



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Te Kura o Te Ngākau Tapu

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

Newsletter: Thursday 31 October 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Tomorrow is All Saints day where the whole school and Parish come together at mass. In our Religious Education Programme, we teach about the Communion of Saints.

When praying, people often pray for others, whether the sick, the poor or those needing strength to get through a particularly difficult time. When we pray to the Community of Saints it is no different. People ask for them to add strength to their prayers to God. The Saints have the ability to intercede on behalf of individuals who pray in his or her name. God knows what we need before we even ask. He wants us to pray for each other so by praying to the Saints is in effect asking them to intercede on our behalf. Saints are models of prayer. They have already reached their goal and are now enjoying God's vision and company. Through the Communion of Saints, they, are willing to help us during our earthly pilgrimage. We pray to saints as there is no one more righteous!



Please join us for 9.00 am mass in the morning.

Change of Date for End of Year Mass (Tuesday 17th December, 6.30 pm)

Please be aware that we have changed the date for the end of year Mass. It will now be held on the final Tuesday of the term at 6.30 pm in the evening. The whole school is expected to attend to farewell our Year 8 children.

Kahukura Speech Competition



Last week we had 8 children compete in our annual Kahukura speech competition. All of our speakers were top quality and all impressed the judges. We were delighted that Angel finished second in the year 7/8 Category.

Well done to John, Nia, Mata, Neveah, Akaela, Valerie, Anu and Angel for your presentations.



Sports

After watching the weather for over a week we were delighted to be able to have completed our whole school athletics day last Tuesday. It was a delight to see children all competing, supporting and encouraging each other. The standard was high and we were very pleased with the results. From this event, we were able to select a Sacred Heart team to represent us at the South West Zone Athletics Sports next Tuesday at Nga Puna Wai.



Our Year 3 and 4 mini ball team has started their season at Pioneer Stadium on a Wednesday night. They are all very enthusiastic and learnt a lot in their first game. Mrs Williams has been working hard with them at school and they improved a lot in this week's game which unfortunately didn't show on the scoreboard.

Parent Survey

The Board of Trustees are making plans for the future of our school and we'd like to stay focused on the learning needs of each of our children. We'd like to know what you think about.



1. What skills, abilities and attributes do you want your child to have by the time they leave our school?
2. When thinking of your child, what concerns you the most about their future learning needs?
3. How can we as a school, collaborate more effectively with you in your child's learning, faith and growing as a person?
4. Given the previous three questions, what do you think should be the greatest priorities for the school?

A paper copy of this survey will come home with your children today. If you have a child in Years 5-8 it might be a good idea to have a conversation with them and record their's and your thoughts. Every form returned by Monday will receive a chocolate fish and house points.

ATTENDANCE DUES

The Parish has emailed invoices for Term 4 to families. Please make payment as soon as possible. An information sheet about Attendance Dues for 2020 has also been sent out. Cost for 2020 is \$95.00 per Term. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office on 3388395 or email office.sanctamaria@xtra.co.nz

2020

If your child is not returning to Sacred Heart School in 2020 could you please inform the office so that we can continue to plan resourcing, class placements and class sizes for next year.



Cups return

If you have cups at home from the prizegiving last year can you please return them to the office so we can begin preparing for the end of the year.

Internet Safety

SEVEN TIPS TO HELP YOU

The following tips are designed to enhance your digital parenting knowledge and have been developed with parents in mind.

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

1. **Understand:** Read about the potential online risks, challenges and sometimes illegal behaviour young people face to understand what may happen
2. **Learn:** Ask your child about what they do, how they use devices and who they talk to learn about their activities. Check in regularly to see what has changed
3. **Explore:** Take the time yourself to explore the sites, apps and technologies your child uses to improve your knowledge and understand their experience
4. **Agree:** Create a family code with your child to agree on what they can do online including sites to visit, appropriate behaviours, privacy settings and limits
5. **Start:** Recognise each child has unique needs, but some online safety concepts are universal. Start by teaching yours the Five tips to help your child thrive
6. **Model:** Be a good example to your child. Make sure you role model the sort of behaviours you want to see your child use online and offline
7. **Plan:** Make a plan so everybody knows what to do if something goes wrong and where you will be able to get advice and support in challenging times



School Photo Orders

All envelopes have been sent home for ordering school photos. Can you ensure that the correct money is placed in the envelopes that are returned to the office.

School App



SchoolAppsNZ 4+
School Apps by Snapp Mobile
Snapp Mobile Limited
#6 in Education
★★★★★ 2.4, 76 Ratings
Free

Make sure you keep up with all communications from school and have the latest update of our School App. Download from the App Store with SchoolAppsNZ and search Sacred Heart Christchurch



Music and Performance - Term 4

Next week there are two music festivals which many of our year 4-8 students will perform in - Kids4Kids on Tuesday and the Christchurch Schools Music Festival on Friday. Please check Ticketek to purchase tickets for these performances.

We are well underway with our school production which will be on **3 December at 6.30** at the La Vida Centre on Hansons Lane, Upper Riccarton where we are sharing the tale of The Lorax. All children will be involved in performing whether acting, singing or dancing or a combination - we can't wait! More details will follow.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival - Senior Choir

Get your tickets at the link below, remember to choose Friday 8 November. Tickets to this are limited so get in quick to buy yours:

<https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/Shows/Show.aspx?sh=MUSICFES19>



Kids4Kids Concert - Tuesday 5 November



Get your tickets at the link below, remember to choose Tuesday 5 November.

<https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=BIGAROHA19&v=CWT>

2020 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?

SunSAFE

Being a SunSAFE accredited school we do ask that children wear a full brimmed hat in term 4 and parents are vigilant with applying sunscreen before children leave for school. We do have sunscreen in classrooms for children to apply. School hats can be purchased for \$5.00



2020 Dates



Term 1 - Tuesday 4 February - Thursday 9 April
(6 February - Waitangi Day)

Term 2 - Monday 28 April - Friday 3 July
(Cluster Teacher Only Day Friday 29 May,
and 1 June - Queen's Birthday)

Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December
(26 October - Labour Day and
13 November - Canterbury Anniversary)

Events

- 5 November - South West Zone Athletics - Nga Puna Wai
- 5 November - Kids4Kids Concert - Horncastle Arena
- 8 November - Christchurch Schools Music Festival - Town Hall
- 11 November - BoT Meeting
- 13 November - Kahukura Kapa Haka Festival - South Intermediate
- 15 November - Show Day - School Closed
- 24 November - First Holy Communion
- 3 December - Sacred Heart School Production - LaVida Centre
- 9 December - BoT Meeting
- 17 December - End of Year Whole School Mass (Tuesday 6.30 pm)
- 20 December - Last Day of School



Please make sure you are signed up to our facebook page.

<https://goo.gl/ZOSNPA>



**Anyone needing After School care for their child please Contact
ADDINGTON OSCAR on 0204 086 4947 or email
addingtonoscar@yahoo.co.nz**



**Hello Lunchonline families at Sacred Heart
School**

**Sushi Factory now offers bakery items as well as
Sushi on their menu !!**

**Jump online and check out all the new scrumptious
additions.**

Sushi Factory - Fridays (with bakery options)

Regards

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