



10 May 2018

Welcome
 Nau Mai Haere Mai
 Fāilte
 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—Term 2**Week 3****Tues 15 May**

Pizza Lunches
 Mandarin Lessons

Wed 16 May

Walking School Bus
 School Prayers

Thurs 17 May

Newsletter Distributed

Fri 18 May Sushi Friday**Pink Shirt Day****Week 4****Mon 21 May**

11.30am School Mass

Tues 22 May

Pizza Lunches
 Mandarin Lessons
 Year 5-8 Western Zones Hockey Tournament
 (Parent helpers requested)

Thurs 24 May

Newsletter Distributed
 10am-2pm Year 8 Boys Experience St Pats
 Day (Transportation needed)
 2:15pm School Assembly

Fri 25 May

Sushi Friday
 Save Date- Year 5-8 Western Zones Hockey
 Tournament (Parent helpers requested)

Term Dates 2018

Term 2 Monday 30 April to Thursday
 4 July.

Teacher Only Day Friday 6 July

Term 3 Monday 23 July to Friday
 28 September.

Term 4 Monday 15 October to
 Tuesday 18 December.

**Kia ora te whānau,
 Catholic Character:**

This week 81 teachers from our Catholic Schools across Wellington gathered in our school hall to discuss the upcoming redevelopment of our Religious Education Curriculum and the recently developed Bridging Document. Colin MacLeod, the Director of the National Centre for Religious Studies, spoke about developing a new curriculum that focus on Christ in our lives. Colin shared a quote with us from Pope Francis "Please do not water down your faith in Jesus Christ. We dilute fruit drinks -- orange, apple or banana juice -- but please do not drink a diluted form of faith. Faith is whole and entire, not something that you water down. It is faith in Jesus. It is faith in the Son of God made man, who loved me and who died for me." (World Youth Day, July 25, 2013). which speaks to one of the reasons our Catholic School system exists, so we can openly practice our faith and belief in Christ in all aspects of our lives. In Week 7 Miss Thomsen and I will attend the New Zealand Catholic Convention, a gathering of all clergy, schools and religious.

Emergency Food:

A gentle reminder for those who are yet to return their Emergency Food provisions. If you are unsure of what this is please contact Jo-Anne in the office and she'll be happy to help.

Commonwealth Games Quiz:

The competition is hot in the Commonwealth Games Quiz with no clear class winner as yet. Whether you are paying online or were unable to support our quiz please make sure you return your green sponsorship form for our records.

Education Conversation:

So far over 6700 survey responses have been received for the Education Conversation. Make sure that your vision for the future of education is heard in New Zealand. Minister Hipkins has joined the conversation, sitting down with students and board members at Brooklyn School. Two video clips are available on YouTube, one of the Minister talking with students and one with the Minister talking to board members. Don't forget you and your family can join the conversation too! Use the hashtag #EdConvo18 on Facebook and Twitter to join in or you can complete the online survey at conversation.education.govt.nz

Upcoming Union Meetings for Principals and Teachers– 19 June

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. Throughout June, teachers and principals who are NZEI Te Riu Roa members have been invited to paid union meetings so they can plan and discuss next steps in our campaign to address this crisis. Called 'Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time', the campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. You can learn more about this campaign here <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>. **Our teachers will be attending the Wellington meeting together on the 19 June from 12:30pm. If you are able to make arrangements for your children to be picked up early this day we would be most grateful for your support. Estelle, Lynne and I will remain at school to supervise those who are unable to do so.** Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

Bully Free New Zealand Week:

Next week is Bully Free New Zealand week and we will be highlighting this by joining in the nationwide Pink Shirt day on Friday the 18th of May. Bullying is often a hidden activity and with children frequently involves excluding or restricting access to other friends. Often it comes about because one or both of the students do not know how to resolve conflict without the need to win control. This website has great ideas on how to tackle bullying when it is present. <https://www.bullyingfree.nz/parents-and-whanau/tackling-bullying-a-guide-for-parents-and-whanau>

Ngā mihi nui, Tania Savage



Ra whanau kia koe to Clementine, Isabella, Rm2 and Helen who celebrate their birthdays over the coming week.

Ngā Rerenga Kōrero — Maori Phrase of the Week

kāinga: house, home

Kei te kāinga au

I'm at home

Winter Netball

The school's netball season kicked off with a hiss and a roar with Cardinal Team Extreme (Years 6/7) winning 3 out of 4 grading games on Saturday. Special mention to the boys in the team, Tino G, Jamie and Dominic who had only played netball once before and yet had a blinder of an afternoon.

The Cardinal Crazy Cats had a cracking start with everyone playing extremely well. They had a draw and start the competition mid table which is an excellent achievement for another brand new team! This week the Crazy Cats have a bye and Cardinal team Extreme have the final week of the grading tournament with another four games on Saturday afternoon.



Room Four

Think

What do you **think** about that?

We are learning about change this year and this term we have planted some plants to watch them grow and see the changes that take place as they grow.



Look at all our plants!

Aliceo has planted a pansy, Antoine has planted a Tansy, Quinny has planted three watermelon seeds and Talan has planted beetroot.



Coco is all ready to plant her butternut seeds.



Mako is unwrapping her planting packet.

We have planted flowers, vegetables and fruit. We hope that we have some success. Miss Kate isn't so sure about her green fingers though!

Eli dropped the soil tablet into the water and it made a splash!



We are feeling pretty pleased with ourselves.



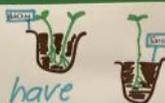
Devyn is waiting patiently whilst his soil tablet dissolves.



1 week later...
 ☆ Eli and Antoine's plants come up through the soil.
 ☆ Maria's plant is about to pop through.



1 week later...
 ☆ Eli and Antoine's plants have come up through the soil.
 ☆ Maria's plant is about to pop through.
 ☆ the soil is drying out quickly so we have to water our plants every day.
 ☆ the plants are loving the sunshine.
 ☆ some plants take longer to grow than others.



Cardinal McKeefry School Cross Country—Tuesday 29 May

We are seeking some parent helpers for our upcoming school cross county. Please visit the following link to sign up - <https://goo.gl/forms/vPnsriHjvfgCxnDH2>

Library News



May the 4th be with you!

Star Wars Day in the library on Friday was very busy. Students enjoyed making Yodas, Darth Vaders or R2-D2s and reading the books on display.

Star
Timeless
Adventurous
Running
Weirdly funny
Aquatics
Rolling girl
Shaped as a bucket

By Isabella

May the Forth

As I stepped out of the black ship, I gazed at the dry terrain. So hot and dusty. We carefully climbed down the stainless steel retractable ladder. My feet lightly touched the soft dirt. Ahead we saw our destination. The Ora City.

This new planet was 19 galaxies away from Earth, and we were here for toxic water samples. It was so quiet with no sound or wind. Then the ground started crumbling and down we went into the black hole. I consumed every grain of dust.

By Nell



If

What are Leia's last words to Han Solo in Star Wars The Force Awakens?

- A. I love you
- B. Bring him home
- C. May the Force be with you
- D. Come back safe

Ans. B

Which is Han Solo's home planet?

- A. Cantonica
- B. Corellia
- C. Earth
- D. Crait

Ans. B

Tuatara Reading Group Make a Silverbeet Pizza

Pictured here are Sam, Alexander and Austin proudly explaining how they made the Pizza. Then they shared it with Room 2, and staff (and it tasted amazing!).



PALS (Physical Activity Leaders)

Intro

The Year 5s and 6 students have been learning how to be a Pal which is a Physical Activity Leader. We have learnt how to run our own games for the younger students. One team will be running a game on Monday and Wednesday at lunchtimes when the library is closed. The younger ones can join in at lunchtime and play a fun game. The aim of PALS is to give Year 1-4s an opportunity to start playing games by themselves.

Ananyaa

How it works

PALS is a great way to teach the year 5 and 6s things like teamwork, leadership, communication and motivation. PALS is a great way to give the year 1-4s something fun to do at lunchtime while the pals team learn how to be good leaders. All in all it's a great way for everyone to have fun whether you're playing the game or leading it.

Maddy

Otari Parish News

Pentecost Cultural Mass: Sunday 20 May at St Teresa's, Karori - 10am

On Sunday 20 May Otari Parish celebrate Pentecost by having a Cultural Mass. You are invited to come in national costume and stay for a sausage sizzle and nibbles after the Mass. Parishioners from Otari parish are asked to please bring a plate of finger food to share, perhaps something from your own culture.

Contributions can be delivered to the foyer before Mass. All are welcome.

Note :There is just one Mass on 20 May (No 8.30am Mass at St Thomas More)



Parent Teachers Association

PTA Fundraiser—2018/19 Entertainment Books

Support Cardinal McKeefry School and you'll be rewarded! We are raising funds and you can help. Order the NEW 2018| 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting us.

PLUS, order now to receive over \$180 of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly).



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