

Sunday Mass Times

St Michael's Church

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am

St Mary's Church

Sundays 10am & 5pm

Parish Office for both church's
found at St Mary's Church

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Newsletter No 18

8th November 2012

Kia Ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Greetings

Dear Parents,

School photos tomorrow

Our children have spent time looking at the **school's vision and motto** over the last few weeks. As a staff we are impressed with the children's understanding of and importance of having a strong Catholic faith that is based on values. Strong values help to create unity and this is felt in the family atmosphere that is lived at St Michael's Catholic School. I have included some of the children's understanding of values below:

- Faith is within you
- Power and love is in your heart and soul.
- Use responsibility for your actions.
- People's compassion is in our faithful hands.
- Use the gifts you are given for good.
- Respect the gifts that you are given.
- Work hard, follow the Lord.
- Honesty is the heart of respect, compassion, faith and responsibility.
- You have to be honest so people will respect you, honest about your feelings for someone / something, honest to be trusted and given responsibilities.
- We care, we share, we show respect everywhere
- We have fun learning and playing with our friends
- Respect others and be kind that's what God wants
- Respect and be good and you will have lots of friends.

PARENT CONTRIBUTION PLEASE -

As a school we are revising our school motto that incorporates the following values as mentioned in the last newsletter

Respect- Honesty- Compassion/Empathy- Faith/Belief & Responsibility

A motto reinforces the image of the school or company and helps to build a positive culture. (Our present mission statement is "**To provide a sound, balanced education in a Catholic Environment**") To date we have only received 1 reply to this request so please parents give this some thought and send in you ideas on the slip attached at the end of this newsletter.

CHURCH NEWS

FOCUS (Next Sunday's Reading) 'Living up to your Potential – **Matthew 25:14-30** "Well one, good and trustworthy (servant)". V.23

Jesus teaches through another story. A man entrusts his servants with his possessions while he is on a journey. The first servant receives five talents; he trades them and ends up with ten. The second received two and also doubles his master's money. The first servant receives one talent, and out of fear, buries it. When the man returned, he punished the third servant for doing nothing with what he was given. The other servants he praises.

I don't think God is going to judge us on what we have done, but on who we have become. No two people are made the same. God created each of us with our own set of talents, abilities and limitations. I think when we face God on the last day; God will say to us, "Have you become the person I created you to be?" When you become the person God created you to be, you are at your best and you become the best parent you can be, the best friend, the best teacher, lawyer, doctor, scientist, writer, designer, assistant, fire-fighter, painter. Discover who God created you to be and be that person - Develop your gifts.

What are some of your particular talents, gifts and limitations?

ADVENT

Advent is approaching, and we will gather with the Anglican and Methodist communities on the First Sunday of Advent for a time of prayer together.

When: November 27, 2pm - **Where:** St Mary's Church

Advent is also a good time to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) in readiness for Christmas. There will be a **Rite II celebration of Reconciliation** for the Rotorua parishes at St Mary's Church on **Thursday 8th December at 7pm**. Hopefully about 8 priests will be present.

Mark these dates in your calendar.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Rotorua Ministers' Association have discussed holding a "Christmas Day Lunch" (on Christmas Day) for the elderly/lonely/underprivileged people in our city, and are wanting to know if there would be people who would be willing to assist at such a lunch – preparing food, serving, cleaning up. Could you let Father Mark know if you are interested – it's a big commitment? Thank you.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS & ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Will be on sale at St Michael's Church after both Sunday Masses. They are also available from the Parish Office during opening hours.

Columban Calendars - \$8 each.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards - \$2.50 per Packet.

GALA SATURDAY 19TH



In order to make this Gala a successfully fundraiser we need the school's community support!!

HELPERS DESPERATELY NEED!!!!

The Gala is approaching fast and the food stalls need some more volunteers to help on the day. If you could spare an hour or two please complete the form attached at the end of this newsletter.

WANTED

Does anyone have, or know someone who has a Bain-marie(food warmer) that we could borrow on the day. Please phone Audrey Taylor – food stalls Co-ordinator on 3322184 after 4pm or email rustzone@xtra.co.nz

THANK YOU

Many thanks for your contributions to date – keep them coming. Spread the word and invite your neighbours, friends, relatives to join us on Saturday 19th.

- Mystery envelopes
- Games galore
- Book stall
- Second hand goods stall
- Devonshire Tea
- Food Stalls
- Baking / sweets stall
- Raffles



Centerstage performing arts program

Drama, Dance & Singing every Tuesday for Ages 5-13yrs. Limited places – please phone Bobby -027 298 8733 or email centerstagerotorua@gmail.com

Headlice

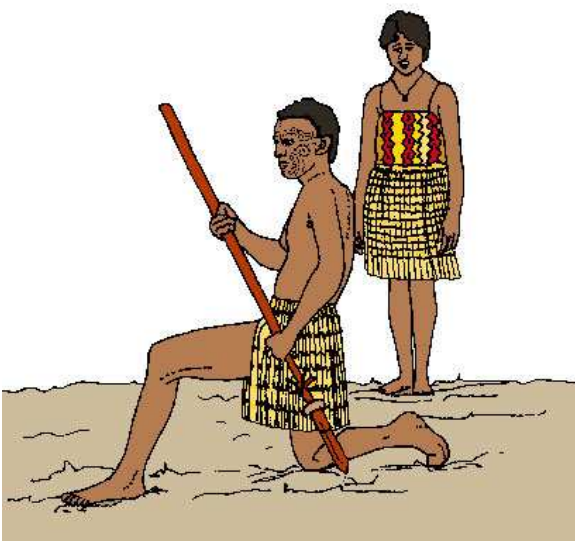
We are heading into warmer months now which often mean an increase in headlice infestation. Parents please continue checking your children's hair daily.

Nit-Enz (certified organic headlice shampoo – 225ml) is now available from Western Heights 4 Square for \$15.35 – will last approx a school term when used as directed. Also Nit-Enz Repellent Hair Gel 200ml or Hair Spray \$10.20 to be used daily.

Kapa Haka

The Rotorua Primary Schools Ahurei Kapa Haka festival is at the Convention Centre and it runs from Monday the 28th November to Friday the 2nd December. St Michael's School is the second school to perform in the second half on Tuesday night 29th November. Second half starts at about 7.20 pm. Our school has been given 100 tickets to try and sell so please invite all your whanau! Ticket prices are \$6.00 per session/half show and these tickets are on sale now and can be ordered through the school office. Children's tickets are the same price. Children under 2 years old will be allowed to sit on parents laps. However you will not be allowed to take in any prams or car seats.

I recommend you order and buy your tickets now through the school. A programme of the schools performing will be attached with the tickets.



For the next 2 weeks we will start having kapa haka practice Tuesday after school from 3.15pm to 5.00pm in room 3. I hope this doesn't clash with any after school commitments but the children do need this extra practice and I will really appreciate the children's attendance at these 2 Tuesday after school practices.

So practices will be Monday and Wednesday 1.30pm to 2.30pm as usual and the extra practice is Tuesday after school from 3.15pm to 5.00pm.

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SISTERS OF MERCY – OPEN DAY

On 11th November Sisters of Mercy throughout the world are celebrating the 170th anniversary of Venerable Catherine McAuley's death. On her deathbed Catherine said to her Sisters, "Be sure to have a comfortable cup of tea when I am gone." In this tradition of Mercy hospitality we invite you to join us for tea/coffee and refreshments on November 11th at St Michael's Convent, 11 May Rd, any time between 10am and 4pm.

Lake City Athletic Club

Free: Summer Athletics; practice times are Tues: Children tiny tots to 11yrs & Wed: teens and Adults at 5.15pm both days. Practice held at the Top 2 stadium grounds in Devon Street. Beginners welcome. Ph 3480790 or 021 753691 – Kerris Browne

REMINDERS

- 1/12 –Grandparents Day
- 6/12-Helpers Morning Tea – invites will be sent out shortly
- 7-8/12 -Junior Trips –see note below
- 9/12—**Speech finals**
- 12/12 -Y6 Retreat
- 13/12 Seniors Trip
- 14/12—Gold Slip Mufti Day & Evening School Prize Giving
- 15/12—End of Term —School Mass / Y6 leavers Ceremony– school finishes 12.30pm
- 16/12—Teacher Only Day

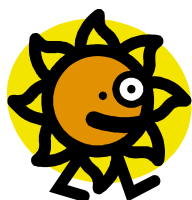
school recommences next year on Wed 1st February

Junior School Trips

In Week seven the juniors will be going on an end of year field trip to Roydon Down Park Farm. This will be a fun day out with lots of fantastic activities. Parents are needed to support with transport. Please book your time off work now –

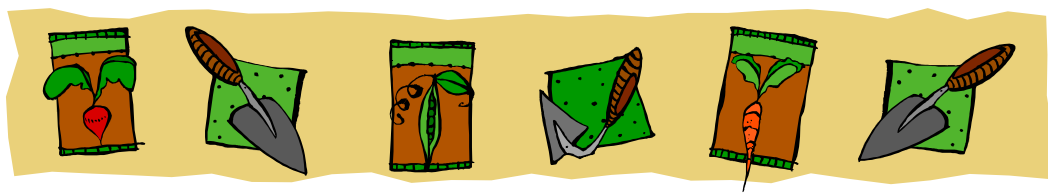
Wednesday 7th – Rooms 8, 7, & 10

Thursday 8th – Rooms 9 & 6



SUNHATS

Sunhats are compulsory and must be worn by all children in the playground this term and Term one as part of our "Sunsmart Policy". This is a royal blue Aussie style hat which is available from Postie Plus or the Warehouse.



School Vegetable Garden

Thanks to our young Vinnies we have a great looking vegetable garden next to Room eight. Please feel free to check it out next time you are at school. There is plenty of parsley available. Also a big thank you to Ruby of Room 10 who kindly donated some vegetable plants.

School Photos

Classroom, individual & team photos will be taken this Wednesday at 9am. Please make sure your children are sent to school looking tidy and in correct summer uniform. All envelopes must be returned by tomorrow.

SPORTS

The sports photos taken this year will be:

2x cricket teams

3x flippa ball teams

3x Saturday netball teams

2x Saturday hockey teams

4x Mini ball teams

School choir

Sports photos cost \$13.00 each see Bronwyn for a photo envelope.

We would like all the sports coaches in these photos if possible. These photos are taken after class photos so estimated time for these photos will probably be 11.30am?

ALL MINIBALL PLAYERS WHO STILL HAVE UNIFORMS AT HOME PLEASE RETURN THEM FOR PHOTOS TOMORROW. IF YOU USE YOUR UNIFORM FOR TOUCH PLEASE BRING IN THESE UNIFORMS ON WEDNESDAY FOR PHOTOS AS WELL.

SATURDAY NETBALL UNIFORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO WHAEA LIZ AS WELL PLEASE.

ALL SAINTS DAY / BAPTISM MASS

Our congratulations to **Olivia Eden Hopson** who was baptised at our beautiful School Mass last Tuesday– appropriately, All Saints' Day. It was lovely for the children and staff to witness such a special occasion. Many thanks to Father Mark.

SCHOOL SPEECHES COMPETITION

ALL children will be involved in writing speeches these next few weeks and will need parent / caregiver guidance. Further details will be sent home shortly.

Loving Jesus

We pray for Olivia may God's hand guide her throughout her future years and keep her faithful in His ways and in His word and prayer.

We pray for the people in Thailand and Turkey experiencing the loss of loved ones during the flood and earthquakes

We pray for the blessings this term, we are so appreciative that Summer is here, we love the feel of the warm sun and the rain showers that provides nourishment and new growth for the vegetable gardens.

Thank you God for this and so much more.

We pray for all the gifts you have given us, may the school come up with a new vision / motto that will guide our school for the years ahead.

We ask these prayers in Jesus' name - Amen

**No reira, tena koutou, tena Koutou, tena Koutou Katoa
St Michael's school staff**

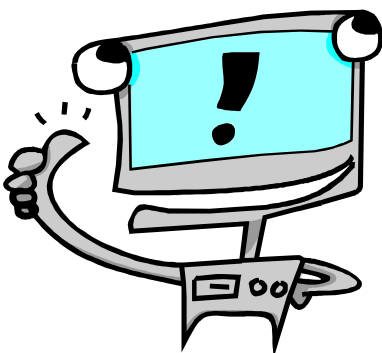
You can do anything if you have enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes rise to the stars. Enthusiasm is the spark in your eye, the swing in your gait, the grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of your will and your energy to execute your ideas. Enthusiasts are fighters, they have fortitude, they have staying qualities.

Enthusiasm is at the bottom of all progress!

With it, there is accomplishment.

Without it, there are only alibis.



Henry Ford, 1863 – 1947
American car manufacturer

GALA HELPERS

I/We can help out on a gala food stall.

Name:.....

Contact No:

Time when Available:.....

Your ideas for our revised mission statement

Please return this slip to the office by the end of the week please!

COME ON GIVE IT GO -
WE NEED YOUR IMPUT!!!

