



**Welcome
Nau Mai Haere Mai**

Fáilte
欢迎

Maligayang pagdating
Welkom

Willkommen

Добро пожаловать

Afio mai

Malo e lelei

Selamat datang

Bienvenida

Ahlan Wa Sahlan

Velkommen

Salam

Croeso

Youkoso

Mabuhay

Upcoming Dates

February

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

Mon 20 - Swimming Yr 1-8

Wed 22 - School Prayers 9.00am

9.30 am Swimming Yr 1-8

6.30 pm BOT meeting

Thurs 23 - Assembly Rm 2 2.15 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

Teacher Only Day Tues 24 Oct

Kia ora te whanau,

This year we start with two community events that I hope you will all be able to attend. It was so lovely to see representatives from 12 of our families at our Blessing Liturgy. As I mentioned at the end of this ceremony, it is the coming together of our whole community that creates the special feeling of family that is present at these events. We always try to schedule these events at the beginning or end of our school day to make it easier for families to attend.

Parent Information Meeting and School Picnic

Our first community event is our Parent and Students Information Meeting and School Picnic beginning at 6pm in our school hall. The School picnic is a tradition of our school and last year we added a Parent and Students Information Meeting to the beginning of this event. Not everyone realised that these were connected with some starting the picnic without those attending the meeting!

Within this meeting we will share:

- The Board of Trustees Draft Strategic Plan for 2017-2021.
- Overview of our school staff and home learning expectations.
- Our overarching concept for 2017 Care for our Common Home – What are the connections which affect life on our common home?
- Our term 1 focus on Our Family Treasures, Heritage and Ancestry, including the explanation of the opportunities you will have to share your family traditions or cultural practices with our students during week 8-9. We will have a timetable available for you to sign up.
- This meeting will be followed by open classrooms allowing your children to share their classroom with you.
- To conclude the Parent and Students Information Meeting we will have a school picnic, bring your own picnic, in our school grounds. If the weather is terrible we will have this in the school hall.

Catholic Character

Our second community event is our shared Pancake Breakfast between 8:15am-9:15am on Tuesday the 28th of February. Come along to make and eat a pancake with your family.

Shrove Tuesday is always the day before the first day of Lent, known as Ash Wednesday. This year that date falls on Tuesday February 28, with Ash Wednesday being on Wednesday, March 1. The date is always 47 days before Easter Sunday, meaning Shrove Tuesday is generally always between February 3 and March 9. The name 'Shrove' derives from the word 'shrive' meaning to free yourself from sin. The idea is to get rid of any indulgences and fatty foods in the house before the beginning of Lent. In other parts of the world Shrove Tuesday is known as 'Mardi Gras' meaning fatty Tuesday in French.

In our next newsletter we will include a google form for volunteers to help set up the hall and who are willing to lend us some electric fry pans.

Fundraising Opportunity

This weekend there is a polo match happening at Ian Galloway Park on the 11th of February. Hopefully the weather will be great and a lot of people will attend as we are going to charge for parking in our school grounds. The PTA are looking for two people per hour to volunteer to run the carpark. We will charge \$10 a car and there will be a parking map provided. Please use this google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/sqZ2BCwA0xibFTMy1> to indicate which times you would be available to help. We will then be in contact with you to confirm your time slot. The times are: 12-1p; 1-2pm; 2-3pm; 4-5pm; 5-6pm. Currently we have a lot of volunteers for 12-1pm. We also require a volunteer to close off the playground after the last Summer Soccer game on Friday evening. If a student or parent is able to do this please get in contact with me.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tania Savage

Ra whanau kia koe....

We celebrate Ben's birthday today, Alex's birthday on Sunday and Elise's birthday on Tuesday.

**Ngā Rerenga Kōrero — Maori Phrase of the Week**

pūngāwerewere: spider

E huna ana te pūngāwerewere i roto i te pouaka rēta.
The spider is hiding in the letterbox.

Aquatics Programme Yr 1-8

Remember next week Aquatics is on Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure that all children bring their togs, a towel and goggles (if they wear them) in a suitable swim-bag.

Catholic Young Leaders workshop

Could the Yr 8 students please be at school by 8.30 am next Tuesday (14 February) as the bus will be leaving promptly at 8.40 am. Please bring a packed lunch (no pizza orders), drink bottle and a warm jacket.

Otari/Wilton Walking School Bus (WSB) Starts Wednesday 15th February

A WSB is a group of students walking to school with adult supervision along a specific route. Walking to school in this way provides regular exercise for our students and helps the environment at the same time. Every Wednesday morning there is a WSB leaving from Otari Bush carpark supervised by Estelle Henrys—our Librarian.

Starting place – 8.15am (Otari Bush Carpark) / Stop 2 – 8.20am (Shropshire)

Stop 3 – 8.25am (Wilton Park/Hampshire)

If you would like your child to join the WSB this year please collect a consent form from the school office or fill out the attached form and return to the library. Could those who have used the WSB in the past please fill out a form also. Contact Estelle at school (Tuesday – Fridays 9.30 – 2.30) or library@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz **It's really cool to walk to school**

**Road Patroller**

Welcome back all our volunteer Road patrollers! You know who you are ! We are always looking for extra help. Would you like to join our little team, if so please contact Fiona Tansley on 021846635? We say goodbye and a big thank you to Rachel. Estelle welcome back we missed you. And to our road patrol team thank you for helping our children arrive safely to school.

Free desks available at school

We have a number of old wooden desks and more modern coloured desks that are ideal for children's bedrooms. We also have some old wooden shelving that could be repurposed and a couple of tables.

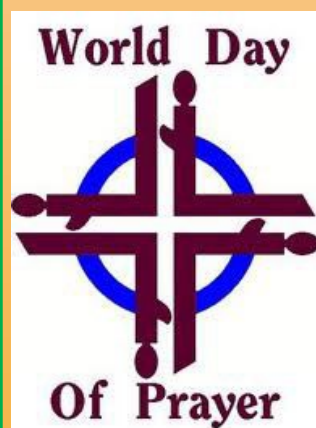
Please email the office or see Tania Savage after school if you would like to take one of these home.

ASB school banking

This year the ASB school banking day will be Tuesdays, so please make sure that all savings bank deposits are dropped into the ASB Elephant by 9 am.

Otari Parish News**Otari Parish Luncheon**

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, 30a Worcester St, Wilton.

**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.