

Dear Parents and friends

As we approach the end of the term we can look back over the past 9 weeks and be proud of all the learning adventures our children have experienced.

It was wonderful for everyone to experience a Marae visit. Special thanks to Julius, Kath and the Whanau Support Group for their work to organise these visits. We were very proud of all our children at the Marae. Thanks to all the parents who helped with supervision on the visits.

Congratulations to Mathew and Mariya Bristo and family on the safe arrival of their new daughter and sister Rita.

We offer our prayers and congratulations to the 17 children from our school and church community who will be making their First Communion this Sunday 18th September at 9.30am Mass. This is a community celebration and you are all welcome to come along and join with the children and their families.

Thanks to everyone who enabled the staff to attend the Paid Union Meeting last week by collecting your children at 12.30pm. Thanks also to everyone who let us know that their children would require supervision so that we could plan our afternoon.

We would like to thank Tim Hawkins, who has been working as a student teacher in Tui class since Week 3 of the term, and acknowledge the great job he has done. Tim will be with us until the end of this term and we wish him all the best with his future teaching career.

Enrolments for 2017 have now been finalised and acceptance letters have been sent out this week.

Congratulations and thanks to Kereru and Kotuku for their prayerful class liturgies. Class liturgies have been completed for this term.

We look forward to seeing lots of Grandparents at our special Grandparent's Mass and morning tea next Thursday 22nd September at 9.30am. After morning tea the Grandparents are welcome to stay for a Gymnastics display and also to visit classes.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Numicon Parents evening last night. It's great to share our new learning initiatives with the community as the education of our children is a partnership with parents. If you would like to order equipment please contact the office.

We have received our Special Character Review Report and we are very pleased with it. We will share it with the community next term.

Congratulations to our Year 4 and Year 5/6 Basketball teams who won the right to compete at the Interzone Basketball Tournament yesterday at Walter Nash Stadium. Thanks to Ake Perez and Jess Foster who supervised our teams.

Our Pasifika Proud Study Centre has finished for the year and we would like to acknowledge the wonderful job done by Bronwen Anderson, as the Supervisor. The programme has been very successful. Congratulations to all the students who have worked very hard and have set up a display at Petone Library, which I encourage you to drop in and have a look at, when you have a moment.

Tomorrow Thursday 15th September at 11.30am we will be having our Duffy Role Model Assembly. Each child will receive 2 books. This is the final Duffy Book Order for the year.

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Notes from the Principal's Desk

Grandparent's Mass – Thursday 22nd September 9.30am. All welcome!

Education within the Catholic faith

Reminders:

- Summer uniform needs to be worn from the beginning of Term 4. Please ensure you have organised this before the holidays if necessary. All students require a school sunhat which may be purchased from the Uniform Shop.
- As all of our students from Year 1-8 have sporting events now we expect all students to have a school sports uniform. Please purchase these from the uniform shop. A reminder that school sports shorts are navy blue and no other colour is acceptable.
- Junior school Progress and Birthday reports for Term 3 will be sent home this Friday
- Our Term 4 calendar will be coming home today

School finishes for Term 3 on Friday 23rd September at 3pm and reopens for Term 4 on Monday 10th October at 9am. Don't forget to put your clocks forward an hour on the 25th September as that is the start of Daylight Saving. We would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday!

Thought for the Week

"To offer today's world the witness of mercy is a task from which none of us can feel exempted."

Pope Francis (@pontifex)

God bless
Liz

The floor is down and decking going on.



RE News

An Invitation - On Thursday 22nd September at 9.30am Mass we will be celebrating with those wonderful members of our families, our Grandparents, at our annual **Grandparent's Mass**. This will be followed by Morning Tea at school. This year we will be sharing our Gymnastics learning with our grandparents after Morning Tea and they are welcome to visit classrooms as well.

School News

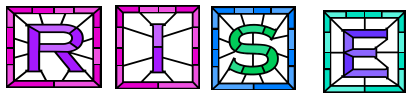
- ◆ **Gastroenteritis reminder from Regional Public Health** The winter increase of viral illnesses causing diarrhoea and vomiting has occurred later than usual this year, with outbreaks being reported towards the end of August and beginning of September. **A reminder about the need for children and staff who are sick with diarrhoea and vomiting to stay at home until 48 hours after the diarrhoea or vomiting has stopped**; and to encourage good hand washing and drying.
- ◆ **Yummy Stickers** Please start sending any stickers or bag labels you have collected for us in to us. Last day for collection will be this Friday 16th September. Thanks to all those who have collected for us – free sports gear for the trolley!
- ◆ **Paper4trees** is all about students, staff, schools and the local community making a difference by recycling and planting trees. This would all not be possible without our sponsors, who are also helping to make a difference by supporting Paper4trees! A massive thank you needs to go to **Wellington Community Trust**, our local sponsors! We have just received another 5 trees/shrubs to be planted in our grounds, as a reward for our paper recycling.
- ◆ **ABSENTEE Notifications** – please send notifications of absentees and appointments to the office. Either text message (022 3709716), email via the school App, or phone 568 6711. Thanks, Janet.

Community Notices

- ◆ **Petone Tennis Club** – 34 Bouverie St, Petone (opposite Mega Mitre 10) Great Junior Tennis Programme. Saturday morning coaching by Gary Nelson, Len Kane & Lewis Bazalo. Junior Interclub Teams. **Junior Open Mornings** (Prim, Interm & Sec Students) Saturday 10 & 17 September (coaching & registration) 8.30-9.30am – 5 -8yrs, 9.30-10.45am – 9 -10yrs, 10.45-12.15 – 11-18yrs. Bring a friend! Come along & have a go!! Contact Kath Delahunty 021 0545817
- ◆ **LOOKING TO START DRAMA CLASSES?** Kids 4 Drama classes teach clear communication, vocal techniques, and the art of improvisation, mime, character portrayal, general performance and public speaking skills. becca@kids4drama.co.nz
- ◆ **LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS Holiday Programme** - Tues 4, Wed 5 and Thurs 6 October. (wet or fine) Mitchell Park (Mitchell Street, Lower Hutt) Cost: \$33-00 for the 3 days. Registration & timetable: Gary Nelson 5897178 or a.nelson@xtra.co.nz
- ◆ **Do you pick your child/ren up from School and want a bit of Part Time work?** KIDS ON F.O.O.T is a local (OSCAR) Before/After School Care. Holiday Programmes. On call/casual/part time work. A full clean drivers license is a must and NZ Police Vetting application. Please contact Liz (Kids On Foot) on 021 292 2894 or info@kidsonfoot.org
- ◆ **Little Dog Barking Theatre** presents two delightful stories told in one performance - "Party Pigs & A Sausage Went for a Walk" - **27 September** at Eponi Community Hall, Mitchell St, LH Suitable for ages 2 - 8 yrs. info@littledogbarking.co.nz or 021 042 1851 www.littledogbarking.co.nz

Classroom & Sports News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Junior Fa'asoa, Anthony Devine, Sean Phegan, Zion Smith, Samantha Gulson, Noah McNeill, Fatu A'aifou and Zivaan Mauriohohoo-Povey.



At Sacred Heart School we try to live our values every day in every way

Excellence

Benjamin Lewer for respectful behaviour at powhiri practice
Rosa Aloisio for respectful behaviour at powhiri practice

Tess Gendall for excellent powhiri practice
Jarvis Ting for excellent powhiri practice

*** Congratulations to Sio Fa'asoa who won our Duffy Caught Being a Good Dad Award. ☺**

Some of our Father's Day entries from the draw "I nominate my dad ..."

My dad helps me cook food and is nice to me when I am sad. **Harriet**

I love my dad because he always has time for me and my sisters. He works hard and earns a lot of money for the family so we can have food. He sometimes takes us out for dinner and helps me out. I think my dad is the best ever and I love him soooooooooooooooooooooo much. I know that my dad will help me out with anything any time. I never want to lose my dad because I love him so much. He always makes jokes and is so fun to play with. He dresses up well for Halloween. My dad is the best! **Meg**

My dad supports us for whatever we do and he works for our family. **Violet/Junior**

My dad is outstanding because he is kind, strong, loving and special. He is fun because he takes us to places, and cool because he reads us books. He's funny and makes me laugh. He's never angry. **Anthony**

My dad is lovely. **Eva**

My dad is the best because

He is tall in his faith in God

He is super funny

He takes us to parks

He is a star at cooking food

He has super duper hand writing

He drinks hot water slow like a mouse

He is good at reading, he has lots of books

He snores as loud as an elephant **Rose**



Some of our girls are participating in the HV netball pilot of the new NNZ 6v6 programme which will be introduced next year.

Irene van Dyk is the facilitator for the programme. Thanks to Maree Mahony for taking up this offer and organising for us.



Formerly Jonathan Collins Cup, this year the tournament was renamed the Collins Cup to commemorate the passing of another family member of the Collins family.

A great time was had by all where Sacred Heart Petone was competitive in rugby, netball and the sausage sizzle!

Pūkeko are finding out about the basic forces around us for their inquiry unit. They have been doing experiments and research about insulation, electricity, light and colour, and gravity.



🎵 School Disco – Friday 28th October. More details next Week! 🎵

Please do not bring Star Wars cards or precious toys to school!

DATES TO NOTE		
Thurs 15 Sept	6.30pm	First Communion practice
Sun 18 Sept	9.30am	First Communion
Mon 19 Sept		SH Testing –Year 8s
Tues 20 Sept	7pm	BoT Meeting
Thurs 22 Sept	9.30am	Grandparent's Mass
Fri 23 rd Sept	2pm 3pm	Last day for Art Calendar orders Assembly End of Term 3
Thurs 13 Sept Term 4		SCHOOL PHOTOS

Visit to the Orongomai Marae

What an awesome experience at the Marae!

A huge thank you to the Kaumatua and the young adults of Orongomai Marae, who welcomed us, and taught us how to do a lot of Maori activities. We learnt how to weave flowers using harakeke leaves, make poi, perform the haka, raranga, mau rakau and lots more.



Entertainment Books

Thank you for your support.

We raised \$672 for the children's listening posts.



Art Calendars, Diaries, Notebooks and Mouse pads

2017 Art Calendar and Diaries order form were sent home with the last newsletter.

You will need one for each student.

The Artwork is now on display just inside the front door of the office.

Orders close – Friday 23 September!

Perfect to put away for gifts and Christmas presents!

Board of Trustees News

The new board met for our second meeting on Tuesday 30 August. We farewelled and thanked former board member Gerard McKee for his many years of service to the board, and in particular his accounting expertise. In their absences, Fintan Devine, who has also served many years, Stephen Hilliard and Steven Molotsky were also thanked for their valuable service to the board.

All the subcommittees have now met and members shared details of the meetings with the board. The Strategic Plan is due to be reviewed and we will be holding a consultation evening in October. Details to follow soon. Genevieve Hanify

Please note on your calendar: Consultation Meeting on 3 Year Strategic Plan

Thursday 27 October, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start (sharp) – 8pm.

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Mondays 8.45 – 9.15am &
2.45 – 3.15pm

WEB SITE

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