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Term 3 Week 5 Newsletter 2024

Principal's message

Message from the Principal - Week 5, Term 3.

Kia ora e te whānau,



The last few weeks have seen some fantastic celebrations including Pōwhiri, the Assumption of Mary and our Grandparent's Day Mass. It has been amazing to see our students and teachers working together to grow their capacity in leadership, learning and helping each other. These are all important things that we spend time on as it is a part of the fabric of who we are.

My Principal Mentor, Ed Hodgkinson and I often talk about the vision for our school and he often refers to the quote,

'What the principal spends time attending to is the single most important strategic resource in any school'. As I reflect on this, and what I do on a daily basis, I think about this follow up question;

"What is most important to all of us and what matters the most?"

Naturally, I can answer that question based on my own life experience. However, do I know how the staff, students and community would answer this question? I imagine we would have lots of things in common, but are we on the same page about these things? Probably not as much as I would like.

Things that spring to mind for me are; Culture (and cultural identity), Faith, Tautua (service), Humility and Work Ethic. These things have led me to be the person I am today. I was grounded in these values at home and also as a student at Holy Cross and St Patrick's college. As the leader of our kura, I hope to instill similar values in our staff and students. I feel that understanding what is important to us helps us to understand what our "anchor" is which helps us to stay on course in our journey of life.

Simply put, our anchor quickly tells us our "why" and if we are drifting away from our course. I like to use the metaphor of a waka / vaka (boat) to explain this as it is culturally appropriate to a New Zealand context. We are in the waka together and I am navigating us into the future. In addition, "He waka eke noa" which means "We're all in this together" infers that we are moving as one towards a new destination.



So what am I getting at? Simply this, I want to know what is important to you. What anchors you and your whānau when you are drifting away from where you want to be? I want to understand our community, students and staff more by coming up with a way that we can articulate this as a school.



In the upcoming weeks, I will be asking you “What is most important to you and what matters the most?” From here, I will look at the data and come up with a model that best fits our community and share this back. I have had lots of interest in our school with enrolments and if I can articulate this area then people will know why they want to come to and stay at Holy Cross School.

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Ngā mihi nui,

Tala Moemai

Catholic character



Our Grandparents Mass last Friday was a marvellous celebration. Thank you Fr Bill for presiding a wonderful Mass and including all ages. HCS was thrilled with the great turn out and we are very appreciative of all the grandparents and stand-ins who came to mark the occasion! You made all the children very happy and created wonderful memories by showing how much you care about their and their friends' learning. Also a huge Thank You to all the parents and helpers who put on the most delicious morning tea!



My Nana is helpful and clever. She teaches me how to play chess. - Antoine yr3

My Grandparents are loving, they help me and remind me when I forget something. - Dreius yr3

My Grandparents are awesome and they play tricks with me and make me laugh. They always get ice-cream. - Jacob yr2

I love my Grandparents because they let me have ice-cream and make yummy lunch. - Tessa yr 2

My grandparents are nice because they buy me candy and take us to the shops. They take me fishing. - Nas yr 2

My Grandparents are kind and they help me. - Finley yr 2

My Grandparents are kind because they are always there when I need them and sometimes they get me a treat. - Enzo yr 3

My Nana is excellent and beautiful. She picks me up almost every day. She also gets me food sometimes. - Jarvis yr 2

Enquiry evening
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults OCIA
St Patrick's Church - meeting room
Thursday 29 August 7pm - 8pm

The spiritual journey of becoming Catholic - he Hikoī Taumano - moves through four steps:

(i) the initial time of evangelisation or enquiry leads to the celebration of the *Rite of Acceptance*

(ii) the time of the catechumenate or formation in Christian Life and deepening commitment to the Jesus Christ and the Christian way of life leads to the celebration of *The Rite of Election*


(iii) the time of purification and enlightenment in Lent is a time of preparation and prayer for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. *Scrutinies* and other *Blessings* and *Rituals* are celebrated throughout the weeks that lead towards Easter and the celebration of *Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist*.

<https://nlo.org.nz/ministries/rcia-rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th August 2024


Facts About the Assumption

1. Mary was brought into Heaven body and soul unlike most people
2. The difference between Mary and Jesus being brought up to heaven is that Jesus went up out of his free will but Mary was chosen to be brought up.
3. Catholics must believe this in a way of showing their Faith.
4. The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is on 15 August.
5. The word assumption comes from Latin and means "taking up".



Leya to present this page and read these facts.

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What's happening in the middle syndicate

This term, the Middle syndicate made up of Room 3 and 5 have had a busy time in their learning.

Our akonga (learners) in Room 3 have written short paragraphs about our learning experiences.

Music

On Wednesday a lady named Emily came to Room 3 to teach us ukulele. When Emily came, she bought her ukulele. Emily practiced it and she worked hard to do it. She taught us how to play "Twinkle, twinkle" and "You are my Sunshine". Ruby (Room 3)

Room 5 also has Wednesday lessons and are sing tunefully to accompany the ukelele.



Grandparents Mass

Today we had Grandparents day Mass. We (Room 3) did a lot of hard work for the day. It started off with Avery and I getting very nervous because we were reading a prayer IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL!!!!!! The the moment came, I stepped on the stage and took a deeeep breath (aaaaah) and I spoke 'Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise the Lord all you His angels etc' and I did it! I hugged my nana at the end. Charlotte (Room 3)

Room 3 also worked hard baking kawa kawa and orange cookies which were shared on the day.

Tree Planting Centennial Reserve.

We planted some baby trees in the dirt. We dug a hole. There was some hard rock under the dirt. We put the baby trees in the dirt. We squashed the dirt into the baby tree. Niki (Room 3)

Also Gabby was so strong that she dug with a shovel. Thinbeth (Room 3)

Touch Rugby Skills

On Wednesday the touch rugby coach came to Holy Cross School to teach us to play touch rugby. The first drill we did was partner passing. Then we tapped the ball, picked it up, ran and scored a try. Something that I learned is that tapping in touch is different to tapping in real rugby. Rory (Room 3)

Mary and Velvet's visit.

Today a woman called Mary, she has a dog called Velvet. Velvet is a working dog. Her job is guiding Mary because she is blind. Mary has 5 paralympic medals! We saw her in Room 5. I learned what paralympics is. Paralympics is like the olympics but paralympics is an olympics for disabled people. Emily (Room 3)

Amanda from Zealandia

One Friday Amanda from Zealandia, played a game with us. The game was about protecting the kiwis. Amanda works at Zealandia to keep the animals safe. Amanda is the zookeeper ranger. Michael (Room 3)



Cultural Festival & Te reo Māori Hikoi

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - Hikoi with Miramar Central School and Miramar Kindergarten

Join us on Monday, 16th September 2024, at 9:10 am our school hall.

More details to follow! All community members and whānau are warmly invited.

Sports update

Eastern Zone swimming

Thank you to all our parent helpers who transported students and helped at the Eastern zone swimming competition in Kilbirnie on Wednesday.

The students all did really well at the EZone swimming competition. As always their behaviour was exemplary, they all gave their absolute best and certainly held their own throughout their races. They all cheered and shouted each other on, made sure each other were aware of when their races were, what lanes they were in, where they needed to report to and stand etc...

The event was well run and went really smoothly. It certainly presented a good opportunity for our tamariki to compete and experience competition swimming across the various schools in the area.

Year 6 relay team



Basketball

Magic game by Holy Cross Green on Monday night! We won 30-26 against a very competitive Strathmore team.

Best game by far from our team to date, worked very hard for each other and came off when feeling tired without being asked!

Well done team Green!

Showing the Holy Cross WAY!



Netball

The girls had a really good game this past weekend! The management team had quite a hard task choosing this weeks

Player of the Day, stating that it could have easily gone to any one of the girls as they all played exceptionally!

Final score was 22-6 to Thunder, with our girls winning against Island Bay School.

As it was, they couldn't narrow it down to a single player so chose both Mila and Reef Perez for the Player of the Day award.

Reef awarded for her awesome passing and excellent intercepts!

Mila awarded for scoring the majority of the goals through the match and for some exceptional catching!



Player of the day for this week was Nerine, for excellent all around play. She scored some awesome goals as Goal Attack, along with showcasing some great passing and catches during the game.

The team played St Ann's School, it was a very close game that had some quite high pressure points. But the girls remained focused and kept playing their best, despite having no subs for the whole game.

The final score was draw at 8-8.



The next Whānau Rōpū Hui

The next Whānau Rōpū Hui is this coming Monday, 26 August at 6pm in the staff room.
All welcome!

Grandparents day

What I love about my Grandmother

I love the taste of her fresh apple muffins baked with love,
the feel of her rug when I first step in to her house,
speeding around town in her white Hyundai,
walking around the city, just being with her.

I miss being a baby and having her watch over me with love,
just hearing her voice and knowing that she is there for me,
streets as smooth as the surface of a lake,
and hills as tall as the sky.

I loved picnics down at the beach with her and the rest of my family,
secretly stealing mint from her herb garden when she wasn't looking,
going out and looking at the latest museum exhibit and spending hours wandering around,
and helping her make ice cream.

She helps to make me feel safe and secure,
and is my strongest advocate.

She is always on my side,
and caring for me when I am upset.

She is wise, loving, caring, smart, and amazing.

She is my grandmother.

And I love her.

By Marlon Year 7

My Grandparents are the bomb!

They're the kindest and most considerate grandparents I could ask for in the world!

Every time im feeling down, they always looked after me and wiped the tears off my face,
everytime I'm in sorrow, they were the ones keeping me afloat in my floods of tears and emotions,
and everytime something good happened to me, they would be the first to celebrate and congratulate me,

They supported me through thick and thin.

But they weren't born in New Zealand like I was,
My Grandmother was born in India and traveled to New Zealand by boat,
It took them many days and nights but that's why I live in New Zealand with them.

Pedal Ready



Pedal Ready Cycle Skills Training Programme

Holy Cross School will be participating in the Pedal Ready cycle skills programme in Weeks 7, 8 and 9 of this term. The programme is aimed at delivering best practice cycle skills training and will involve students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8. A notice will be coming home about the programme Monday 26 August. Students are welcome to bring their own bikes along when they are doing Pedal Ready.

The programme for Week 7 is as follows:

Monday 2/9: G1 for yr 7/8, Rm 1

Tuesday 3/9: G1 for yr 5/6, Rm 5

Wednesday 4/9: G1 small group of yr 5, Rm 3 any new riders from Rm 1 & Rm 5

Thursday 5/9: G1 for yr 6/7, Rm 2

Learning support Day Info

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https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/5017/learning_support_fact_sheet_1.pdf

Staff will be wearing purple on Thursday 29th August in support of this day.

By Kayla Year 8
Grandma and Grandpa's house

My Grandma and Grandpa are quite strong,
although the house rules seem quite wrong!

A closet full of fish downstairs,
a Grandpa who just really cares!

They have just two big christmas trees,
Luckily they have no allergies!
Grandpa's finger has been sawed off,
By the lawn mower in the frost.

Grandpa's garden is very big,
Where rabbits like to have their dig!
The big broad beans are very lean,
Although most of them await unseen.

They are quite just very ancient,
The landline runs right through the basement!
In the backroom there are comfy chairs,
Grandma quite enjoys it there.

Grandma and Grandpa, Margaret and Tony,
Their sticky fingers are quite bony.

Grandma's arms are very nice to give the best of hugs,
And that's why I like going
To Grandma and Grandpa's House!

By Austin Year 7
Our Grandparents,

Grandparents are so special and show their kindness in so
many different ways.

Their love for us is so deep we all keep kind memories in our
minds.

I have so many fond memories of my nana that have built our
bond so strong.

She makes us feel so loved and that our bond will last so
long.

She tells stories of her life that teach lessons to all her
grandchildren, sons, daughters, uncles, aunties, cousins and
her siblings.

Grandparents are held in a special place in our heart every part
of them is special.

This poem is for my nana Mary.

By Serena Year 8



Garden to Table



Gardener of the day - Reef

Today in the garden Millie and I went to Jimmy's shed and got
a piece of wood for creating a wheelbarrow course.

Angelia and Braxton were cleaning dirty tools like a shovel hand
fork and a spade.

Nerine was planting two bok choy that she grew from seeds
from her home.

Declan and Luke were creating their own wheelbarrow course
with dirt and getting their license at the same time.

By Reef

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Chef of the day - Lehi

Today in the kitchen we made flat bread with hummus. I started
to cut this type of broccoli called Romanesco. After that Mila,

Zoe and I started to make the dough. Mrs Stefanidis helped us along the way.

Something we need to be careful about is the bread. If you just leave it on the pan and not watch it, it could burn and the bread might taste a bit weird.

In my opinion I think they should leave the recipe as it is because when I tasted it, it tasted so good.

My favorite activity today was rolling the bread and making.

By Lehi

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Today in the kitchen we made Vegetable Risotto... We were making vegetable risotto. The herbs and green vegetables we added came from the garden. Nyakua.

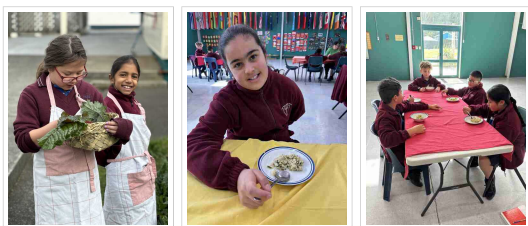
In the kitchen today we chopped onions, we put them into a pot with some oil and started to mix, then Aleksandra added rice. I then added vegetable stock with some herbs. Charlotte. Today out in the garden we went to Miramar Central Kindergarten to see their garden plots. This was for the Motukairangi Pollinator pathway. Cleo.

We saw many plants (Tyler).

I ate one, it was very strong. It was Thai Basil. Hosanna.

We smelled camomile - it smelled like bubble gum. Emily.

We were measuring the perimeter of the pollinator pathway garden. Rory. It was 45cm by 5m. Emily. It is a rectangle shape. Ezira.



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<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin.aspx>

Our username is :hcm and password : schooldocs

Current review

Review opens

8 July 2024

Review closes

27 September 2024

Review topics this term

Who reviews

Concerns and Complaints	All (esp Board)
Media	All
Performance Management	All (esp Board)
Professional Development	All
Protected Disclosure	All (esp board)
Staff Conduct	All
Staff Leave	All

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New World stickers



We are collecting the New World stickers for Kitchen Aid containers for our GTT kitchen. If you have spare stickers that you don't need please send them to the office. THANK YOU !

Birthday celebrations



Celebrations all around for the following students: Emmanuel, Moana, Nyakua, Mason, Katie, Lehi, Jessica, Hana-Lucia, Dhruvil, Isaac, Luke, Ezira, Carter & Hemi.

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Wellington Harrier Children's Athletic Club

Our season open day is Saturday 12th October, at Newtown Park.

We have a new start time of 9.30am this season.

At our club days athletes practice all events, including long jump, hurdles, high jump, sprints, middle distance and throws.

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