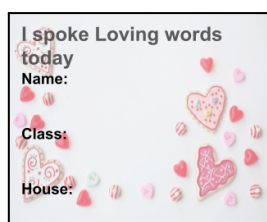
At school, we have had conversations in each class about the impact on us when we are spoken to in an unkind way. (Unkind words could look like name calling, slurs, swearing, put down's).

Every class has an agreement and a plan of what we each need to take personal responsibility for and the actions that we each can take when we hear this happening. In the playground, we are also making deliberate moves to pay attention to what we do want to hear, and are explicitly teaching this.

We have new vests (you will see these brand new, bright pink vests) and have changed our language from "duty teachers" to "manaaki (care) leaders".

This is because we are wanting to show that love and care is present and we are actively supporting students to show care. Our manaaki leaders will be encouraging students to support each other with the appropriate language and expressions of their own needs.

Because we know that what we pay attention to grows, we have developed a system to embed and normalise this expectation. Students who do use



loving responses may receive a slip that their name, class and house group can be written on, along with a brief description of how they were loving in their expression. Each slip of paper goes into the draw for a selection of prizes. Towards the end of the term, there is a major prize on offer that students have the opportunity to win. These prizes will be drawn at assemblies.

Parents; you can support us at home by talking to your children about what love sounds like and continuing to reinforce this with your own awareness of "how love sounds at home".

### Netball Game

Next Tuesday our Aims Games netballers have been challenged to a game by St Joseph's Catholic School, Whakatane. This is being held on our courts at 1 pm next Tuesday 2nd August. This is the same day that Learning Discussions are being held for your child. Any student who would like to watch the game to support our players, may do so, only if they are supervised by their parent. All other students are required to leave the school grounds at 12.15, as school closes at this time (please see notice below). This is a great opportunity for our netballers to have a warm up competitive game prior to the Aims Games competition. Good Luck to our team!

Can we remind you that school starts each day at 8:45 am and ends at 2:45 pm, NOT 3 pm. Teachers are required to attend meetings, prepare work or they may be attending professional development after school and are therefore not able to supervise children after hours. We request that appropriate arrangements are made for the care of your children after school so that we can be sure that every child is safe. If you are unable to collect your child at 2.45 pm, we have an after school service available to all families. Also please note that we are a silent school and we do not have bells reminding us of stop and start times to our day.

In regards to school drop off's/pick up's, the church car park offers 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. Do not cut across the car park directly out of the gate.

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 a school drop off zone at the front of the school - please do not leave your car parked here when dropping your child off in this area. 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.

**AIMS Games fundraising Quiz Night** this Saturday. We have a small number of tickets available for the night. These are available at the door if you would like to secure a seat or table.



AIMS GAMES FUNDRAISER  
QUIZ NIGHT  
SATURDAY 30TH JULY  
Doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts at 7pm  
\$10 per person  
Tickets available from the office

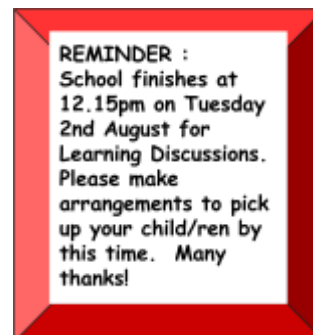
- St Columba's School hall -x10 people max in a team
- THEME -Wear your favourite sports team colours
- BYO alcohol (snacks provided)
- Raffles, spot prizes, auction items
- Eftpos available
- Live DJ

**Zespri** KIWIFRUIT **AIMS GAMES**

## Mask Wearing Reminder

It is strongly recommended by the Ministry of Education that students are wearing masks at school. We recommend that Year 3 and up act on this recommendation as we navigate this latest surge in Covid numbers.

Thank you.



## KEY DATES

- Quiz Night (Aims Games Fundraiser) - Tomorrow, Saturday 30th July
- Learning Discussions - Tuesday 2nd August 1.00pm - 3pm (School closes at 12.15pm)
- Learning Discussions - Thursday 4th August 3.15pm - 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



## Come to Tanekaha Class

Open hours are:

Monday 2.30 - 3.30pm

Tuesday 12.45 - 6pm

Wednesday 2.30 - 3.30pm

Thursday 2.30 - 8pm

# CATHOLIC CHARACTER

## Farewell Father John



Thank you to Father John Joliffe who has been with our parish and school for the past month. The students enjoyed meeting you, Father. We appreciated the Mass lessons you shared with each team. We wish you well and God bless you.  
Ka Kōwhiri Father John

## New House Saint Candles

Many thanks for the amazing work by Melissa Castillo from About Candles & Scents. She brought our vision to life.

[aboutcandlesandscents.com](http://aboutcandlesandscents.com)



Welcome to Term 3 and welcome back into School and ASCare/B4School Care.

Thank you to all the families who supported our July holiday programme - it was a very fun and exciting two weeks with so many different activities, trip days off site and fun and games. We have shared some pretty fun photos in our Kids Club Seesaw class room for you all to see. Check them out when you get a chance.

### REMINDERS.....

**This coming Tuesday, 2nd August 2022**, school closes for learning discussion at 12.15pm **SCCS Kids Club will be OPEN from 12.15 pm** for your convenience.

If you already have a permanent Tuesday booking with us, we will be expecting to see your child(s) **UNLESS** you advise us otherwise. If you do not have a permanent Tuesday booking with us, but need our help from 12.15 on this day, please text us on **021 586633** to book your children in. Limited spaces available so get planning now. Charges are: **\$10 one off fee 12.15 to 2.45pm, then ASCare fees apply until 5.30pm.**

Regards  
Deb, Kerry and the team

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# 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 28<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July AND Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:contactus@kiwirail.co.nz) OR 0800 801 070 ext 43042

Kind Regards,

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