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End of term 3 Newsletter 2024

Principal's message

Message from the Principal - Week 10, Term 3.

Kia ora e te Whānau,

As we move into the future, I've been reflecting on my journey as your principal over the past nine months. Guided by the whakataukī, "Kia whakato muri te haere whakamua" (I move forward while reflecting on the lessons of my past), I strive to learn from my experiences and honor the wisdom of those who came before me.

Last week, we celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori with a hīkoi and Cultural Celebration alongside other schools in our Kāhui Ako. Witnessing the effort and pride our students have for their whakapapa always inspires me to advocate for integrating our cultures into life at Holy Cross.

As I plan for 2025—considering staffing, classes, and finances—I remain focused on the wellbeing of our students and how we can elevate our school.



Here are five key lessons I've learned as I move forward while reflecting on my past:

1. Be Yourself

While it may sound cliché, being authentic is crucial. I'm gradually discovering my unique leadership style, which is built on transparency, clear communication, collaboration and trust. Working closely with staff, students and families to achieve our goals has been incredibly fulfilling.

2. Be a Student

As educators, we must remain lifelong learners. Embracing humility and recognising that mistakes are part of growth has been essential for me. Each challenge is an opportunity to learn resilience and adapt for the future.

3. Listen More Than You Talk

There's hidden treasure in every conversation. By actively listening, I have learnt the value of different perspectives and understanding them, which enriches our community. By listening actively it gives you the opportunity to contribute thoughtfully when the time is right.

4. Prioritize and Manage Your Time

Effective time management is vital for any leader. I continuously assess how I allocate my time and strive to find balance—not just for the school, but also for my family and myself.

5. Enjoy the Journey and Know Your Why

Leadership isn't about status or salary; it's about effecting positive change in our community and serving as a role model for all our students. I also want to be a strong role model for our Pasifika and Māori students. My commitment comes from a deep-seated purpose, and I encourage all of us to embrace this journey together.



Important Dates:

- Monday, October 14: Term 4 starts
- Thursday, October 24: Whole School evacuation (Pick up at 2:30pm from the top of the zig zag at Athens St).
- Friday October 25: Teacher Only Day

Closing Thoughts:

Thank you for your ongoing support. Enjoy the break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for the next term!

Ngā mihi nui,



Tala Moemai

Catholic character



Te Tikanga-rua / Being Bi-Cultural in the new RE Curriculum



in honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi the New Zealand Catholic Bishops are committed to provide a resource through the new RE Curriculum (Tō Tātou Whakapono Our Faith) that allows Māori learners to engage with the material in a way that is significant to their faith journey within their cultural context. The Catholic faith is both one and universal, and its integration into different cultures enriches everyone. In Aotearoa, Māori involvement in the Catholic Church predates the Treaty of Waitangi, with the Church being primarily Māori before the arrival of British and Irish soldiers. Early Catholic figures such as Bishop Pompallier, Marist fathers, Sisters of Mercy and various other missionary groups learned Te Reo Māori to build relationships with the indigenous people. To help non-Māori and those learning about tikanga Māori (traditions), concepts and elements of Te Reo Māori are incorporated to foster deeper understanding and appreciation of Māori perspectives and stories.

The Lord's Prayer

Ko te Inoi a te Ariki	
Our Father in heaven,	E to
mātou Matua i te rangi,	
hallowed be your name,	kia
whakatapua tōu ingoa,	
your kingdom come,	kia tae
mai tōu rangatiratanga,	
your will be done	kia whakaritea
tōu hiahia i te whenua	
on earth as in heaven.	kia
pēra anō i tō te rangi	
Give us today our daily bread.	Homai ki a
mātou äiane i he taro mā	
Forgive us our sins	
mātou mō tēnei ra	
as we forgive those who sin against us.	
Whakakāhoretia ō mātou hara, me	
Save us from the time of trial	mātou e
whakakore nei i ngā hara o te	
and deliver us from evil.	hunga e
hara ana ki a mātou.	
	Kaua mātou e tukua kia
	whakawaia,
	Engari whakaorangia mātou i
	te kino.

Source: <https://www.totatouwhakapono.nz/chapel-wharekarakia/prayer-resources/>



Lighting up Holy Cross School- Ka whiti mai te ra.

One thing we haven't talked about in a while is how much our tamariki shine at Holy Cross. We have very clear values- whānau: *be inclusive*, aroha: *be kind* and yes: *be brave*. Every day of every week our tamariki show they understand our values by showing these in action in class, in the playground, on trips and visits to the office- they shine!

Since 2010, Holy Cross School has been part of a long running program which is in many New Zealand schools called Positive Behaviour for Learning- or PB4L. This is a program that focuses on coaching kids to show positive behaviour represented in our values. We take time in class to talk about what these values mean and we also acknowledge when our tamariki show behaviours that support our values.

This term we have revamped our acknowledgement (reward) system. Tamariki are now awarded lumens when they have shown positive behaviour related to our values. These lumens are collected on a class chart and can be given out by teachers and other adults around the school. At prayers every fortnight, we celebrate how brightly our tamariki shine. Matua Tala gives out certificates to people who have been outstanding in showing our values. We hope these certificates make it home and efforts are celebrated. Each class tally of lumens is also collected as we work for a range of acknowledgements. So far this term the whole school has had an extra 15 minutes play and an iceblock. We are working towards a Super Hero non-uniform day, a fun sports afternoon and the ultimate- a whole school dance party. We will let you know via our newsletter when we have reached our goals so you can celebrate too.

UPDATE- we have made it! Wednesday 16th October of Term 4 we will have our hero dress up day where tamariki can come in non uniform as their chosen hero- super hero, sports hero, pop star hero, character hero etc. We will also have our dance party on Wednesday too. Friday 18th we will have our special sports afternoon. What a fabulous way to start the term.

Hiko 2024



'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. This represents the *resilience, adaptability and endurance* of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future.

Last Rāmere (Friday) we had a hiko (parade) at our school. My class made posters. My friend and I wrote: Kōrero te re Māori. He reo taonga. This means: Let's speak Māori. The language is a treasure.

By Enzo and Hendrix

On the last day of Māori Language Week we walked along the footpath. Our banner said: E te Atua aroha mai, which translates to: God loves us.

By George and Jacob

We were proud to be holding up the Māori flag. It was fun walking around the block and waving to the cars passing by.

By Anna, Eva, Moana

I wrote "Kia kaha" on my banner which means - be strong. I liked watching the cultural group dancing and doing the haka.

By Aarav





manage, wondering how many people were in the hall watching us at that very moment.

Mia, Y8 - Te Wiki o Te reo Māori - Holy Cross School Hikoi
As I stood there waving my flag, my friends and I welcomed whānau, guiding them to their seats with a “Kia ora” or “Good morning.” My heart swelled with amazement as the culture groups began to perform. They looked phenomenal.

Room 1

Rūma Tahī

We've had an amazing term of learning, and developing our tuakana-teina relationships and leadership skills. We were fortunate to hear from talented speakers on leadership and explore the importance of personal and worldly sin in relation to kaitiakitanga. We also investigated te ngahere (the forest), learning about the creatures and plants that grow at different levels of its ecosystem. Special thanks to Whaea Cilla for sharing her ataahua (beautiful) te reo knowledge with us. We've also enjoyed swimming, touch rugby, and out-of-school sports.

Vignettes from our Moment in Time Writing - Cultural Festival and the Hikoi

Alazanda, Y8

Finally, the words came: “Please welcome Holy Cross School.” As soon as I heard them, I knew I couldn't muck this up. All our practice had led to this moment. I wasn't just spinning a stick; I was doing it for my fa'asinomaga—my identity as Samoan. I was doing it for my ancestors, who taught us respect, and for my villages: Fasito'outa, Safune, and Nofolai'i.

Cian, Y8

Before our performance, I sat mesmerised by the quality of the cultural acts I had just watched. I was awe-filled and inspired, hoping our performance would match the same high standard.

Jonathan, Y8

As I stepped onto the stage, my heart jumped into my throat. We were performing in front of ten schools! A wave of nervous chatter swept through our group, but we knew we had to stay focused.

Leya, Y7

My heart pounded as I stepped onto the stage. The music beat loudly in my ears. As I watched the siva group, I felt a shiver of emotions—nervousness, excitement, and pride all at once.

Willy, Y7

When it was time to walk out, I heard the first strum of the guitar and thought, “Wow, this is really happening.” As we walked on stage, my legs trembled, and my stomach flipped with nerves.

Lofi, Y8

My heart raced faster with each step towards the stage. I could feel my confidence building. As the beat started for the siva, I watched with pride. Even though I didn't perform the siva, I was so proud of my cousins and friends who did.

Lilith, Y8

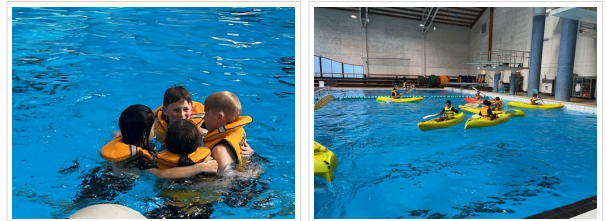
As I stood on that stage, adrenaline rushed through me, and my nerves were high. But once I heard the music, they melted away. I danced with the biggest, brightest smile I could



Room 2

Kia Ora Everyone from Room 2.

It has been an action packed term. Here are some highlights.



Room 3 and 5

Room 3 and 5 News

We have had an action-packed end of term 3, including the following:

- A hīkoi to celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
- Pedal Ready bicycle programme for our year 5's
- Athletics day

- Connecting with our community to grow our Te MotuKairangi Pollinator Pathway
- Visit to Zealandia
- A visit for three ākonga to Government House for a Garden to Table event
- Cultural Performance at St Pats College
- Weekly music lessons focussing on singing skills
- A visit to Palmers Garden Centre to look at pollinator-friendly plants

In class, our ākonga have been learning skills in reading, writing and maths, including:

- Length measurements, including perimeter of shapes
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
- Constructing grammatically correct sentences
- Participating in a structured literacy spelling programme
- Report writing
- Persuasive text
- Note taking
- Reading deeply into text
- Non-fiction text reading

Our tamariki are ready for a well deserved break to refresh and prepare for another term of learning in and out of the classroom.



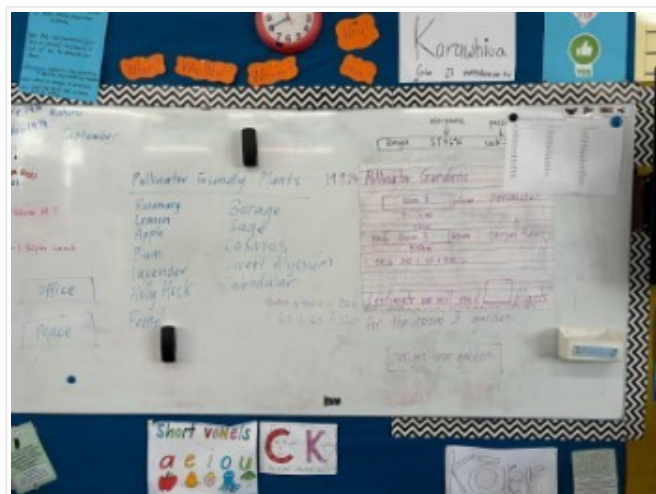
Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Hīkoi with banners.



GTT visit to Miramar Central Kindergarten and Miramar Community Centre to share our Pollinator Garden ideas and pollinator-friendly flower seeds.



Government House with Garden to Table.



Linking our maths knowledge to real life through planning our pollinator garden.

Room 7

Fractions with sandwiches and pizza

To learn about fractions we have been cutting sandwiches into halves, quarters and eighths.

Square sandwiches can be cut diagonally into 8 triangles or straight into 8 rectangles. When we shared the pieces between 2 people we each got 4 out of 8 tiny sandwiches.

On another day we learned how to cut a round pizza into sixths. Cutting a round shape into 6 equal pieces is hard. First we needed to cut the pizza in half, then we cut the halves into thirds, starting from the middle.



Life Cycle of a bean plant - Kaitiakitanga (looking after nature)

First we planted the bean. After that the root evolved. After that the plant turned into a seedling and a shoot popped out of the soil. - Rosa

First we planted a bean below the soil and watered it. After 8 days the roots came out. A few days later we noticed a shoot so we planted the bean plant into a box outside. - Dreius

First we planted some beans in soil in a plastic bag. After eight days the roots started to grow. Next the bean plant started to grow. After some time the bean plant will turn into a flowering plant. - Serah



Olani and Atarangi - Tala's and Lucy's beautiful daughter.

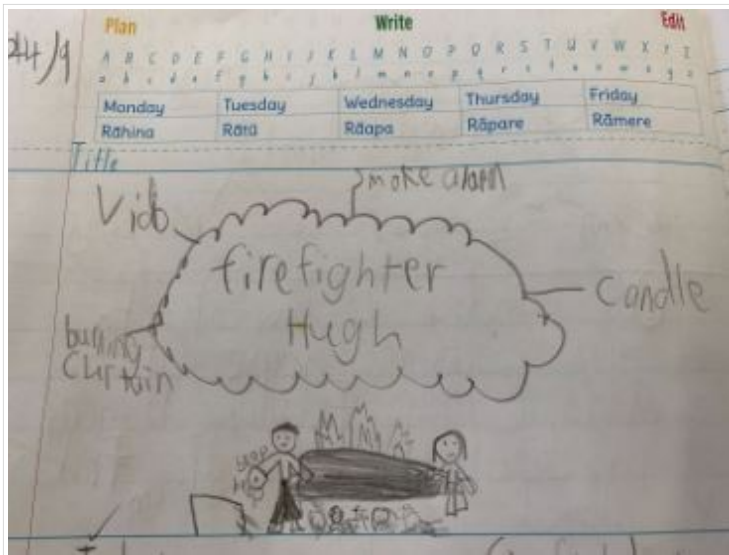
Room 8

In Term 3, the children have enjoyed learning about being firewise, magnets and reusing items for art! They loved hands-on experimenting with the magnets, and learning about all things magnetic in our lives. In RE, we have learnt about The Trinity - The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we celebrated The Feast Of The Assumption on August 15th. We are all looking forward to a restful break over the holidays, so as to return refreshed and ready for more learning in Term 4!



Our Visit from a Firefighter.

By Amelia Room 8.



This morning, a firefighter named Firefighter Hugh, came to our class to talk about fire. We watched a video about a fire. In the video, a window was open, a candle was lit and a curtain was flapping above it. Then a few seconds later.... the curtain caught on fire! (firefighters did this on purpose).

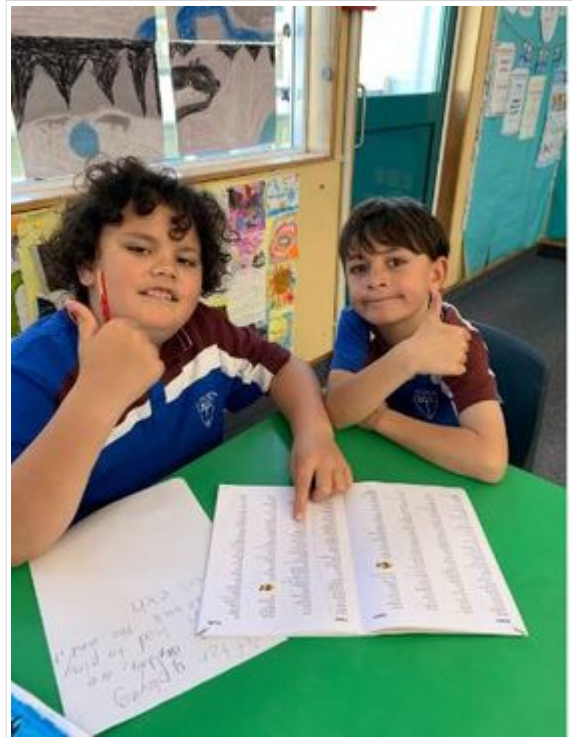
Then the video showed a room full of smoke! Then the video showed the same room (at the start) and this time the curtain was on fire, and the smoke alarm went off! Fire is dangerous if it starts by itself. So we always get down, stay low, get

out fast! We have only got 2 minutes to get out of the room. Don't get toys or books or anything from the building. Matches and lighters are dangerous for little kids. Hugh pretended we evacuated the classroom. We went to the courts and called some people's names!

Futsal Tournament

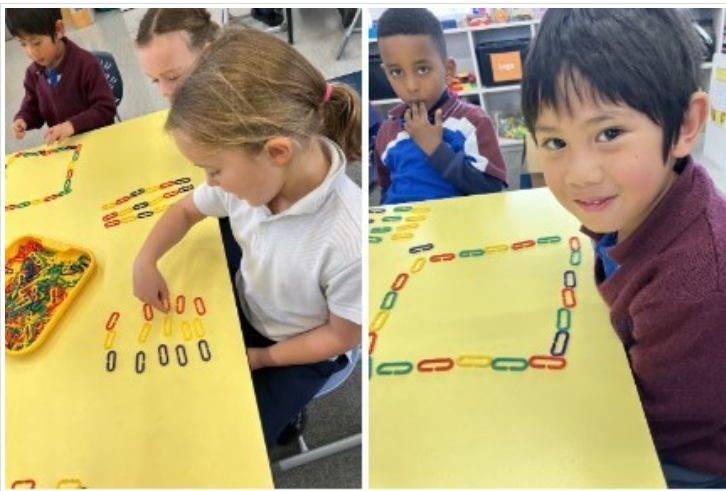
By Solomon Leota and Conor Sullivan, Room 8

On Tuesday, the 10th of September, we went to a futsal tournament at Akau Tangi. There were 9 rounds, and there were lots of other schools there too. We were both in the same team. We won some games and we lost some games too. We loved it! After playing futsal all day, we had to play basketball after school too, and it was exhausting!



Room 11

We have been learning about repeating patterns over the last few weeks. We have explored different ways to make them with shapes, numbers, colours and clapping. We have enjoyed noticing patterns we see around us and can talk about the way they repeat and how to continue them.



Last week we visited Miramar Library. We said a karakia in English, te reo Māori and NZ sign language. In preparation for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, we listened to some traditional Māori stories and a modern one with te reo Māori kupu (words). We also had time to browse and borrow some books. It was so much fun that we are planning to visit every term.



Hei konā mai,
Kirsten, Brenda, Lyn and Malisha

2025 School term dates

https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/5231/holy_cross_school_term_dates_2025.pdf

Garden to Table



Kihini

Today in the kitchen we made lemon muffins which in te reo are called Mawhene Rēmana. Thinbeth

We made the Mawhene Rēmana batter. Charlotte. We put pata. Jessica. I put some hēki in the bowl with the mīraka and stirred it. We tipped the watery ingredients into the dry ingredients and then me and Curtis stirred it. Ruby.

We were given lots of bags of apples by Olivia's friend. We don't like wasting food. I cut and sliced āporo. Nyakua. I grated āporo. Nitya.

Māra Kai

In the garden today we had to draw vegetables and we had to write the signs of Spring. Brooklyn. When we drew the vegetables we had to write the Māori word for each. Amaan. We planted some vegetables and we had a Māori vegetable bingo game. Gabby.

We were in three groups and Olivia gave each group a picture and we had to find 17 worms and lots of other stuff too! Emily.



Today at Garden to Table by Room 3...

Firstly we got some tools and went outside the school gate. Secondly we took out the weeds from the ground. Next we went inside the school gate and put the tools right next to the door. Then we lined up in pairs and walked up to the Miramar Community Centre. Finally Olivia gave us a seed and put it in a hole. Lastly we walked back to school and had the food. By Jessica

Firstly in the garden we got the tools and watering cans and buckets. Secondly we went to our pollinator garden to pull out the weeds. We were also there because we needed to put some flowers in our garden. Then we walked to the Miramar Community Centre to put the seeds in their garden beds. Lastly we came back to Holy Cross School and ate. By Larkham.

Firstly Olivia made us get materials. Secondly we went to the room 3 pollinator garden to pull out the roots and grass. Then we walked to the Miramar Community Centre which is at Chelsea Street. Lastly we came back to school and washed our hands. After we ate garlicky greens with pasta.

In the kitchen...

Today I was in the kitchen. Michael was the Chef of the Day. Firstly Amaan, me, Rory, Avery, Michael, Ceydeaz all cut garlic. Secondly we all cut silverbeet with kale then put it in the pot to cook. Next Aleksandra put the pasta in. Then we started to write. Lastly we started to serve out the food. Finally we ate with everyone else. Cleo.

Firstly we cut garlic silverbeet and kale and we put it on a plate. Secondly we wrote 5 sentences about our senses which was pretty fun. Lastly we ate the spaghetti which was super good and tasty. Super Chewy too. By Tyler



Uniform 2025

In 2023 the Board of Trustees conducted a review of the uniform to see if changes were needed.

As part of the review students and whānau were asked what they liked and didn't like about the uniform. We displayed a range of possible new uniform items at the Food Fair in November 2023.

The Board felt it was important to offer choices to students, so they can dress in a way that supports their identity and enables their learning at school.

Some small changes to the uniform were made and we have listed them below for your reference.

The uniform items we are removing from the uniform can be worn until the end of 2024, and from the beginning of 2025 we're hoping everyone will have changed to the new uniform.

Junior school (NE - Year 6) - summer (term 1 & 4)

- Shirts: blue, white, and maroon polo shirt.
- Bottoms: navy shorts or navy 4 pleat skort.
- Footwear: sandals -no socks (all black), or shoes (all black) with new navy cotton $\frac{3}{4}$ socks.
- Hat: navy bucket hat
- Optional: existing summer dress.
- Removed: grey woollen socks.

Junior school (NE – Year 6) – winter (term 2 & 3)

- Shirts: blue, white, and maroon polo shirts, or the navy skivvy.
- Bottoms: navy shorts, or navy 4 pleat skort, or navy trackpants.
- Footwear: shoes (all black) navy $\frac{3}{4}$ cotton socks, or navy tights

- Jacket: Holy Cross blue school jacket
- Jumper: Holy Cross woollen maroon jersey or maroon polar fleece
- Removed: white girls polo shirt, girls pinafore

Senior school (Years 7-8) – summer (term 1 & 4)

- Shirts: blue, white and maroon polo, or Holy Cross white short sleeved shirt or pale blue long-sleeved shirt (as worn at St Patrick's College)
- Bottoms: navy shorts, or navy 4 pleat skort, or tartan skirt
- Footwear: sandals-no socks (all black), or shoes (all black) navy $\frac{3}{4}$ cotton socks.
- Hat: navy bucket hat
- Removed: grey woollen socks

Senior school (Years 7-8) – winter (term 2 & 3)

- Shirts: blue, white and maroon polo or navy long sleeve skivvy or Holy Cross white short sleeved shirt or pale blue long-sleeved shirt (as worn at St Patrick's College)
- Bottoms: navy shorts or navy 4 pleat skort, or tartan skirt or navy tracksuit pants.
- Footwear: Shoes (all black) navy cotton $\frac{3}{4}$ socks, or navy tights.
- Jacket: Holy Cross blue school jacket
- Jumper: Holy Cross woollen maroon jersey or maroon polar fleece
- Removed: grey woollen socks.

PE uniform: Years 1-3 (optional), Years 4-8 (compulsory)

- Holy Cross PE shirt (with logo)
- PE Shorts (no bike pants)

Remember in term 4 a navy hat needs to be worn by students during morning tea and lunch time.

SCHOOL HATS FOR SALE

We are selling school hats in the office, priced @ \$10 each.
Sizing - small (54 cm), medium (58 cm) and large (61 cm).
Cash ONLY please.



The Holy Cross Parents Group

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Furniture for the Library - Can you help?



Holy Cross Parents Group

Things are well and truly underway for our Festive Food Fair, Friday 8 November! Our amazing food stalls have been confirmed and are starting to plan out their menus. If you are able to help with serving, baking, setting up or cleaning up on the day, we would greatly appreciate it.

We would also greatly appreciate any donations of ingredients or supermarket vouchers for us to help buy supplies – keep an eye out for a list we will be sending out next week! If you are able to help, please email psg@hcm.school.nz or speak with Malisha

We'll also be running raffles on the night with some great prizes from our amazing sponsors:

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Butterfly Builds <https://www.butterflybuilds.co.nz/>

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Vietnameezy [Vietnameezy – Lunch Made Easy](#)

Monsoon Poon [Monsoon Poon – Restaurant – Bar – Functions](#)

Art for Kids [Art for Kids | Art Classes for Kids & Adults | Wellington, NZ. \(stephaniewoodman.com\)](#)

Keep an eye out for more prize updates! All funds raised will go towards new iPads for our students.

Kia ora,

We are keen to acquire some new furniture for the library, and as funds are limited we are reaching out to the clever builders in the Holy Cross community to see if any of you might be able to help with production of these items.

The items we are wanting are two low book trolleys, for easy access to picture books for the juniors (we currently have books on shelves that are a bit too high for some students to reach), and a book tower for senior fiction, for easier and more appealing access to these books.

If you would be interested in building / helping to build any of these items please let us know.

We have examples of designs and would pay for materials using our Book Fair funds.

Ngā mihi,

Sophie (Librarian)

Sports Update

We can't wait to see you there



A huge 'thank you' to Kevin Sinnott and the UP Foundation for supporting our tamariki in term 3 and 4. UP foundation is all about levelling the playing field and providing fees free support for our sports teams.

We really appreciate this support and are extremely grateful. This support has meant lots of our tamariki have been able to try out a new sport at no cost to their whanau.

THANK YOU !



Futsal Tournament at Akau Tangi Sports Centre

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th September three teams of Year 1-2 , Year 3-4, and Year 5-6 students got to play in a futsal tournament at Akau Tangi Sports

Centre. Everyone had a great time and all played really well.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who provided transport and supervision and coaching over the 2 days. Without your support we couldn't have taken up this opportunity so a big thank you !



Basketball Update

A very solid all round game from the “Green Machine”

We won 54-6 and even tried a few three pointers with Moana coming close!

Anna and Eva were good mid court and under the hoop with Mila and Reef everywhere.

Angelia and Millie were also working very hard.

Well done team!

A big shout out to the girls who fought hard going down 42-27 in our final versus Sacred Heart.

All season we have tried our best; worked hard and played with excellent team spirit. Showing the Holy Cross WAY.

It is time for a well earned rest now but it has been a pleasure guiding the team from the sidelines.

Thank you Holy Cross Green!

The Holy Cross Yellow yr 3/4 team won 17-5 against Brooklyn on Tuesday in the finals!



Birthday Celebrations



Wishing the following a very Happy Birthday - Isabella, Tallulah and Sarkis and for those also celebrating their Birthday over the school holidays, Ledayna, Lily, Cian, Bawi, Sophie X and Maia. Have an awesome day everyone.

Holy Trinity Parish News

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https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/5232/29_september_2024_final_compressed.pdf

A reminder: for those who are on the 8.30am Mass roster and are available, the familiarisation session is tomorrow Saturday 28th September 2pm at St Patrick's Church in Kilbirnie.

Community News



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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October Holiday Computer Classes.

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- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods.
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python.
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children

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The early bird catches the worm
(October School Holidays)

get a free return ticket!

Who's ready for an adventure at Staglands these school holidays?

Be the early bird that gets the worm, or in this case, a FREE ADULT TICKET, to return again!

Just purchase your entry tickets at our Ticket Office by 10am, and voila!

Don't hit the snooze button, it's time to rise and shine! 



Offer runs from 28th September - 13th October 2024.

Conditions apply, see website for details.

We will also be running our ever-popular, free Tractor-Trailer Rides (circumstances permitting).

TREES, BEES, AND ME!

A charming kiwi adventure for the young and young at heart!

28 September - 12 October
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 04 801 7992

Beyond the Page 2024 - a literary festival for tamariki and their whānau

Kia ora Wellington schools and kura,

“Beyond the Page is back for a seventh year! During the next school holidays, from 28 September – 13 October, you are invited to libraries across the Wellington region for over 120 awesome and totally FREE events for tamariki and their whānau. From interactive storytimes with Orchestra Wellington and the NZSO, workshops with award-winning authors and illustrators like Paul Beavis, Steve Mushin, and Isobel Te Aho-White, and classes on how to become a D&D Dungeon Master, through to meet-and-greets with Llamas at the Library, immersive theatre experiences, and even the chance to create your own Alien Junk Monster – there’s something for everybody at this year’s festival.

All events are free, but some require registration as space may be limited. Find out more, and view the entire calendar of events, at www.beyondthepage.nz.”

Hoop Kids Spring Camp: Sign Up Now!

Hi Parents,

Looking for a fun and active way for your child to spend the school break? **Hoop Kids Spring Camp** is here with basketball, smiles, and skills for every ability level.

Why join us?

- **Daily Fun & Learning:** 6 hours of basketball, teamwork, and confidence-building.
- **Supportive Coaches:** Focused on positive growth, not pressure.
- **For Every Kid:** Open to Years 3-8, all abilities welcome!

Camp Details:



When: 30 Sep - 2 Oct



Time: 9am - 3pm



Where: Ākau Tangi Sports Centre



Cost: \$160

Don't let your child miss out on all the fun!

info@wellingtonbasketball.co.nz



We're thrilled to already be hosting so many local children these school holidays. Our exciting activities are filling up fast!

Sat 28 Sep | [Toy & Book Swap](#) | 11am - 1pm | FREE
Bring up to 10 gently used books and toys and select new treasures donated by other kids. Click the link for more info!

Tue 1 Oct | [Zappo The Magician](#) | 1pm - 2pm | \$5 Each
Join Zappo the Magician for a magically green adventure!

Tue 8 Oct | [Sarah The Scientist](#) | Various Times | \$7 Each
Meet Sarah the Scientist for a hands-on, interactive and educational show

Thur 10 Oct | [Wild Words Creative Writing](#) | 9:30am | \$25 Per Child

A children's creative writing workshop with Cloe from EQ Storytelling. Kids will have a reserve tour, learn writing techniques, use their imagination and create magical stories inspired by native flora, fauna, and Māori legends.

Email: admin@ngamanu.co.nz

COMMUNITY EVENTS/NOTICES

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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

2024 KIDS KAUKAU CHALLENGE

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER



A FUN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



TRIP OF AN ERA 2!



SEE TAYLOR SWIFT
LIVE IN VANCOUVER
6TH DEC

ROUND 2
NOW WITH 2 CHANCES TO WIN!

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WIN 1 OF 2 TRIPS FOR 2
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plunket
whānau āwhina

Strathmore, Seatoun & Bays Playgroup

When: Friday 9:00 - 11:30
(during school terms only)

Where: Strathmore Park Plunket
2 Kinghorne St

Cost: Koha

Bring: Healthy nut-free snack and a
drink for your tamariki



In the first 1000 days we make the difference of a lifetime

Forum on Housing sponsored by the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission. 10am-3pm Saturday 28th September, St Bernadette's Church Hall, Naenae.

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In the Wings

Drama classes for emerging talent

6 week Drama Taster
Starting 23rd October
10-14 Year olds*
*will consider outside of this age range

Wednesday 4-5pm
Hataitai Centre

SIGN UP:
www.inthewings.co.nz

Catholic Social Services

people helping people āwhina tātou

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Compassion Events (30 September – 6 October)



Kia ora,

We'd love for you to share these activities with your parish networks.

Thank you so much!

Taizé

Friday 4 October, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

Inspired by communities in France, Taizé incorporates music and chanting into a restful and reflective practice.

Join our Sisters for a Taizé session in our chapel. A reflective time with simple songs and scripture that brings us to stillness and silence.

Everyone is welcome.

Morning Prayer / Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

Join us for a contemplative morning mass to start the day.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

ALL are welcome.

Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Monday, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Join our ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the ancient Christian traditions of the Desert Fathers and Mothers. All are welcome.

Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Venue: Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Join us for our weekly craft gathering.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

Miha Māori - Māori Mass

Every Sunday, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue: The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington.

For more information contact ph. (04) 383-7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

The Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are open

Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces.

Cloister Café: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Tuesday to Friday

Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion and Resting Place of Suzanne Aubert: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Everyday

