



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 16 August 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

Last Tuesday Bishop Paul Martin celebrated a special Mass at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral for the staff of all the Catholic schools in Christchurch. This Mass is normally held in Term 1, but was delayed until Bishop Paul was ordained as Bishop. This was a time for all Catholic teachers to meet to share in the Eucharist and a time for networking after with friends and fellow teachers, reflecting on the importance of Catholic Education.

On Thursday last week we were reminded about the power of goodwill. One of the footballs the children were playing with went out onto the road and was run over by a truck. The following day John (the truck driver) from Move Logistics popped in and gave us a brand new basketball. What a lovely gesture. I called his work place to thank them, and pass on our appreciation to the driver and they were overjoyed to hear that one of their employees had made such a gesture. It is a reminder that the small things we do for others do get noticed.

Swimming is going along really well with some children showing great improvements and progress. Being in a country surrounded by water and having many lakes and waterways it is a good reminder that children have confidence in and around water. Some families may want to continue lessons for their children. **Tomorrow children are asked to bring along pyjamas, as well as their swimming gear, as the lessons will include water safety.**

Congratulations to our new School/Parish choir on your performance at Saturday night's Mass. Two rounds of applause from the Parish was a real affirmation that you did really well.

Again, I thank you for your understanding about the school being closed yesterday. This was a great opportunity to send a message to the government about the crisis that our education system is facing.

First Reconciliation/Communion Programme 2018

The next meeting for children working towards their First Reconciliation and First Communion is on 26 August at 1.00 pm. This is for both the parents and the children - please contact the Parish if you have any questions regarding this or would like to join - Judy 3388395.



Sports Update

Today will be the final day of winter sports at Hagley Park for the middle and senior children. A massive thank you to all the parents and friends of the school who helped out by taking teams or supporting the children. Without your assistance we would not be able to send all these teams down to compete each week. From next week we will be in training for athletics. Every Thursday all children will need to bring sports shorts and a white polo top so they can freely run and jump, plus sports shoes to change in to.

Seesaw

Please make sure you have notifications for Seesaw turned on or check your child's account regularly. That way you will not miss any important updates, messages or work that has been posted for, or by, your child. Please also take the opportunity to comment on your child's work rather than just liking it. They get a real buzz out of seeing that you take notice.

Science Taster Day



On Monday 20 August we will be having a whole school "Science Taster Day" to kick start our next inquiry topic. We have many guests coming in throughout the day to share their scientific knowledge and expertise. Kitchen chemistry, circuits, forensics, environmental science, audiology, biology, chemistry, mechanical engineering and an up close look at Antarctica are some of the activities the students will engage with on the day.

We would like students to dress as a scientist for the day and invite you to pop in during the day to have a look at what the students are learning. If you have any questions please see your classroom teacher.

Home Alone Under 14

We have come across a number of instances where Sacred Heart School children have been left home alone to get themselves to school, and arriving home to empty houses after school. Our Police Education Officer, has reminded us that it is against the law in this country, under the Summary Offences Act to leave children under 14 without making “reasonable provision for their care and supervision”. This means that children under 14 should not be home alone. Please try to make arrangements with other families if you are having difficulties



Buildings Update

We cannot believe how fast the new building is taking shape. Within days the builders had all the framing up ready for a roof to go on. This will be in the next week or so. We are often asked when the completion date will be. All we know is that it should be early in the New Year.

Water Only

As part of our school being a healthy eating accredited school through The Heart Foundation, we have a policy of being ‘Water Only’. Can you ensure that you do not send your child to school with anything other than water.

Absentees and Lateness

If your child is going to be late or absent from school can you please make sure that you let us know, **with the reason for the absence**, before 9.00 am. Either use the SchoolApp or call the office on 3383247.

2019 enrolments

If you know of anyone looking for a space for their child at Sacred Heart School for next year, could you please get them to contact us as soon as possible to avoid missing out. If they are overseas could you pass on our details so that they can contact us.

Policy Review

We have all our policies and procedures on School Docs. At present we have a policy on **Behaviour Management** and **Complaints** 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.

Cultural Festival

Our awesome Filipino Performing Arts Group and our stunning Kapa Haka Group have been working hard polishing their performances ready to show them off to Canterbury at the Christchurch Primary School's Cultural Festival on Wednesday 5 September. If you did not order your tickets through school, either use the link below to book them online or visit Ticketek.



<http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=CULTURAL18>

PARISH NEWS

Please make sure all Parish Attendance Dues for Term 3 have been paid to Judy in the Parish office. Please make an arrangement to pay any overdue amount you may have.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office hours are 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>

Events

20 August	Science Taster Day
26 August	First Reconciliation Parent and Children Meeting - 1.00 pm Church
5 September	Cultural Festival - Horncastle Arena
16 September	First Reconciliation Parent and Children Meeting - 1.00 pm Church
20 September	School photos
25 September	Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - 7.00 pm Church
28 September	End of Term 3
15 October	Start of Term 4

**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

Catholic Cathedral College Presents

QUIZ NIGHT

FRI, SEPT 21
DOORS OPEN 6.15PM
QUIZ STARTS AT 7PM
\$10 PER PERSON

Prizes from:
+The Heritage
+Breakfree Cashel
+Heartland Hotel
Cotswold
+Hanmer Springs
Hot Pools
and many more!

BYO - Free Nibbles
Red stickers
Raffles - Mystery Envelope

Purchase tickets at CCC -
62 Ferry Rd or book at
pta@cathcollege.school.nz

PosterMyWall.com

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