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Nau Mai Haere Mai
Fáilte
欢迎

Maligayang pagdating
Welkom
Willkommen
Добро пожаловать
Año mai
Malo e lelei
Selamat datang
Bienvenida
Ahlan Wa Sahlan
Velkommen
Salam
Croeso
Youkoso
Mabuhay

Upcoming Dates

March

Wed 1 - Swimming Yr 1-8
Ash Wednesday liturgy 2 pm
Thurs 2 - Parent Teacher
interviews 3.30 pm
Mon 6 - Last Swimming Yr 1-8
Tues 7 - Parent Teacher
interviews 3.30 pm
Wed 8 - School Prayers 9.00am
PTA meeting 7.30 pm
Thurs 9 - Assembly Rm 5 2.15 pm
Tues 14 - WZ Sports day Yr 3
Wed 15 - School Prayers 9.00am
Thurs 16 - Capital E National Arts
festival trip Yr 1-4
Tues 21 - Capital E National Arts
festival trip Yr 5-8
Wed 22 - School Prayers 9.00am
Thurs 23 - Andrew Chin visit
Andrew Chin Concert 6.30 pm

2017 Terms:

Term 1
Wed 1 Feb — Thurs 13 April
Term 2
Mon 1 May — Fri 7 July
Teacher Only Day Tues 6 June
Term 3
Mon 24 July — Fri 29 Sept
Term 4
Mon 16 Oct — Tues 19 Dec

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Please contact the office if you can help**

Kia ora te whanau,

Catholic Character

Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. When I was growing up Lent was a time when we gave up something to symbolise the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert without food and water. With the children here at Cardinal McKeefry School we now talk about Lent being a time when we try to really think of others and be kind to them. Just like the Random Acts of Kindness movement (<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>) or the Do Lent Generously (<https://40acts.org.uk/>) movement we encourage our children to choose actions for Lent that share kindness throughout the world. At home this week you might like to discuss how your family will observe Lent and what actions you might take to spread kindness.

Prayer for Kindness

In a world where the rhetoric of leaders often sounds more like the taunts of a playground bully, it's easy to lose hope for kindness.

We admit it feels a bit like bringing flowers to a gun fight.

Teach us, Father, how to respond in love and not in fear.

Teach us what it means to speak with conviction without using words as weapons.

Teach us to carry both strength and gentleness, to offer kindness even in our anger, to listen before lashing out.

Remind us that kindness is not a nice thought for the grandmothers but a natural outcome for every image bearer who lives life in the Spirit.

You have given us a Spirit of love, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. Show us what it means to offer these gifts to our neighbours, teachers, families, and leaders with confidence, conviction, and a sound mind.

May Your kindness be our steady filter and our sure companion.

By Emily P. Freeman

Parent Teacher Interviews

Child Parent Teacher Goal setting interviews are on Thursday 2 March and Tuesday 7 March. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code 94yq8 to book. We are aiming for 100% attendance for these interviews. The students have been working hard on setting their goals and planning what they want to say in their interview. Please remember to bring your child with you. The link to booking interviews is also on the front page of our website. We sent an email out through our school management system on the 22nd of February. If you did not receive that email please check that we have your correct email for communication in this system.

Ngā mihi nui, Tania Savage

Movin' March

Movin' March is the month we celebrate active travel to school.

WOW (Walk or Wheels) Passport Challenge

Today each student has been given a WOW Passport card to keep at school. Each time they walk, scoot or bike to school they record it on their card. Each completed card is handed into Estelle in the library. Our cards will be sent into the WRC for a chance to win a brand new bike and helmet. The school with the highest percentage of entries will also win a great prize for their school. If you live a long way from school remember you can park somewhere and walk part of the way to school.

See next week's newsletter for our activities.



Suz joined the Walking Bus with her trike Rocket on the first day of Movin' March.

Ngā Rerenga Kōrero — Maori Phrase of the Week

pūhera: parcel Kei te hari au i ngā pūhera ki te waka.
I am carrying the purchases to the car.

Thank you

A big thanks to the parents who came to the Girls Futsal Tournament last week and the WZ cricket tournament on Tuesday. We really appreciate all the help with team supervision, umpiring and support.

Pizza price increase

The price of Hell's lunch pizza's will be increasing to \$5.50 per pizza from next Tuesday.

Netball 2017

Schools to merge winter netball teams

St Teresa's and Cardinal McKeefry will merge their players for the 2017 winter netball season.

This year both schools need additional players at various levels so we have made the decision to combine forces so all our children can play winter netball and we can field teams in the Wellington West Netball competition. Last year the schools combined forces for the Future Ferns junior netball programme. They will do so again in 2017.

What this means

For 2017 players will register with their respective schools. The teams will be made up of players from both schools and it is possible that children who are at the same year level at their respective schools may not end up in the same team.

For year 7/8

All children who wish to play winter netball must trial. The trials will be held at St Teresa's School on Saturday 4 March at 3.00pm. Please email Jacqui Van Der Kaay - jacqui.vanderkaay@gmail.com with your child's three position preferences so we can organise teams for the trials. Two coaches, independent of both schools, will take the trials and chose the teams.

For year 5/6

We will work out the teams once we have the numbers of children registered.

Once the teams are created, both schools will work together to work out coaches and managers.

Fees and uniforms will also be finalised after the teams have been created.

PTA News

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Kia ora whanau, we are looking for a PTA Secretary since the departure of Ruth Pascall at our last meeting in December. We have coordinators available to do our fund raiser events for 2017. However, we are in need of committee members as well. Please let me know if you are interested in this fantastic role. Our first meeting for 2017 is Wednesday 8 March at 7.30pm.

Nga mihi, Cilla Toroa, Chairman PTA

Otari Parish News

Two New Altar Servers

Congratulations to Piper Taylor and Darcey Valentine who have trained to be Altar Servers at St Thomas More. Thank you for agreeing to join the roster for this Ministry. We know it is a challenge to arrive at church on a Sunday at 8.15am to prepare. Piper had her debut last Sunday and Darcey will serve for the first time with Piper during the Ash Wednesday Mass.

World Day of Prayer (from the Philippines)

Place: St Luke's Anglican Parish (cnr. Wadestown Rd & Pitt Street)

Date & Time: Friday 3rd March.

The service will begin in the church at 7.00pm. A cuppa will follow the service.

This year the World Day of Prayer (WDP) service has been prepared by WDP Committee from the Philippines with the theme "Am I being unfair to you?". Come along and join the Catholic Parish of Otari, St Anne @ Ward Northland/Wilton, St Luke's Anglican Parish Wadestown, and the Wadestown Presbyterian Church for the World day of Prayer service in your local area.

Offerings taken up at the WDP will contribute to projects which work with very poor farmers and fisher-folk in the coastal region of the Philippines, the Bible Society, and the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy in New Zealand.

