



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 21 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

It was really nice to start the year with Commissioning Masses. The Mass held for children and adults of the school to pledge support to the school year and adopt our school values and what it means to be at a Catholic School was a wonderful occasion. As a staff, we also celebrated with all of the Catholic Primary and Secondary school teachers and Principals at a Mass at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. We were delighted to have Mrs Williams and Mrs Thomson receive awards for their study from Bishop Paul Martin.



On Tuesday we farewelled our wonderful Mr H who passed away on Thursday. Mr H was a musical legend in our school. Over the past few years, Mr H worked with our Kapa Haka group and supported them on stage at the Cultural Festival. Mr H was passionate about our tamariki and a loved Koru of Raiken, Tanner and Mya. His loving children, Sheralee, Ranui and Wene all spoke beautifully of their Matua at the service. Rest in Peace Mr H.

The school was delighted to support Miss Mac in her fantastic effort in the Coast to Coast Race. Nicki and her teammate finished second in their two-day division.



Meet the Teachers

Next week we will be running evenings with the teachers. Each team will meet with groups of parents to run through key information and discuss how the year is unfolding and being run. It will be a chance for you to ask any questions and to have a look around the spaces we are using. Each session will run from 5 pm until 6 pm.

- **Monday 24 February - Senior Team** (Mrs Williams and Miss Caldwell)
- **Wednesday 26 February - Junior Team** (Miss Duncan, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Munro and Miss McFadzien)
- **Thursday 27 February - Middle Team** (Miss Journee and Mrs McLauchlan)

First Reconciliation/Communion Programme 2020

We continue to pray for the 23 children preparing for the sacraments of reconciliation and communion, the next step in their journey of faith.



Policy Review

We have all our policies and procedures on School Docs. At present we have a policy on **Recognition of Cultural Diversity** 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.

From the DRS

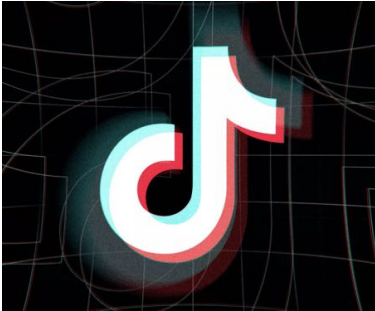
As we begin our journey through Lent you may wish to visit this site to share readings and ideas as a family.
<https://www.faithjourney.co.nz/feed-your-soul11.html> As the title of the page tells us - *God wishes to be part of our ordinary everyday*. I will continue to contribute readings, prayers, thoughts, pictures and reflections in the school newsletters to assist you with educating your child in his/her Catholic faith at home.



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

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 are 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.



Internet Safety

Each newsletter we will provide some advice and links to keep you and your children safe online. This week it is around TikTok. Something I am learning quickly about but lack any ability.

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

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.

Road Safety



Many of our children scoot to school but it is important they are safe while riding. Attached is a link to keeping safe while travelling to and from school.

<https://education.nzta.govt.nz/teacher-resources/school-community-partnerships/scooter-safety-tips/>

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**

Friday Lunchonline

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

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



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School Apps by Snapp Mobile
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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

- 24 February** - Meet the Teacher - Senior Team (Mrs Williams and Miss Caldwell)
26 February - Ash Wednesday Mass 9.00 am Sacred Heart Church
26 February - Meet the Teacher - Junior Team (Miss Duncan, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Munro and Miss McFadzien)
27 February - Meet the Teacher - Middle Team (Miss Journee and Mrs McLauchlan)
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.

Greetings to all family/whanau, caregivers and friends.

A very happy new year to you all (albeit a bit late). We have certainly been blessed with great summer weather.



We started the term well with a school commitment mass when all staff and children vowed to treat each other with respect and dignity, work hard and take care of our school. On Monday the 24th of February the school will gather together to remember and pray for those who died were injured or lost homes in the Canterbury earthquake that occurred 9 years ago. The prayer service will begin on the courts in front of the middle/senior school block. All children

will walk quietly to the tree planted at the front of the school in memory of Ivy Cabunilas, mother of Reshnee and Rhianna who attended Sacred Heart at the time of the earthquake. Ivy died in the CTV building. Students place flowers around the tree provided by our friend and neighbour, Sister Anne-Marie. The service will conclude with a haka performed by our Kapa Haka group.

During the first 2 weeks of the term, the students learned about prayer. They wrote prayers of thanks, asking for blessings or forgiveness. Children are learning that prayer occurs at any time, any place and in many different forms. At this stage of the religious education lessons focus on the presence of God in our lives although teaching and learning of our faith is integrated into all curriculum areas. The children from room 1 have been visiting the church most afternoons to learn and practice entering and leaving the church, blessing themselves, genuflecting and kneeling.

At this point, I would like to direct you to the Family/Whanau book. There are a limited number of copies at school or you can visit <http://www.faithalive.org.nz/assets/Resources/Family-whanau-book.pdf> The book describes what the children are learning and how you can support your child's learning of the Catholic faith at home.

This Friday (21st February) children from room 2 will be presenting a prayer service at 1.45 pm in the church. You are very welcome to attend.

Next Wednesday (26th February) the school will be attending 9.00 am mass for Ash Wednesday. Please feel free to join us as we begin the season of Lent.

With the amalgamation of the South Christchurch parishes, we will be working with St Peter's School and Our Lady of the Assumption school on special character events, planning, organisation of masses etc. These will become more apparent after Pentecost (Sunday 31 May) when the amalgamation officially takes place.

Many blessings during this term.
Paula Duncan (DRS)

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 Rippa 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.

IRISH DANCE

Come and have a go!

3:30pm – 4pm

Free Trial

Wed 19th of Feb
29 Domain Terrace
(Irish Club)

Tuesday 18th of Feb
370 Innes Road
(St Francis)

New Pre-school and school age programme

- Learn the basics of dance
- Develop motor & social skills

021 2040 133 for more details

Come follow the rainbow and learn to dance

You will have missed the Free Trial, but give Shealagh a call on 0212040133 and tell her that Frank from Sacred Heart School sent you and she'll look after you.