



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Te Kura Ngakau Tapu

"Sacred Heart School is a Catholic Community enriching and empowering our students for life in the 21st century."

Newsletter: Thursday 8 March 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai. Talofa lava, Malo e lei lei, Jou sahn, Aubowan, Chao, Hola, Fakalofa atu, Kumusta, Salam Sejahtera

Miss Duncan and myself were fortunate enough to be able to attend the ordination of Bishop Paul Martin along with 1400 others at Christchurch Boy's High School on Saturday. We are very fortunate to have him after not having a Bishop for the past two years. He came across as being focused and should bring a bit of humour and personality to the position. Bishop Paul showed us how important family is to him with an emotional opening speech. We keep Bishop Paul in our prayers.

It was exciting to see six of our children attend the ordination as part of a Primary Schools' Choir after rehearsing for only a few weeks in preparation for the event. Feel free to have a look at a video of the event.

<https://goo.gl/HPVXfa>



Last week I was impressed with the way our Room 3 children organised and presented the whole school assembly. They were so clear in their speaking and shared their learning and art from the first four weeks of school.

We also had our Filipino Performing Arts Group and our Kapa Haka group perform for Addington School at their cultural celebration day. They all performed fantastically.



*Welcome to the Sacred Heart Community
Demelza who has started in Room 3*

Sports – From Miss McFadzien

Last week our Year 3/4 miniball team played St Martins School Pioneer. They lost 32-6 but learnt a lot and showed great team work. Yesterday they played West Spreydon School and showed some impressive teamwork to win a tight game 18-16.



On Thursday afternoons, after school, a group of children run around Halswell Quarry with Miss Duncan and Miss McFadzien. They are doing a

fantastic job and are getting super strong on the hills. We would love to see more students getting out and enjoying running, so if you think you may like to come along and have a go, come and talk to one of the teachers!

Coming up we have the South West Zones Swimming Sports at Wharenui Pool on Tuesday 20 March. We have five competitors who will be representing our school and we wish them luck in their training up to this event.

Paid Union Meeting for Teachers

We have decided to **stay open** and have organised our staff to attend different meetings on Wednesday 21 March. School will be open as normal.

Polar Fleece

With a change in the weather we remind parents that Sacred Heart Polar Fleece jackets are available from Clare in the office for \$50. Please remember to name all clothing.

Parking at School

On Tuesday I was annoyed to see parents dropping their children in the staff carpark because it was raining. This is dangerous when cars are coming in and out. I also watched as cars queued to park close to the gates obstructing the vision of our young road patrollers. It takes one minute to walk that extra 50 metres from the gates. Please keep in mind the safety of the children when delivering or picking your children up from school.



From Miss Duncan our Director of Religious Studies

It is my privilege to write this newsletter to you as the new Director of Religious Studies for Sacred Heart. I feel honoured taking on this role and will do my utmost to support your children on their faith journeys, in partnership with the classroom teachers.



We are well into the Lenten season. The children attended the Ash Wednesday Mass at the church with many members of the congregation. Following this the middle and senior classes have been studying the presence of God in our world and lives enabling us to grow in grace and virtue. The junior school has been focusing on many aspects of the life of Jesus as a child on earth. Both these topics are significant in the lead-up to the Easter season. There is also the continual presence of learning about Lent. At this point I would like to direct you to the Family/Whanau book. There are a limited number of copies at school or you can visit <http://www.faithalive.org.nz/assets/Resources/Family-whanau-book.pdf> The book describes what the children are learning and how you can support your child's learning of the Catholic faith at home.

On 22 of February, there was a service of prayers and bible readings in memory of the many lives lost and those adversely affected by the earthquake in 2011. We were all so proud and impressed by the children's reverence and responses to prayers at this assembly. The children walked quietly to the tree planted at the front of the school in memory of Ivy Cabunilas, mother of Reshnee and Ryanna who attended Sacred Heart at the time of the earthquake. Ivy died in the CTV building. Students placed flowers around the tree.

Rooms 3 and 4 started the cycle of prayer services on 23 February. The children reminded us, by readings, prayers and songs, the importance of kindness, forgiveness, making promises to God and putting others before ourselves during Lent. Many thanks to the children, Miss Goldsworthy and Miss Caldwell for their work and beautiful presentation.

This Friday (9 March) children from rooms 1 and 7 will be presenting a prayer service at 1.45 pm in the church. You are very welcome to attend.

It is lovely to hear and learn about the different ways the classes begin each day by prayer. With the arrival of the new Parish Priest after Easter, each class will attend a weekday morning mass once a term. To add to the busyness of this term, all classes are preparing for the Holy Thursday school liturgy. This will be in the afternoon at 2 pm in the church. A reminder of times will be sent out via Facebook and the school app.

Last Saturday Frank McManus (Principal) and I attended the ordination of the new bishop for the Canterbury/West Coast diocese. Six children from Sacred Heart sang in the mass choir. The music and singing was truly magnificent. The mass and ordination was something very special to witness. Like many

present I was especially touched by the deep love and respect Bishop Paul Martin has for his family, in particular his mother, who were all present. He did talk about his father who passed away in 1995.

Finally as a note to the students willing to make their First Holy Communion, a message has come from the Parish Secretary that the programme will start in term 2. At this stage no further information is available until the new Parish Priest arrives.

Many blessings during this Lenten season.

Paula Duncan (DRS)

Policy Review

We have all our policies and procedures on School Docs. At present we have a policy on **Home Learning** that we would appreciate your feedback on. Please follow the link below and review this policy.

1. Visit the website <http://sacredheartchch.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm> (note that there's no "www"!)
2. Enter the user name (sacred) and password (heart).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, Clare can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

Events

9 March	Prayer Service Rooms 1 and 7, 1.35 pm in the church
16 March	Prayer Service Rooms 2 and 5 Assembly Room 6
20 March	Zone Swimming – Wharenuui Pool
26 March	HPV vaccination Day for Year 8 children
30 March	Good Friday – School Closed
2-3 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday – School Closed
6 April	Assembly Room 5
13 April	Prayer Service Rooms 6 and 8 Assembly Room 1
13 April	End of Term 1
30 April	Term 2 Starts

**God Bless,
Frank and the Team at Sacred Heart School.**

Sacred Heart SchoolApp

Sacred Heart School uses a **Mobile App** for notices, events and other important School messages. To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link. <http://onelink.to/fkk4ze>
Or search the App Store with Sacred Heart Christchurch



Please make sure you are signed up to our facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/Sacred-Heart-School-Addington-398715453509132/>

Lunchonline

Sacred Heart uses Lunchonline as a lunch provider on a Friday. Parents are encouraged to make healthy choices from the Sydenham bakery or Pita Pit menus for their children.

Please visit <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/> to join up and order for your children.



Parenting Helpline

get support, advice
and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856

8am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

we can help
with any of your
parenting concerns

www.parenthelp.org.nz

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Spanish for Kids after School



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SPANISH FOR KIDS



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NOW

Autumn/Otoño Course - End of Term 1

Introductory Offer - \$50/course

After School Program **AFTERSCHOOL**

Sacred Heart School

Every Tuesday

From 20th March - 10th April

3.15- 4.15pm



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CHRISTCHURCH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB OPEN DAYS



Spreydon Domain - Sunday 11th March
11am -1pm Spreydon Domain - Domain
Terrace A welcome back to our club members
and welcome to all new players. Inflatable
Pitch, Target Shooting, Fun Games, Sausage
Sizzle and Coffee Fun for all the family!

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)