

Newsletter No 12

12th July 2012

Tena Koutou Katoa

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff I extend a warm welcome to the start of the 3rd term. In conversations with the children I have heard about their exciting holiday break. It is also good to see everyone back without bandages or casts on arms or legs.

I would like to introduce Mrs Nicola Andrews to everyone. Mrs Andrews is working part-time with the new entrant enrolments in Room 10. Mrs Andrews is a familiar with St Michael's Catholic School, having worked here as a reliever on many occasions.

This term promises to be just as busy and exciting as last term. Interschool sports exchanges are planned along with curriculum based school trips.

Special Character Review

Every three years the Hamilton Catholic Education Office reviews every Catholic school in the Hamilton Diocese. In week 3 St Michael's Catholic School is being reviewed as part of the cycle. The review focus is on the 'special character' of St Michael's Catholic School.



A community questionnaire is included in this newsletter (Green). Please complete and return the form as the information will enable us to highlight our strengths and improve our weaknesses.-ASAP

School Production

This year we are holding a school production at the end of this term. The date for the production is the 6th of October. The end of year prize giving is being held on the 14th of December.

**Looking ahead re School Events – Please find inside this newsletter on Pink paper - for your fridge or notice board!
Also attached is a Gala Events Calendar – (Orange paper)**

**WELCOME
MRS BOWEN!**



Hi, my name is Delwyn Bowen and I am a student teacher in Room 7 for the next 5 weeks. I have many fond memories of my time at St Michael's as a student, playing shop for maths with Sister Bernadette and doing folk dancing with Mrs Kunac. I am looking forward to spending time with the students and getting to know them.



MacKillop Lecture with Father Merv Duffy

Father Merv Duffy, a Marist priest from Auckland will be giving a talk about Jesus in Christian Art **next Sunday 7th August at St Mary's church at 7pm.** Fr Merv is an excellent speaker and you will find this talk both fascinating and inspiring.

Next Maori Mass will be held Saturday August 6th, 6pm at St Michael's Church. Following Mass everyone is invited for a cup of tea in the Crypt downstairs. There is also a Mass held for the **Indian Community on Friday 5th August, 6pm at St Mary's Church** – all welcome.

Dove Women's Retreat Day Rotorua

A wonderful opportunity for all women. Come and know how very much you are loved and cherished at a Dove women's retreat day near you. Theme; "Come to the Father's Heart". Hosted by the Dove National team, Saturday 27 August St Mary's Church Hall Ranolf St Glenholme Rotorua 9.30am-8.30pm. For more info on all 10 Days of Refreshment, or to register go to www.dove.org.nz or phone Jo 09 424 4122.

New Families / Pupils

A very warm welcome to the following new families, we hope you enjoy your time here at St Michael's:-

Dale & James Campbell - Ruby (Rm 10); Aljude Roson (Rm 10) brother of Julie & Dale; Peter Herniman (Rm 10 on 5th August brother of Andrew and Lily.



Loving Jesus hear our prayers

God, Creator of all children, we give you thanks for our new pupils. As we celebrate their growing we ask you to bless them; their teachers and parents as they journey together here at St Michael's School. May they be happy here, make good friends, learn well and enjoy being part of our school.

We continue to pray for all those who are sick and dying, hungry and poor, sad and lonely, scared and isolated.

We pray for the children and their teachers of Christchurch that they have a great term finding new strength adjusting to the many changes in their lives.

Dyslexia “Parent Evening Workshop with Neil MacKay”

2 hour evening workshop 7pm – 9pm Rotorua 11th August \$30 single parent / Guardian; \$50 couple; accompanying children free. Staying connected to your child and their learning can be difficult when the challenges of dyslexia or other differences arise – especially when it comes to homework and learning tests. Focusing on aspects of reading for meaning, spelling tricky words and organising ideas on paper, this unique workshop teaches parents some of the “tricks of the trade”. To register at: www.actiondyslexia.co.nz or phone 03-5280094 ext 1

Parenting workshops

The Early Years (yrs1-6) held Thursdays from 11th August at St Johns Church over 6 sessions designed to encourage you in your role as a parent. The most important years in child’s development are these early years. Learn how to lay the building blocks for a great future - from 9.30am to 11.30am.

The Middle Years (Yrs 6-12) held Thursdays from 11 August at St Johns Church from 12.30am to 2.30pm or Wednesdays beginning 10th August held at Open Home Foundation (17 Marguerita St) from 6.30pm to 8.30pm both over 6 sessions. This workshop is designed to help you teach skills and build memories. Make the most of these years while your children still want to be part of your team.

To book and cost details please **contact Dee Home Ph 07 345 5447 or email RotoruaTBX@ParentingInc.org.nz**

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St Michael’s school staff**

St Michael's School Friday Lunch Order Form : Orders to office before Friday		
	1. Chicken Burger & Cookie	\$3.00
	2. Cheese Toasty or Sausage Roll & Cookie	\$2.00
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