



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 21 June 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

What a fantastic evening seeing our school choir showcased in front of hundreds of parents from the schools in our Community of Practice at the Aurora Centre. The choir did Miss Caldwell and the school proud. It is these evenings that we can really appreciate the talent that our children have while they stand and sing songs proudly that represent the special character of our school. A big thank you to Miss Caldwell.

Thank you to those parents and friends that attended our Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass. Our children had a fun day creating works of art with a Sacred Heart theme. Everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch and then we were entertained by our Kapa Haka group and our choir. A big thank you to Fr Peter and Fr Phil for their help and support. The children appreciated receiving their Duffy Books from you.

Last week Miss Duncan, Mrs Williams and myself attended the Catholic Education Convention in Wellington. It was attended by over 800 others passionate about Catholic Education in New Zealand. It included all of the Bishops of New Zealand, Principals, Priests, DRS's, Management teams, Teachers and many others. We met some fantastic people and listened to some inspirational speakers.

I look forward to seeing all families in the final week of term at Interviews.



Kahukura Music Festival 2018

Wow, wow, wow what an amazing performance by our choir on Tuesday night at the Kahukura Music Festival. It just gets better each year. We had seven children who sung in the combined schools chorale, it was superb. Our school choir, taught and conducted by Miss Caldwell were a huge credit to her and to the school. I had a couple of choir teachers comment that they have choir envy after hearing our children.



Internet Awareness - Check the link

I have attached an interesting article from the news this week. It discusses the impact lack of sleep and internet gaming has on ability at school. One quote from the article rung true after discussing this same issue with a parent from our school. *"Gaming itself is not the problem. It's the extent kids might be getting hooked into indulging in gaming at times they ought to be asleep ... it's a matter of balance."*

It is a good idea to get devices, including phones, out of children's bedrooms and to constantly check what children are doing online.

<https://goo.gl/BbzjzP>



Welcome to the Sacred Heart Community
*Rizalyn in Room 5, Realyn in Room 3
and Miana and Eliza in Room 1*

Gumboots

It has definitely been a very wet start to the winter season and you will have noticed a number of puddles around the school. To ensure that children have warm dry feet please feel free to allow them to wear gumboots to and from school. Just remember to pack their normal school shoes as well!



Cultural Festival 2018

Our Kapa Haka and Filipino group will perform at the Cultural Festival on Wednesday 5 September between 6.45 pm and 9.00 pm at the Horncastle Arena. Tickets are \$17 per adult and \$8 per child under 13 years and under. If you would like to come and support our groups, please make this payment to the school office by Friday 22nd June (tomorrow). If you haven't received a parent ticket order form, please pick one up from the office. Our groups have been practicing hard to present an entertaining performance. It is going to be a wonderful evening.

Thank you Mainfreight

A big big thank you to Mainfreight for being our 'Duffy Books in Homes' sponsor. Without your support we would have never been able to get the 1000's of books into our families homes over the past 10 years. We are also very grateful for the boxes of apples that randomly get dropped off at the school office.



Staff changes

As of Term 3 we will welcome Miss Megan Journee to our teaching staff to take over from Miss Leung who is taking leave to start a family. We wish Miss Leung all the best and look forward to making Miss Journee part of our Sacred Heart family.

Paid Union Meeting - Tuesday 26 June

On Tuesday 26 June the NZEI (Primary Teacher's Union) has called a paid union meeting to discuss the negotiations around the Primary Teachers' Collective agreement. The school will remain open but with a very limited staff. Parents can collect their children at 12.30 pm. No child will be allowed to leave the property without the say so from a parent.

If you are going to collect your child, please email the office office@sacredheartchch.school.nz or advise your child's teacher so that we have a clear idea of numbers of children that will need to be supervised.

Parent Teacher Interviews - 3 way Conferences

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews - 3 Way Conferences are being held on Wednesday 4 July and Thursday 5 July. School will finish at the normal time.



Times can be booked online and you are encouraged to book early. The bookings will stay open until Friday 29 June.

To book an interview time with your child(s) teacher:

- go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Click on "Make a Booking"
- Enter the event code - p54yq (all lower case)

If you require any assistance with making an online booking please contact the school office.

Policy Review

We have all our policies and procedures on School Docs. At present we have a policy on **Reporting to Parents** 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 is 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.

Get ready for flu season – protect your whānau and community

Colder weather also brings along a nasty passenger – the flu.

As you may have seen in the media, it's been a terrible flu season in the Northern Hemisphere, which is a possible predictor for what we may see here.

Influenza infection rates are generally highest in children and healthy children are the major cause of the spread of the virus in the community. Around 80 percent of people infected show no or minimal symptoms so you can spread the flu bug without knowing you have it – and the elderly, pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions are particularly vulnerable.

Canterbury District Health Board is urging you to protect your whānau and the wider community by getting your flu shot as soon as possible. Getting your flu shot every year offers the best protection against the flu. This year's vaccines have been specially formulated for New Zealand and are expected to offer protection against the strain that was circulating in the Northern Hemisphere.

While Flu shots are free for anyone under 18 years they are available for anyone for a fee from a doctor, nurse or some pharmacists or you or your whānau may qualify for a free shot – check out www.flufree.co.nz for more info and flu facts.



Polar Fleece – new stock of large jackets have arrived

With a change in the weather we remind parents that Sacred Heart Polar Fleece jackets are available from Clare in the office for \$50.00. Please remember to name all clothing.

PARISH NEWS

Please make sure all Parish Attendance Dues for Term 2 have been paid to Judy in the Parish office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**From Tuesday 3 April 2018 the Parish Office hours will be as follows:
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8.30 am—4.00 pm *and*
Tuesday 8.30 am—12.30 pm.**

Link to the Parish Website - <https://goo.gl/obKDKn>

Proposed 2019 Dates

Term	Start Date	End Date	Term Holidays /Notes
One	Mon 4 Feb	Friday 12 April	6 Feb - Waitangi Day,
Two	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	3 June - Queen's Birthday, Cluster T/O Day (Friday 31 May)
Three	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September	
Four	Monday 14 October	Friday 20 December	28 October - Labour Day, 15 Nov - Canterbury Anniversary

Events

26 June	Teachers Paid Union Meeting
27 June	Reports go home
2 July	Dancing Like the Stars - Theatre Royal
4 July	Parent-Teacher Interviews
5 July	Parent-Teacher Interviews
6 July	End of Term 2
23 July	Start of Term 3
6 August	Start of 2 weeks of swimming lessons



**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://goo.gl/ZOSNPA>



Parents are encouraged to make healthy choices from the Sushi Factory or Pita Pit menus for their children from our Friday lunch provider.

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

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