

**Welcome**

Nau Mai Haere Mai

Fáilte

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Maligayang pagdating

Welkom

Willkommen

Добро пожаловать

Afió mai

Malo e lelei

Selamat datang

Bienvenida

Ahlan Wa Sahlan

Velkommen

Salam

Croeso

Youkoso

Mabuhay

Upcoming Dates**February**

Mon 6 - Waitangi Day Public Holiday

Wed 8 - Swimming Yr 1-8

Thurs 9 - School Prayers 9.00am

Mon 13 - Swimming Yr 1-8

Mandarin language lessons

Tues 14 - Catholic Young Leaders workshop Yr 8 students

Wed 15 - Swimming Yr 1-8

5.30 pm Parent meeting followed by School Picnic

Thurs 16 - School Prayers 9.00am

Mandarin language lessons

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

Teacher Only Day Tues 24 Oct

Swimming starts next Wednesday (8 February)**Please refer to the Key Dates notice for subsequent dates****Kia ora te whanau,**

Welcome back everyone! As I write this we are preparing for our first liturgy of the year where we will receive a blessing for the year ahead. Today our liturgy will be led by Fr Sanele Finau who is new to the Otari Parish and comes to us from the eastern suburbs Holy Trinity parish. Over the next few weeks we have several opportunities for us to gather as a community and reconnect with each other. We will also be contacting our families we wish to take on roles of class coordinators for 2017. We know you value the community feel of our school and will embrace these events that will help us to strengthen our community.

Welcome to Evangelos and his family

We are delighted to introduce Evangelos, George Pangiotou and Natalia Theodorou to you all. The family moved last week from Melbourne as George has recently taken up a role at the Australian Consulate. As Evangelos has low vision he will mainly recognise us all from our voices. I know that you will all welcome them to our community.

**Notices**

Along with today's newsletter you will receive the EOTC request for 2017, Term 1 Key Dates and a CyberSafety agreement for your child. The CyberSafety agreement has had some changes made to it that reflect the changes in technology and ways we use these. Please discuss it with your children then complete and return the second page to your child's teacher.

Slip Update

Though it may not look it from the outside remedial work is progressing on the slip. On Monday and Tuesday drill samples were taken to analyse the ground composition and today we had a visit from a drone to model the area of the slip. The next stages are the finalising of the plan and tendering. It is expected that work will be complete by the middle of the year.

Ngā mihi nui**Tania Savage****Sacraments Programme 2017**

Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Registration forms can be picked from the school office as well as the Otari Parish Office, St Teresa's Church, 301 Karori Road, Karori Tel: 4766131. To be eligible your child should be 8+ years of age before 1 November 2017 and already be baptized into the Catholic faith. The deadline for enrolment is Friday 3 March 2017.

Ra whanau kia koe....

Over the holidays we celebrated birthdays for Tino, Deep, Amelia, Mya, Wesley, Lily, Alisha, Shakti and Shevinka. Gerardine celebrated her birthday yesterday and we celebrate Avery's birthday on Monday and Ben's birthday on Wednesday.

Ngā Rerenga Kōrero — Maori Phrase of the Week

whakatipu(a): to grow E *whakatipua* ana te pātīfī e Papa-tū-ā-nuku.
The grass is being *grown* by Papa-tū-ā-nuku.

Aquatics Programme Yr 1-8

The whole school starts Aquatics next Wednesday. Please make sure that all children bring their togs, a towel and goggles (if they wear them) in a suitable swim-bag. Please make sure that all items of uniform are **well named** as they all look the same in the change rooms!

Absence email

Please remember to use our absence email: absences@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz, or call our school office in the morning by 9am if your child will not be at school that day.

Library News

Estelle is delighted to be back working in the school library and she is looking forward to the class visits resuming next week. Thank you to all those who have already returned their holiday reading. Please ensure that this is done by Tuesday 7th February. Don't forget you can log on to the library WebOPAC via the school website to see what books your child has out.

School lunches

Pizza and sushi (www.wrapitup.co.nz) orders will resume at school on Tuesday 8 February. Currently there is no on-line ordering available at this time for NZ kids food lunch bags but you can email your orders through to: admin@nzkidsfood.co.nz.

Weetbix TRYathlon

We have registered our school for the Weetbix Kids TRYathlon in Wellington at Kilbirnie Park on Sunday 19 March 2017 and only limited spaces remain for competitors registrations. Students can compete in a team or individually. When entering, you can join our school team by choosing our school from the list. For more information check out try.weetbix.co.nz, send an email to tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz or contact us on 0800 WEETBIX (0800 933 8249). Our Registration and Call Centre is open Monday to Thursday 9am – 5pm & Fridays 9am – 12:30pm (closed on Monday 6 February for Waitangi Day).

Summer soccer

Welcome back! Summer has indicated that it means to go on as it started, but the good news is that the weather looks OK for today's soccer fixtures. Please let your managers know if you can or (especially) if you can't play. Note the Strikers and the Cougars have TWO games.

3:30 Pitch 1 Leopards
 4:00 Pitch 3 Panthers
 Pitch 4 Cheetahs
 4:30 Pitch 6 Cobras
 5:00 Pitch 7 Strikers
 5:30 Pitch 12 Strikers
 6:00 Pitch 8 Golden Ninjas
 Pitch 9 Cowgirls
 6:30 Pitch 12 Wolves

Otari Parish News

Otari Parish Children's Mass November 27th

The Otari Parish Council invite you to a light luncheon to celebrate Mary-Anne Peetz's retirement. Sunday 19 February 2017 at 11.30 am at the St Thomas More Lounge, 28 Worcester St, Wilton.

Sunday Mass at St Thomas More Church — 8.30am

Get an early start to your Sunday mornings by attending Mass at St Thomas More Church (30a Worcester Street, Wilton just around the corner from Cardinal McKeefry school). This Sunday and every first Sunday of each month there is a free breakfast after Mass. Coffee/Tea is served after Mass other Sundays. All are welcome.

