



15 February 2018

## Kia ora te whanau, Catholic Character

We had a lovely Ash Wednesday service yesterday. Thank you to those who joined with us and thank you to Laura Thomsen for organising it.

We have been talking to our tamariki about ways they can mark the season of Lent by giving something up or doing something for another person. Sometimes we can be caught in a trap of thinking our actions or the item we give up must be significant. However it is the small things that can make a huge difference. One way you can help your child might be to get them to join the walking school bus this term leaving from Otari bush each Wednesday. This small action can have a big difference on your carbon footprint, which is a focus for many people during Lent.

## School Drop Off, Pick Up, Procedures

CMcK BoT and Staff encourage all drop-offs and pick-ups to be completed on our school courts. Before school parents walk their students to the pathway beside the hall, and younger students can also walk with a sibling Yr 5 and over. It is very important that all drivers are aware that sometimes students may forget the rules and rush across the playground—the speed limit inside our school is posted on signs as you drive in the gate.



## Ease of Access

Please park and use the school courts with consideration for others needs. If you are intending to stay a while after school, we encourage you to park near the senior playground so you do not hem in those who need to leave quickly. Please also consider where you gather to have conversations, as it can stop the flow of traffic when people stand within the car parking area. Reversing is not allowed in our school car park.

After school students are to be picked up from the hall or on the path outside the hall. Students are not to commence playing in the playground until the adult who is picking them up has arrived. This ensures that the Staff know all students have been safely picked up. If you are picking up someone else's child/ren as well, please let the teacher on duty in the hall (usually Mrs Savage) know. Those students who are walking home must have left the school grounds before 3:15pm to ensure they are crossed safely by the teacher on bus duty.

## Upcoming Dates—Term 1

### Week 3

Fri 16 Feb Sushi Friday  
2.15pm School Assembly

### Week 4

Mon 19 Feb 10am-11am **SWIMMING BEGINS** ☺

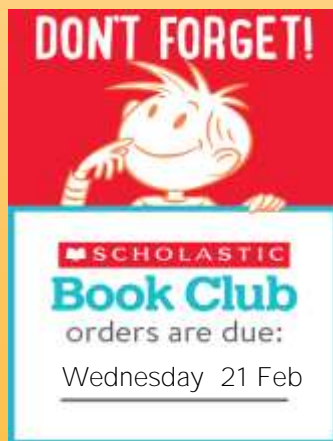
Tues 20 Feb Pizza Lunches  
Wed 21 Feb Before School Walking Bus  
10am-11am **Swimming**  
Fri 23 Feb Sushi Friday

### Week 5

Mon 26 Feb 10am-11am **Swimming**  
Tues 27 Feb Pizza Lunches  
Wed 28 Feb Before School Walking Bus  
10am-11am **Swimming**  
5.30pm-7.30pm **BOT Meeting**  
Thurs 1 Mar Y7-8 **Student Leadership Day**  
Fri 2 Mar Sushi Friday  
2.15pm School Assembly

## Term Dates 2018

Term 1 Thursday 1 February to Friday 13 April.  
(Includes Easter holidays. School closed from Fri 30 March – Tues 3 April).  
Term 2 Monday 30 April to Friday 5 July.  
(Please note Teacher Only Day Tuesday 5 June).  
Term 3 Monday 23 July to Friday 31 September.  
Term 4 Monday 15 October to Tuesday 18 December.



Welcome to Elijah & family  
Elijah recently turned 5 and started in Room 4. Elijah went to Kindercare for preschool, where his sister Naomi still attends. Welcome Elijah, Naomi, Gabby and Tom.

Ngā mihi nui, Tania Savage



Ra whanau kia koe ... to Rian who celebrates his birthday on Friday 16 February.

## Ngā Rerenga Kōrero — Maori Phrase of the Week

**whai (whāia)**: to follow, to chase, to pursue

E *whai ana ngā tamariki i te pōro.*  
The children are *chasing* the ball.

## School Lunches—order forms are located on the school website or please see the office

**PTA Fundraiser Lunch Tuesday:** We will continue to provide Hell Pizza as a fundraiser lunch once a week. This year we are only able to offer this on Tuesday. Each Pizza costs \$5.50. Last year we raised approximately \$200 each term for our school through this service. Order forms and exact money must be placed in the pizza order box by 9am each Tuesday.

Please note that the box will be kept at the office in 2018.

**Sushi Lunch Friday:** We are shopping local and having our Sushi provided by Umi Sushi from the Karori Shopping Mall. Order forms and exact money must be placed in the sushi order box by 9am each Friday. Please note that the box will be kept at the office in 2018.

### *New for 2018*

#### Violin Alex Vaatstra: Violin MusB, LMus, DipGradTCHG

Kia ora, I am an enthusiastic, encouraging and experienced violin teacher. After graduating from Otago University with a bachelor of music in violin performance I established a successful career as a violinist and teacher. I have played in orchestras around New Zealand including the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra, Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and the National Youth Orchestra. I have also performed with leading contemporary musicians and played solo and chamber music concerts. I enjoy teaching beginners and setting them up for a lifetime of music making. I will be teaching on Friday mornings at Cardinal McKeefry. Students interested in learning the violin will need to have an appropriately sized violin. If you have any queries about purchasing/hiring a violin, or what learning the violin involves please contact me via email [vaatstrastrings@gmail.com](mailto:vaatstrastrings@gmail.com). Lessons cost \$25 for a 20 minute lesson.

#### Marzipan Drama: 8am Monday Mornings Room 3

##### The Marzipan Method

Fun, original lesson plans in the Marzipan Method, building confidence and learning skills such as eye contact, public speaking ability, body language and social interaction skills.

10 Children in a 45 minute class, or 14 in a 60 minute class - so your child gets the individual attention they deserve.

9 Lessons Per Term Including 2 performances; one to parents, one to the school .

Classes run on school grounds, a familiar environment for the students. Times include immediately before school, during school time and immediately after school. Prices range from \$16 - \$20 per class, please contact [info@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:info@marrzipandrama.co.nz)

### *Continuing for 2018*

#### Guitar, Ukulele, Bass Guitar, and Singing lessons with music tutor Andrew McPartlin

The lessons will be held at school on Wednesday afternoon. The cost is \$10 per session.

Contact [andymcpmusic@outlook.com](mailto:andymcpmusic@outlook.com) or 0210323659 for bookings or more information.

**Piano lessons at school with \*Go Piano\*** Go Piano is Wellington's most recommended piano lesson provider and Erica will be your child's piano teacher. The lessons will be held every Tuesday. We offer a terrific range of lesson options and styles, including pop, jazz, dance and classical. Call 04 565 3913 or email [info@gopiano.co.nz](mailto:info@gopiano.co.nz) to book a trial lesson! Individual tuition for 20 minutes, \$25 dollars per lesson.

## Otari Parish News

**O.M.G Youth Group** is beginning this evening! For further details please refer to the community news.

### Sacramental Programme

2018 enrolments are now open

25<sup>th</sup> March (Reconciliation), 8<sup>th</sup> July (Confirmation), 25<sup>th</sup> November ( First Holy Communion)

Contact Otari Parish Office on 4766131 or visit the Otari Parish Website on [www.otariparish.co.nz](http://www.otariparish.co.nz) for enrolment forms.

### Wanted! Altar servers.

If you have been **through the Sacramental Programme** and would like to train to become an altar server at either St Teresa's or St Thomas More Churches we would love to hear from you.

If you would be interested in being trained to perform this very important ministry please let myself or Miss Thompson know, or contact me direct at [library@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz](mailto:library@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz)

Regards

Estelle Henrys (Otari Parish Liturgy Committee)





*I love to eat fresh homemade pancakes. We normally eat them with lemon, sugar, bananas, and maple syrup. Today we have pancake day, which means you eat pancakes.*

By Jessica

*I love hot pancakes. My family makes pancakes at camps. If I could chose what to have my pancakes with, I would have them with chocolate chips and chocolate sauce. My mum also makes big pancakes. We put jam on them and roll them up. But the best way to eat pancakes is to put butter on them and chocolate. I love pancakes, there're very very yummy.*

By Viki



*Aaaa what is that smell, I love it. Pancakes! It's pancake day!!! Here is my mums stone. "Jess! Chloe!" I said, "I'll take one" I asked my mum. I sat down and wondered if I could have anything I would have whipped cream with berries on top. My mum asked "Do you want one more with syrup?" Yum.*

By Anisha

*When I was walking in I saw a big line because of a parent's big pancakes. Then I put my bag away and went to the hall, and I saw so many people eating, like Nico and his family, and Avery and Alex.*

By TJ





**Cardinal Team Extreme**



**Summer Soccer**

It was all smiles for this team last Friday when they took to the field a week late...dusting off the holidays and hungry to kick that ball around. An evenly matched game with Wadestown Jedi keeping Team Extreme to 1-0. Well done to Jamie who picked up MVP of the day.