

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 3

Thanks to all whanau who have attended learning discussions last week. These were very useful conversations about progress and learning. If you were unable to attend one of these for your child last week, please make contact with your child's classroom teacher through Seesaw and book a time. Teachers are very keen to talk to parents about learning.

As you know our Book Fair was running at the same time as Learning Discussions. Sales resulted in around \$1800 for readers for our school. Thank you to all parents who viewed the Book Fair and purchased books.

Last week, also on Tuesday, our AIMS netballers were challenged to a game by St Joseph's Catholic School, Whakatane. As well as a fantastic tussle on the courts, resulting with St Columba's coming out on top, our girls made new connections forming new friendships with the girls from St Jo's, many of the girls committing to staying in contact. There is talk of a rematch and continued liaison with St Jo's as this was such a positive experience, both in playing netball and in the hosting experience.

Thanks to Aroha and Rochelle for your coaching and managing and also to ex-students Tserne and Esther for giving your time to ref the game.



Over the past few weeks our Y7/8 students have been working hard on their chosen question of inquiry and producing their own science boards. The end results produced some exceptional work to say the least, we are extremely proud of all the talent shown and of course we congratulate our NIWA Science and Technology contestants. Head over to our school [Facebook page](#) to see the work the students produced and displayed.

Team 4 students have all enjoyed an overnight stay away in their respective classes. Each class has had their own unique experience of combining a night at the Hamilton Astronomical Observatory followed by a day at Hamilton Zoo. Thank you to all the parents that have helped out with these overnight stays, we couldn't do this without you.

Team 3 have raised almost \$3000 towards their camp which is scheduled for November. They will be heading to [Camp Adair](#) in the Hunua Ranges for their Adventure Based Learning Activities and challenges.



On 30th July we finally held our first quiz night in a long time - thanks to Covid! Thank you to everyone who supported this event. The purpose was to raise money to help our AIMS Games athletes attend the annual games in September. The night was extremely successful for our AIMS teams as we raised close to \$5800.00 to support their week away representing our school at the upcoming games.

The night was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended and has raised interest in holding another quiz night later in the year. This will be held close to the end of the school year with a Christmas theme.

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL





SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Doors open 7.00pm til late

- ★ \$10 per seat - maxi 12 per table
- ★ Live band and local DJ
- ★ Fundraiser for playground equipment
- ★ Raffles, auction items and meat pack spinning wheel
- ★ Fancy dress with a Christmas theme

Tickets on sale from Week 1, Term 4



We have a number of Year 5/6 teams busy practising routines in preparation for the upcoming Jump Jam Strictly Live Competition to be held on the 10 September. If your child is participating in this event and you have not paid the competition fee of \$30 (which includes a Jump Jam t-shirt) please make payment to our school account immediately.



Canterbury Education Services

August 5th, 2022

The Principal
St Columba's Catholic School (Frankton)

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Board Parent Election 2022 - 5 Parent Representatives

At the close of nominations at **12 noon Wednesday, August 3rd**, the following nominations were received for the number parent vacancies on the School Board.

- * Katie Gegan
- * Kylie Paekau
- * Karyn Rastrick
- * Laura van Amsterdam

I hereby declare the following duly elected

Laura van Amsterdam, Katie Gegan, Karyn Rastrick and Kylie Paekau.

Wayne Jamieson
Returning Officer
Canterbury Education Services

Congratulations to our newly elected parent representative board members; Karyn Rastrick, Kylie Paekau, Katie Gegan (all re-elected) and Laura Van Amsterdam who joins the Board along with our Proprietors Representatives - Thack Tran, Kelly O'Halloran and Faban Pathirana.

Social Media Alert - Increasing concerns spilling in to school

Increasingly we are dealing with issues arising from children being involved on a range of social media platforms where the age restriction is 13 or older. A particular group of concern at the moment are our Year 5 and 6 students. These are students aged between 9 and 11 and are not equipped to be safely navigating this space without direct parent supervision. The issues that spill into school are reaching a point where teacher time is being taken up daily with issues that affect the engagement and behaviour in class. Please support us with this. Please reconsider allowing your child to be on any social media. If you do allow them to, please consider ensuring that it is done in a way that you are able to closely monitor their activities.

KEY DATES

- **School Mass this Sunday 14th August at 10am**
- 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

Ikura initiative - period products

We are delighted to share that St Columba's Catholic School are participating in the Ikura | Manaakitiate where tangata, the period products in schools' initiative.

Research shows that 77 per cent of students would rather fail a subject than have their peers know they have their period and approximately one in 12 reported having missed school due to lack of access to period products. This highlights the stigma surrounding periods which we hope to change.

Through the initiative we will also help to:

- ★ Reduce barriers to access education
- ★ Reduce financial strain on families to provide products
- ★ Improve attendance
- ★ Increase participation in sporting and cultural activities

The Ministry of Education is providing period products (pads and tampons) to students to allow them to manage their monthly cycle. We will have product available for students to pick up and take home. This will be done in a discrete manner and, we believe, will be of great benefit to our young women and their families as this is a substantial and ongoing monthly cost. For more information on the initiative, please visit: [Ministry of Education - Ikura initiative](#)



We collect a considerable amount of lost property. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on **ALL** items of clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles etc to enable us to return it to them, should it go missing. Lost property is dealt with regularly and the unclaimed items are either recycled within the school or it is taken to a local charity shop.

Please check the lost property box by the office as soon as possible.

Thank you



We raised \$5186 overall which means we earned a commission of \$1815 to put back into literacy resources for our school.

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.

Quote of the week

A little progress
each day adds up
to big results!



General Reminders.....

Please text 021 586633 if your child is not going to be attending one of their permanently booked sessions prior to 2.45pm each day. This will avoid us searching for them and alleviate any worry about their safety from our staff.

Please remember to try and contact us at least two weeks in advance of a new enrolment request so we have enough time to meet with you onsite and confirm enrolments early enough for you as a family to plan ahead if we were in the unfortunate position of being unable to provide care for your child. Our process involves all new enrolments being signed off by our school senior leadership team along with the SCCS Kids Club management team. Each enrolment form is treated as an individual and each child's needs are taken into account before enrolment can be confirmed/accepted.

WINZ Subsidy

If you think you could be eligible to apply for a WINZ subsidy please contact them directly or download the forms from the internet and make an appointment with Deb to have the school section completed. If you are unsure whether you qualify for a subsidy, it is well worth checking with them.

ASCare Enrolment Updates!

At this time and for the remainder of Term 3, we are unable to accommodate any new enrolments for Thursdays. This is due to child/staff ratios being at their limit. However we do still have B4care spaces available each day.

Enrolment Form - 2022

Our current 2022 enrolment forms are available to download from our school website under the Kids Club tab, Deb can email you a copy or you are welcome to pick one up from Kids Club anytime.

Thank you for supporting SCCS Kids Club, we all enjoy looking after your children.

Regards

Deb, Kerry, Gareth and the SCCS Kids Club team



Touch and Basketball Registrations for Term 4 are now open!

Please head to our school website under the sports tab and fill out a registration form if your child is interested in playing.

Saints Netball Prizegiving 2022:

When: Saturday 27 August 2022

Time: 2pm-3.30pm

Where: Gerry Sullivan Events Centre (Marian School)

What to bring: A small plate of food for shared afternoon tea, Saints Netball uniform.

Saints Hockey Prizegiving 2022:

When: Saturday 27 August 2022

Time: 4pm-5pm

Where: Gerry Sullivan Events Centre (Marian School)

What to bring: A small plate of food for a shared meal, Saints hockey top.

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A vibrant blue poster for the "love tennis" event. At the top, the text "love tennis" is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, with a yellow heart icon replacing the letter 'o' in "love". Below this, the date and time "11 SEPT 2022 11AM-4PM" are printed in white. The center of the poster features a group of six people of various ages and ethnicities, all wearing tennis gear and holding rackets, captured in a dynamic, jumping pose. At the bottom, the text "IT'S FREE FOR EVERYONE!" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, in smaller white capital letters, is "RACQUETS SUPPLIED. BBQ. PRIZES. GIVEAWAYS." The ASB CLASSIC logo is positioned in the bottom right corner. At the very bottom, there is a small logo for "tennis NZ" on the left, the text "You could WIN A TRIP FOR TWO to the ASB CLASSIC in Auckland this January" in the center, the website "www.lovetennis.kiwi" on the right, and the "REBEL SPORT" logo in the bottom right corner.