



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: Friday 7 February 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Welcome back to school for 2020. We welcome the new families to our school and know that you will be welcomed quickly into our Sacred Heart family.

Tuesday was exciting to see the junior children moving up classes and seeing those that are becoming leaders and role models to others in their classes. We welcomed 18 new children to the school as well as a new Teacher Aide, Grace. Our excellent long-serving relief teacher Jo McLauchlan is now working permanently in the Middle Syndicate



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

We build relationships by being compassionate, kind, considerate and fair to all. This care and consideration are extended to caring about the ecological sustainability of our environment.

Our overarching theme for learning this year is *Belonging and Purpose*. **Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi** *With your basket and my basket the people will live*. We will continue to have 'Inquiry Cycles' relating to our overarching theme. We call these Inquiry Cycles our **DIVE's** this stands for *Discover, Investigate, Venture, Explain*. Anything is possible! We look forward to you being part of your child's learning.

Please make the time to visit your child's classroom to meet the teachers and make use of Seesaw to engage in your child's learning. I look forward to meeting all the new parents and reconnecting with all the returning families.

No Donation

A reminder that this year we have opted into a Government scheme to accept funding from them as opposed to asking for a school donation. As we have opted in no donation is asked for. Please take note that **Attendance Dues still need to be paid to the Parish**. If you have anything overdue from last year please contact Judy on ph 3388395.

Hats

We are expecting a delivery of hats today, these will be available from the office and are \$5 each. Children must wear a hat when outside. We have a policy of 'No Hat, No Play'.



A big welcome to the new students who have started this year.

Room 1 - Rigel, Khloe, Mikael, Adrien, Jacobe

Room 2 - Max

Room 5 - Mathias, Jack

Middle Syndicate - Jakiah, Yago, Sarah, Arlo, Princess, CJ

Senior Syndicate - Jaxon, Cleve, AJ, Cloud

Commissioning Mass Wednesday

As a school, we will all be attending a Parish and School Mass on Wednesday morning at 9.00 am. Please join us in the first school Mass of the year.

School Gates

As part of Health & Safety at school, we need to keep the school gates closed. In the morning the Car gate will be closed at 8.45 pm. No cars to enter the school grounds apart from staff. We ask that the pedestrian gate be closed from 9.00 am when entering or leaving the school. We are in the process of having a gate installed at the back of the hall.

Home School Communication



We have a very supportive parent community here at Sacred Heart School and we appreciate the open relationship that we have with you. As a school, we do our best to communicate with you in a range of ways and to inform you early about what is happening at school. We make use of meetings, Seesaw, newsletters, our website, Facebook and

emails to keep you up to date about what is happening and engage you in your child's education. In recent times email, Seesaw and social media have meant that teachers, staff and parents are more accessible to each other. While this is a positive for communication it can create the perception that we are all available to each other 24/7.

In an effort to further improve communication between home and school and to assist with staff and student wellbeing we have put together the following guidelines.

- If you email staff after 5.00 p.m. or on the weekend, please do not expect a reply until the next working day. We have asked teachers to respond to emails within 24 hours or the next working day.
- If staff are away sick, they will reply to your email when they return to work.
- Teachers and staff do their best for our children. On occasion, you may be upset about something that has happened regarding your child. In these instances we encourage you to make a time to discuss this with staff face to face as emails can be misinterpreted.

We thank you for your consideration on this.

Internet Safety



Earlier this week we sent home to all families an ICT (Information Communication Technology) user agreement. Thank you to those who have already returned these. Until we have these returned your child will not be able to use a device at school. We teach all children the importance of being safe online and often pass on information to parents

regarding 'safety online at home'.

If you have any concerns about internet safety check in on Netsafe's website.

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

School Times

A reminder that the school is open from 8.30 am. Please do not bring children to school before 8.30 am. Teachers are busy with before school commitments and cannot supervise your children. A reminder that the Church is open before school and any parents dropping their children there is at their own risk as the Parish and School cannot accept responsibility for children before school. Please make an alternative arrangement if you need to.

School finishes at 3.00 pm. Children need to be collected by 3.10 pm. Teachers often have other commitments after school and are often off-site by 3.30 pm.

Sunscreen on before school



We are a Sunsafe accredited school and take sun safety very seriously. Please ensure children come to school with sunscreen already on. Sunscreen is available in all classes and we have it available in the playground.

Prayer Services and Assemblies

Parents are encouraged to attend our Prayer Services and Assemblies. These are held every second Friday and lead by classes. Prayer Services are held at 1.45 pm and Assemblies at 2.15 pm. Please refer to our Events list.

Road Safety

Please do not park on the yellow lines outside of school when dropping off and picking up children, it restricts the view of children crossing the road. Avoid parking on the bus stop and in the school grounds. Please remember to keep children safe in vehicles by following New Zealand law. All children must be restrained when travelling in a motor vehicle. If you are unsure of the requirements please check the website below.

<https://goo.gl/xjKkXx>

Teacher Only Days for 2020

As part of the teachers' and principals' 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 did not schedule 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**



Parents are encouraged to make healthy choices from the Sushi Factory. Check out the menu. Please visit <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/> to join up and order for your children.

School App



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 School Apps by Snapp Mobile
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 ★★★★★ 2,4, 76 Ratings
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Make sure you keep up with all communications from school and have the latest update of our School App. Download SchoolAppsNZ from the App Store or Google Play and search Sacred Heart Christchurch



2020 Dates



- Term 1** - Tuesday 4 February - Thursday 9 April
 (6 February - Waitangi Day and Teacher Only Day 23 March)
- 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
 (Teacher Only Day 11 September)
- Term 4** - Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December
 (26 October - Labour Day, 13 November - Canterbury Anniversary, 30 November - Teacher Only Day)

Events

12 February - Commissioning Mass 9.00 am in the Church
20 February - BoT Meeting, 5.30 pm in the senior classroom
26 February - Ash Wednesday Mass 9.00 am Sacred Heart Church
13 March - SW Zone Swimming Sports - Jellie Pool
23 March - Teacher Only Day - No school today
24 March - HPV immunisation for Yr 8 children.
9 April - Easter Liturgy and End of Term.

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

<https://goo.gl/ZOSNPA>



MARIST ALBION RFC JUNIOR RUGBY

2020 PLAYER REGISTRATION

Give rugby a go in 2020! We are currently taking registrations for the 2020 junior rugby season.

We have options available from 4 – 13 years old including Ripa rugby, tackle grades and **NEW in 2020**
****Rip Rugby****.

For more information and to register visit our website www.maristalbion.co.nz and click on Junior rugby OR contact Brendon Feary (Junior Club Captain) 021 226 4003 or Jo McKenzie (Junior Club President) 021 067 2906.

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