

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Te Kura Ngakau Tapu



"Our School exists to provide a Catholic Education of the highest standard where Christ and Gospel values are the centre of School Life"



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From the Principal

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

This will be the last full newsletter for 2016 as we head into the final two weeks of the term. The final two weeks are packed full of events to keep the children engaged right up until we finish on 16 December.

Last Friday Rooms 3 and 4 delivered an excellent prayer service around the meaning and symbols of Advent. Advent is a time for waiting, as our faith fact below states; it is to **Prepare the way of the Lord**.

I was delighted to be able to attend the Jubilate at the Pro-cathedral to listen to our choir sing along with 340 other Catholic primary school children. Our choir represented us beautifully by sharing the altar with St Patrick's Kaiapoi to sing Magnificent Musical Menagerie. Mrs Clark, our choir teacher can be proud of this group.

We have changed the venue for the Sacred Heart School Arts Festival on Tuesday 6 December. We will be holding it at school, on the courtyard. The weather looks to be fine and it will be a night to enjoy all the dance, drama, song and culture that we have worked on throughout the year. The event will start at 6.00 pm with the children needing to be at their classrooms by 5.30 pm to prepare for their items. All children will be involved. Bring a warm jacket and the rest of the family and be entertained.

We are preparing to farewell another group of Year 8 students heading off to secondary school and we wish them all the best. They will be great ambassadors for our school. Please support them as we farewell them at the final School Mass on 10 December.

Thank you for all the support you have given our wonderful school this year and I look forward to catching up at the Whole School Mass, the Arts Festival and the Final Prizegiving of the year.

Lost Jacket – A black Kathmandu jacket has been misplaced after Friday's mufti day. Can you check that your child has not come home with a jacket that does not belong to them.

Library Books and Sports uniforms – If

you have any library books at home, please return them as soon as possible so that we can do our annual stocktake. If by any chance you have a sports top that has not been returned could that also be returned to school.



SCHOOL DONATION

This is the final week for the year to pay your school donation. If you have not settled your donation for the year – please make payment to Clare in the school Office. Thank you so much to those who have paid for 2016.

Attendance Dues – The collection of attendance dues is essential to repay debt and contribute to the development of the Catholic school system. It is a legal obligation for parents to pay these dues.

Please ensure your attendance dues are paid to the **Parish Office** to avoid any debt collection action. If you are having difficulty paying these please contact Judy in the Parish office on Phone 338-8395

Classes and teachers for 2017

Room 1 – Mrs Kate French (New Entrants)
Room 2 – Miss Paula Duncan (Year 1/2)
Room 5 – Ms Lydia Carr (Year 2)
Room 3 – Mrs Kath Clark (Year 3/4)
Room 4 – Miss Olivia Peat (Year 4/5)
Room 8 – Miss Karli Goldsworthy (Year 5/6)
Room 6 – Mrs Liz Williams (Year 6/7)
Room 7 – Mrs Naomi Stamper (Year 7/8)

MASS TIMES

Saturday Masses: 5pm

Sunday Masses: 10.30am

Weekday Masses: 9am Monday to Saturday

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 - 11am

Keep an eye on the school Facebook page using this link <https://goo.gl/3u5lr4> and make sure you have downloaded the school App.



Remember to encourage the healthy options from the menu. It is a very simple system to get your child registered and the ordering process is straight forward. Go to the address below, before 8.30 am on any given Friday, and just follow the prompts:

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Faith Facts

Week 8 – November 28 - December 2

First week of Advent

Advent is the period preceding the Christmas season. It begins on the Sunday nearest November 30, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, and covers four Sundays. Because the day it begins changes from year to year, so does the length of each Advent season. Advent begins on November 27. The word advent, from Latin, means "the coming." For centuries, Advent has been a time of spiritual reflection as well as cheer and anticipation.

"Prepare the way of the Lord" serves as a main theme of this season. As we get ready for Christmas, we should not neglect to prepare our lives for Jesus, who came as "the light of the world." His light penetrated a dark world, which allowed all to see their Messiah, and the hope of their future.

Sports Talk

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the sports arena. Our volleyball teams are getting better and better each week. The Sacred Heart Celtics had two wins against tough opposition. Unfortunately the Sacred Heart Spikers had close losses to South Intermediate and Cobham Intermediate. Our Year 3/4 mini-ball team had a fantastic win against West Spreydon. The final score was 25-24!

Thank you to the parents who helped out with Top Team at St Peters yesterday. The students had an enjoyable morning making new friends and learning to work as a team.

Good luck to the eight students competing at the Canterbury Athletics next Wednesday in Ashburton.

Thank you to everyone for a great sporting year. The students who represented Sacred Heart beautifully and the parents who came along to support. We look forward to another great sports year in 2017!

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After School care and Holiday Programme.
Contact Menna Harries 0210656295
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2017 YR 8 HPV VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common viral infection which can lead to cervical cancer, genital warts and other types of cancers later in life. Early HPV immunisation offers the best protection against contracting these diseases. Starting 2017, both girls and boys in Year 8 will be offered free HPV Vaccination through the school based programme. A new updated version of the vaccine (Gardasil 9) will cover more strains of the virus, providing cover with 2 doses rather than 3 with Gardasil 4. The vaccination will continue to be available within the GP

Practices, however, we encourage you to participate in the school based programme. Girls and boys who have partially started the process with their GP will have the option to complete the course through the school based programme. To enable students to receive the vaccination at school, parents will need to complete the consent form which will be sent home with the student along with supporting information during the first weeks of term one. Please check with your child or the school to ensure you receive the consent form and information pack. For more information about the vaccine, contact Public Health Nursing Service at 03 383 6877 Ext. 99469 or 99698, talk to your doctor, practice nurse or visit www.health.govt.nz/hpv.

Events

Tuesday 6th December – Arts Festival at Sacred Heart School – 6.00 pm
Wednesday 7 December – Junior School visit to the 100 Acre Wood
Wednesday 7 December – Canterbury Central Athletic Sports – Ashburton
Friday 9 December – Records of Achievement and Development go home.
Saturday 10 December – Year 8 Leavers Mass 5.00 pm (Whole School)
Wednesday 14 December – Middle and Senior School visit to Margaret Mahy and Clip n Climb
Friday 16 December – Prize-giving and last day of school noon finish.

On behalf of the staff, we wish all parents/caregivers and students a safe and Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back in 2017.



**DAY ONE FOR PUPILS 2017 –
MONDAY 30 JANUARY – 8.55 AM**



God Bless

Frank McManus Principal

