



# 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."

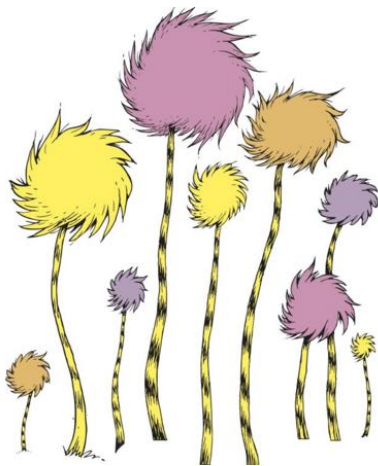
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**Newsletter: Thursday 28 November 2019**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

It was lovely to see our children taking the next step in their faith journey by making their First Holy Communion at Sunday's Mass. The children looked beautiful and all those who read did so expertly. We congratulate Rasela, Natalie, Andrae, Lila-Rose, Santiago, Georgina, Chloe, Adrian, Jihan and Rafael.



Well, the big message for this newsletter is **Production**. It has been a mammoth undertaking and we really look forward to seeing you all at the Lavidia Centre on Tuesday evening to celebrate this term's learning. Please make sure children are there before 5.30 pm. Doors will open to parents at 5.45 pm with a start time of 6.00 pm. There will be no door sales, so make sure you have your tickets.

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Liturgical period of Advent. It is a time of preparation to celebrate the first coming of Jesus. As a school, we prepare with all teachers delivering Advent lessons. During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church, all to prepare for celebrating Christmas. What will your preparations be?

## Teacher Only Days for 2020

I advised earlier that as part of the teacher's and principal's collective agreements, it was negotiated that schools were entitled to have eight teacher only days to address work on curriculum, assessment practices and workloads over the next three years. We have not scheduled any of these in 2019 but have decided on the following dates for 2020

- Term 1: Monday 23 March**
- Term 3: Friday 11 September**
- Term 4: Monday 30 November**

## Library Book Return

We need to do the end of year audit on our Library. We need to have all the library books returned by tomorrow. If you have any readers, textbooks or library books that belong to the school, can we have them returned tomorrow?



## Year 8 2020 School-Based Vaccination Programme

We are pleased to inform you the Canterbury DHB will continue to offer a School-Based Vaccination Programme to Year 8 boys and girls, who have not completed their eleven-year-old vaccinations in General Practice.

The School-Based Vaccination programme will offer the two-dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. The programme will also include a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school, a vaccination pack will be sent home early in Term 1. The child's parent/caregiver will need to complete and return the consent form to school.

**Get your tickets!! There will be no door sales!**



We promise an entertaining evening on Tuesday **3 December at 6.00pm** at the La Vida Centre on Hansons Lane, Upper Riccarton <http://www.lavidacentre.org/> 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! **Tickets are only \$5 per person, get yours NOW as there won't be door sales.** Get the whole extended family along to see your children performing on stage. Finer details will keep coming home.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:office.sanctamaria@xtra.co.nz)

### **Reconciliation**

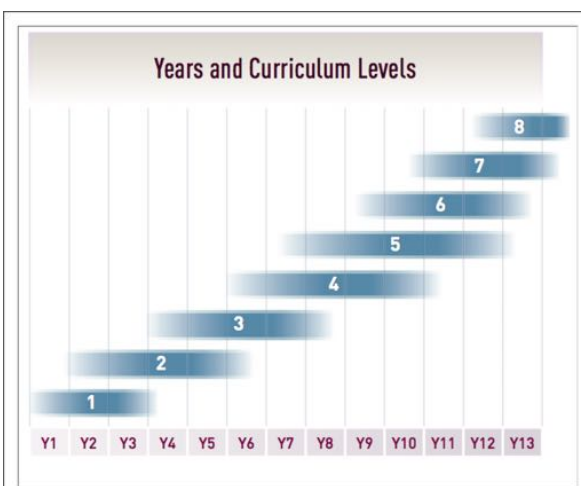
Reconciliation will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 11th December at 7.00 pm in preparation for Christmas.



## Reporting to Parents 2019

Our recent survey by the Board of Trustees has indicated excellent support for the use of Seesaw. As you have been advised we are using Seesaw as our method of reporting to parents on progress and achievement. We are required to report to parents twice a year and are finding this method very beneficial in terms of showing progress, teachers and children sharing their learning, providing information and communicating with home.

Over the next few weeks, we will be reporting on various curriculum areas to update you on where your child is in terms of curriculum levels. Through the year you will have seen work samples with teacher comments that help you see that your child is making progress. Last week all the Year 4-8 children received comments on their competencies and DIVE's they have worked on this year. Year 0-3 children will receive comments on observations and competencies developed in 'Learning through Play'. By the end of week 9, you will have received report comments on Competencies, Reading, Writing, Maths and Religious Education. In most cases it will have a curriculum level, maybe a tested reading age that supports the teacher's judgement and a comment of where to next.



This diagram shows the expectations where each year group should be achieving in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum.

Many students do not, however, fit this pattern. They include those with special learning needs, those who are gifted, and those who come from non-English-speaking backgrounds.

The gradual shading at each level recognises that learning is a personal journey and students make progress at different rates; within any year group, there will be students achieving at different levels.

For reporting to parents at Sacred Heart School we look closely at curriculum levels to identify where students are achieving and making progress in relation to the curriculum.

You will see the comments based on where your child is achieving.

Junior children's progress in reading can be shown against the colour wheel or reading age. Again, all children learn to read at a different rate so years and colours are only an indication. Beginning at Magenta and moving through to Gold.

**The NZ Curriculum**

	After 1 Yr	After 2 Yrs	After 3 Yrs	End of Y4	End of Y5	End of Y6	End of Y7	End of Y8
<b>Reading</b> <small>across the curriculum</small>	Green (R.A. 6.0-6.5yrs)	Turquoise (R.A. 7.0-7.5yrs)	Gold (R.A. 8.0-8.5yrs)	At Curriculum Level 2 (R.A. 8.5-10yrs)	Early Curriculum Level 3 (R.A. 9.5-11yrs)	At Curriculum Level 3 (R.A. 10.5-12yrs)	Early Curriculum Level 4	At Curriculum Level 4
<b>Writing</b> <small>across the curriculum</small>	Within Curriculum Level 1 1B 1P 1A	At Curriculum Level 1 1B 1P 1A	Early Curriculum Level 2 2B 2P 2A	At Curriculum Level 2 2B 2P 2A	Early Curriculum Level 3 3B 3P 3A	At Curriculum Level 3 3B 3P 3A	Early Curriculum Level 4 4B 4P 4A	At Curriculum Level 4 4B 4P 4A
<b>Maths</b> <small>(Numeracy Stage)</small>	Numeracy Stage 1-3	Numeracy Stage 4	Numeracy Stage 5		Numeracy Stage 6		Numeracy Stage 7	
<small>Maths Basic Facts</small>			50%	65%	80%	100%		

## **Download your child's Seesaw**

It might also be a good idea to Download your children's work for the year. This can be done by following these instructions. Any difficulties, please let us know.

**Step 1:** Sign into your Family account at <https://app.seesaw.me>.

**Step 2:** Click on your Profile Icon on the top left.

**Step 3:** Click on the Gear Icon.

**Step 4:** Click on Account Settings.

**Step 5:** Scroll down and click on Download Journal Archives.

**Step 6:** Click on the Download Zip button for the journal you want to download. This might take a while depending on your Internet speed and how many posts your child has in Seesaw.

**This is what you get!** It is organized by month and then ordered by the date the post was added. You'll see an html file with a thumbnail, text notes or captions, folder names and links (if the post used the Link item type). You'll also see the original image, video or audio files.

If you have not signed up with Seesaw or are having trouble navigating it, please contact us.

If there is anything in the teachers comments that you would like clarified or explained, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

## **School App**



**SchoolAppsNZ** 4.4  
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



## 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?

## 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

3 December - Sacred Heart School Production - LaVida Centre

9 December - BoT Meeting 5.30 pm - Senior Block

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***

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