

Newsletter – Week 7, Term 1

17 March 2020

Kia Ora Whanau

Jesus said “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:13-14

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I will give him will NEVER thirst again
John 4:14



COVID 19 VIRUS

Please know that our school is undertaking all instructions issued by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. We will keep you fully informed of any new actions or decisions. As per previous emails, continue to act wisely and to follow directive from our government in regard to regular hand washing and self-isolation if required.

In response to the latest advice received from the Ministries of Health and Education, the school has taken the following action.

- No whole school assembly this week.
- Room 7 visit to Hugh Green Rest Home – Cancelled
- Grandparents Day 3rd of April – Cancelled
- Junior trip to watch Greedy Cat at Pumphouse Theatre – Under review (currently still going ahead).
- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle each day as we will be turning off the water fountains as of tomorrow (Wednesday, 18th March) as a further precaution against Covid 19.

Please note that, following review, school Masses will continue at this point unless advised by the Diocese or Ministry. The school is following all directives for Mass attendees issued by the Catholic Diocese.

Swimming sports will go ahead as planned tomorrow.

CHURCH CARPARK

If you use the Church carpark for bringing your child into school, you will have noticed Miss Binns and myself stationed at various points. It has been pleasing to note most of our parents are adhering to the slow speed limit, they are parking, taking and settling their child into their classroom or staying on site. Thank you for following these rules. They are in place to protect our children.

Some reminders:

- Children are not to walk unaccompanied through the carpark. If your child is walking to school, please use the Penzance Road entrance.
- Father's driveway is private and out of bounds.
- If you are wanting to drop your child off without going into the school please use East Coast Road entrance.

SUSTAINABILITY

Becoming a sustainable environment is one our strategic goals. Mrs Carrie Mercer and Mrs Paula Ritsma have taken leadership of this initiative. In due course you will receive information about the ideas they have for our school. They intend to work with our children and teachers to put practices in place that will support us to become better kaitiaki of our beautiful environment.

E te Ariki, Lord Jesus.

Let us look beyond our divisions to become springs of hope for the poor and marginalised in our world.
Empower your people to spread your work so that many more may come to believe in you.

Viki Trainor – Principal



Our ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS

Wednesday, 18th March - 9.30am start.



Our Swimming Sports is always a special event and the children are keen to get in the pool and compete for their house teams. In response to feedback received over the past few years, the format of our swimming sports will be changed slightly this year. **The Waitemata Team (Year 4 to 6)** children will be participating in the morning, **starting at 9.30am**, and competing for the **Nicola Jack Memorial Cup**.

The Nicola Jack Memorial Cup was presented by her family to the school for our swimming sports in memory of Nicola Jack who died as a result of an accident in 1991. She was in Year 3 at the time and we remember her fondly as one of our children full of life and promise and very keen on her swimming.

Rangitoto Team (Year 1 to 3) children will be participating in the afternoon, **starting at 12.45pm**, where they will have the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning and enjoy time together in the pool area.

You are welcome to come and join us for the swimming sports. However, we ask you to refrain from going into the pool area, rather, enjoy sitting on the surrounding banks. For safety reasons the children will not be allowed to leave the pool enclosure. They will have their hats on while not swimming and should also bring a T-shirt in their house colours to wear at the pool. Please feel free to give your child 'named' sunscreen to put on or apply it to your child before they come to school.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS*

Senior School, Years 4 – 6

Starting at 9.30am

<p>3 Length Medley 7 – 8, 9 and 10 year girls 7 – 8, 9 and 10 year boys</p> <p>1 Length Freestyle 7 – 8 year girls 7 – 8 year boys 9 year girls 9 year boys 10 year girls 10 year boys</p> <p>2 Widths Freestyle 7 – 10 year girls 7 – 10 year boys</p>	<p>2 Lengths Freestyle 7 – 8 year girls 7 – 8 year boys 9 year girls 9 year boys 10 year girls 10 year boys</p> <p>1 Length Kickboard 7 – 10 year girls 7 – 10 year boys</p>	<p>1 Length Backstroke 7 – 8 year girls 7 – 8 year boys 9 year girls 9 year boys 10 year girls 10 year boys</p> <p>1 Length Breaststroke 7 – 8 year girls 7 – 8 year boys 9 year girls 9 year boys 10 year girls 10 year boys</p>	<p>1 Width Kickboard 7 – 10 year girls 7 – 10 year boys</p> <p>1 Width Back Kick 7 – 10 year girls 7 – 10 year boys</p> <p>House Relay Senior School Mixed</p> <p>Green Lane 1 (closest to bank) Gold Lane 2 Red Lane 3 Blue Lane 4 (closest to bush)</p>
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Junior School, Years 1 – 3

Starting at 12.45pm

<p>3 Length Medley Year 3 girls Year 3 boys</p> <p>1 Length Freestyle Year 1 girls Year 1 boys Year 2 girls Year 2 boys Year 3 girls Year 3 boys</p> <p>1 Width Freestyle Year 1 girls Year 1 boys Year 2 girls Year 2 boys</p>	<p>2 Widths Freestyle Year 3 girls Year 3 boys</p> <p>1 Width Walk Year 1 girls Year 1 boys Year 2 girls Year 2 boys</p> <p>2 Length Freestyle Year 3 girls Year 3 boys</p> <p>1 Length Kickboard Year 3 girls Year 3 boys</p>	<p>1 Width Kickboard Year 1 girls Year 1 boys Year 2 girls Year 2 boys Year 3 girls Year 3 boys</p> <p>1 Length Backstroke Year 3 girls Year 3 boys</p> <p>1 Length Breaststroke Year 3 girls Year 3 boys</p>	<p>1 Width Balance Kickboard walk Year 1 girls Year 1 boys Year 2 girls Year 2 boys</p> <p>1 Length Back Kick with Kickboard Year 3 girls Year 3 boys</p> <p>1 Width Noodle Walk/Kick Year 1 girls Year 1 boys Year 2 girls Year 2 boys</p>
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* Programme may be subject to change dependent on weather



Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese.

Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrollment for all students enrolled in New Zealand Catholic Schools.

Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education Act 1989.

ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

2020	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$448	\$880
per term (incl. GST)	\$112	\$220

For more information: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/catholic-schools/fees-and-contribution/

Phone: (09) 360 3040

Email: acfl@cda.org.nz

Catholic Special Character Contribution

SUPPORTING
CATHOLIC EDUCATION
IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Catholic Special Character contribution is used to fund the staff and services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board who are responsible, on behalf of the Proprietor, for safeguarding and strengthening the Catholic Special Character of our schools.

The contribution is \$12.50 per term per student or \$50 per student per year.

The contribution is tax deductible and a 33% refund can be claimed from the IRD.

For more information:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/catholic-education-services/

Phone: (09) 360 3083 **Email:** ces@cda.org.nz

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER



This year we have teamed up with Couplands Bakery to sell delicious Hot Cross Buns through school. Each Hot Cross Bun six-pack will cost you \$5.50, with \$2 of each pack sold going directly back to the PTFA.

Sell them to your friends, family and neighbours! There will be ice blocks given out to the class that sells the most packets.

There are two yummy flavours to choose from:

- Traditional
- Chocolate



Hot Cross Buns will be delivered to school for you to **pick up on Wednesday, 8th April.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Oonagh Burns (Gymnastics), **Joshua Doherty** (Bronze, Surf Lifesaving Champs, Yr 5-7), **Joseph Bae** (Flippaball)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dove Fellowship for Women. Wednesday, 18th March, 7.30pm, St Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Speaker: Jane Thomsen, "Breastplate of Righteousness". For information contact Sylvia, Tel: 0210 882 2990

Murrays Bay Primary, Twilight Festival. Friday 27th March 3-7pm. Food stalls, drinks, shops, auctions, games and fair attractions - vertical bungee, kids ferris wheel, inflatable fun, climbing wall, goliath maze and water rollers.

Browns Bay Preschool 20th Year Celebration and Reunion. Saturday, 4th April, 10.00am – 1.00pm. 55 Browns Bay Road. Coffee and ice cream for sale, free sausage sizzle, bouncy castles. If you still have your portfolio please bring it along. For more information Tel: 09 479 3008 or visit www.brownsbaypreschool.co.nz

Torbay Plunket Nearly New Sale Saturday 4th April 10am – 12pm at East Coast Bays Leisure Centre, 12 Bute Road, Browns Bay. Come along, grab a bargain and support a fantastic cause. Entry fee for shoppers is a gold coin donation with the proceeds going to Torbay Plunket to continue the great work they do in our local community. Thousands of items will be for sale - new and second hand. Baby and children's clothing (newborn to 10 yrs.), maternity gear, nursery equipment, prams and strollers, toys, books and much, much more!

Kids Choice School Holiday Programme bookings are now open. The programme will open on Tuesday 14th April until Friday 24th April 2020. Days are full of fun activities and trips to stimulate and entertain your children in a safe, fully supervised environment. CYF's approved allowing you to apply for a subsidy. We are based at the Presbyterian Church, 10 Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay. Hours of operation are 7.00am til 6.00pm daily. Contact Barb 027 440 6363 or 09 478 3705, Email: kids.choice@infogen.net.nz

Premium Kids Care is offering a holiday programme, based onsite at Northcross Intermediate. Children from all schools are welcome to attend! Our activities this time around include a visit to the Stardome, giant games and puzzles with Pops Games, a trip to the movies and more! Visit www.premiumkidscare.co.nz or contact Candice on 021 047 0464 or email: candice@premiumkidscare.co.nz for more information or to enrol.
