

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS—

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Principal's Blurb

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Kia Ora Koutou

We are heading into a very exciting few weeks here at St Michael's with building projects and school events planned right up until the end of the term.

You would have received a newsletter on Friday about **our new traffic plan** and we are expecting the fencing to be completed next week. Road markers are due to visit the school today to get started on marking out our new one-way system and we would ask you to support us in this endeavour to keep our students safe and away from traffic. In particular please note:

- ♦ **driveways are not to be used as drop off points**
- ♦ **there is to be no parking on the grass verge outside of school on May Rd**
- ♦ **children will not be permitted to walk through the carpark on Clayton Rd or across any of our adjoining roads without an adult**



Please be respectful to our staff as they monitor this situation.

Our new playground equipment has arrived from Germany and the Playground Centre are just waiting for more reliable weather before they begin installation. They will be travelling from Whanganui to install the two new pieces and you should see them on site by the end of the month.

Our new uniform is being made and will be available in the holidays from the **NZ Uniform Shop (opposite Spotlight)**. There has been some leeway given to students around uniform this term as we understand that some items have been impossible to source and parents did not want to purchase old uniform stock. **From day one next term we will expect to see every child wearing the correct school uniform (old or new)** and there will be a reminder of these expectations in the next newsletter.



11-17 September
**TE WIKI O TE
REO MĀORI**
Māori Language Week

This week is Te Wiki o te Reo Maori and Social Justice Week so there is a lot happening at school. For Maori Language Week teachers are focusing on basic commands in the classroom and the theme for Social Justice Week this year is "We Are All Neighbours". This week is also our **annual Bible Reading Competition** and parents are warmly invited to join us for the finals on **Friday at 11.30am in the Mercy Hall**.
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We would also love lots of parents and children to join us in support of our **Spelling Bee Team at the More FM Spelling Bee at JPC on Thursday at 4pm**. There are not only prizes for the best spellers but also prizes for the best supporters so let's be loud and proud of our awesome school!

Next week are the heats and final of **our Talent Quest** which comes around every two years. We look forward to a varied and entertaining schedule of acts on Thursday at 2pm. Again, all parents are welcome to join us.

Finally, thank you to those parents who completed our Biennial Survey. I am presently collating your input and the Board will receive a full report at our meeting next week. The responses were very positive and we are glad that our school is a place that our parents are proud to be a part of.

Hangā e te Atua he ngākau hou
Ki roto, ki tēnā, ki tēnā o mātou
Whakatōngia to wairua tapu
Hei awhina, hei tohutohu i a mātou
Hei ako hoki i ngā mahi mō tēnei rā.

*Lord, develop a new heart
Inside all of us
Instil in us your sacred spirit
Help us, guide us
In all the things we need to learn today*

**Shelly Fitness
Principal**

H EALTH & SAFETY

Lunchboxes... always a heated topic! Our school recognises that parents are responsible for the food-choices for their whanau. In saying that, our school will encourage healthy choices by teaching about nutrition in Health, Science and PE lessons. Children will be encouraged to bring healthy foods to school and some foods or drinks may be banned if they are considered to have an adverse affect on a child's behaviour or learning. For example, fizzy drinks, sports drinks and energy drinks.



A date for your calendar.....

AN EVENING WITH 'CHELSEA WINTER

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 6PM

**HELD IN STMICHAEL'S SCHOOL
HALL**

Her new book EAT is packed with dishes that are designed to become new favourites in your household

Tickets \$10, lucky prize draw on the night. Doors open 5.30pm

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Tickets sold from

Paperplus, Rotorua
(paperplus.co.nz)

& St Michael's School Office

Books for sale on the night

Office Hours:

Monday closed

Tues-Frid 8am –2.30pm

PH: 348 0289

Mass Times:**St Michael's, Lake Road; Sat 5pm (Vigil); Sun 8am**

St Mary's, cnr Seddon & Ranolf : 10am & 5.30pm Sunday

www.catholicrotorua.org.nz

Parish Priest: Fr Eamon Kennedy



*Much of people's focus now is on **The ELECTION**. The NZ Bishops Conference have put out a booklet "Step out and Vote" (copies still available in the foyer of our Churches) encouraging us to consider 10 points*

1. Prolife policies (loving and caring for the unborn, elderly, vulnerable, disabled, those who are different)
2. embracing the bicultural nature of our country
3. welcoming cultural diversity including refugees, asylum seekers
4. welcoming and appreciating migrants
5. safe society especially focussing on the push to legalise various drugs
6. caring for our planet referring to Pope Francis's "Laudato Si"
7. fair tax structure for workers and low income earners
8. mental health needs of all New Zealanders
9. affordable housing -the effect of high house prices and rents on young couples and families
10. the growing prison population at a time of reducing crime rate.

S.V.D.P. FULL-FILL VAN

Are you keen to get involved more in our church and community? We are in need of a driver/ adult helper fortnightly on a Monday for the Full-fill van. This is a volunteer role and involves helping to load the drinks containers into the van, coming along on the run out to Owata, and assisting with washing up after. You would need to be prepared to come to the St Michaels crypt every fortnight at 4pm, and would finish your "shift" at around 530pm, 6pm at the absolute latest. Please call Catherine on 349 6613 or txt 027 225 0503

FAITH FACTS

FAITH FACT FOR WEEK 811th Sept - 15th Sept **Social Justice Week**13th St John of Chrysostom14th Feast of the Holy Cross15th Our Lady of Sorrows**Social Justice Week 2017 will run****from 10-16 September** this year

and we invite our Catholic school communities to take up Pope Francis' challenge to 'weave bonds of belonging' within our schools, our whanau, and within the wider communities to which our schools belong.

Weaving Bonds of Belonging
Knowing our Neighbours



SPORTS



MINIBALL

1st Sept: St Michael's Thunder v's Whangamarino lost 7/14. Congratulations to **Arareina Phillips** player of the day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- ♦ **Kullum Hopcroft** (Y5) for being picked for the Y5/6 Development Rep Hockey
- ♦ On 26th August the Wilson-Hill family did really well in the Karate & ISKA Tournament **Shannon** won third place, **Te Oriwa** won first place and **Peter** received a medal for great sportsmanship.

St Michael's school is proud of all your achievements, keep up the good work!



PRIMARY SCHOOLS WINTER FIELD DAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

Selected Y5-6 children will be notified to represent our school in Soccer (Puaenga Park), Hockey (Smallbone Park) and Miniball (Sportsdrome). There is a charge of \$3 per child to cover the bus and registration fees. Invoices will be sent home with the participating children.

Please reimburse the school before Tuesday 26th September.

Rotorua Tennis Club Junior programme for Term 4 and 1

Open day: **Sunday 15th October 1-3pm**. Manuka Crescent. Racquets supplied.

Starting date: **Wednesday 18th October**. Coaching with club professional.

Primary school beginner 3.30-4.30. Older primary and Intermediate 4.30-5.30

Friday tennis fun games for beginners 3.30-4.30.

Contacts: Debra Dowland 021 335492 Justin Megraw 0210 8355422

Holiday Programme 9-13 October. See website. www.no1tennis.co.nz

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

We have **three weeks left** to collect yummy apple stickers found on apples purchased at Pak'nSave and New World. Collection sheets can be downloaded off the Yummy Fruit website <http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz>, or obtained from the school office. **These stickers (or labels cut out of the plastic Yummy Apple bags) help the school get an allocation of free sports equipment.** Many thanks for your support.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

BOP 2017 NATIONALS TEAM DEMONSTRATION DAY

The Bay of Plenty Trampoline team are holding a Demonstration Day at MIGS Gym on **Saturday 16th September**, 3pm to 5pm. **Tyla Black** (Toby's sister) has been selected for the team. Come and watch these talented athletes who have been selected for this years National Championships in a demonstration show held at MIG Gym, Te Ngae Road, Rotorua. Gold coin donation, sausage sizzle and kitchen canteen running.



PARENTING HELPLINE:

For advice, support and practical strategies
CALL 0800 568 856 9am to 11pm Mondays to Sunday
www.parenthelp.org.nz

Long-term exhibition—Waikato Museum

Te Whaanau Maarama—On now until 13 July 2018

Te Whaanau shines the spotlight on Maori astronomy and examines the traditional Maori societal view of the night sky and how it is being revitalised in the modern world. Supported by taonga, photographs and koorero, Te Whaanau Maarama opens the door on tuning into the stars and a better understanding of the history and meaning of Matariki



Pita Pit
#eatyourselfhappy



During Te Reo week (11th to 17th of September 2017) we will be making our Pita Pit menus Bi Lingual Maori/English.

PJ MUFTI DAY

We received **\$140.50** for our PJ Mufti day last Friday. This will hopefully cover the cost of posting our Xmas Boxes for Samaritan Purse. Many thanks to our families for your contributions for the mufti day and for the small gifts to put in the Xmas Boxes it was most appreciated. Families have until the **22nd September** to bring along their gifts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 3 2017



Date / Week	What	Where and time
Mon 11th to 17th Sept	Maori Language & Social Justice Week	
Friday 15th Sept	Bible Reading Competition	11.30 Mercy Hall
Now Thurs 21st Sept	Talent Quest (date change)	2pm to 2.55pm
Thurs 21st Sept	Spelling B Competition	John Paul College 4pm
Tues 26th Sept	CBOP Winter Field Day	
Thurs 28th Sept	St Michael's Day and Spring Festival—notice to follow	Whole school Mass- St Michael's Church
Frid 29th Sept	Last Day of Term 3	Free Mufti Day
Mon 16th October	Term 4 Begins	
Wed 18th Oct	Rosary in the Mercy Hall	Whole school



J-KIDS

4-6 OCTOBER
SCHOOL YEARS 2-4

KIDS

9-13 OCTOBER
SCHOOL YEARS 5-8

TEENS

SEP 30 - OCT 3
AGES 13-17

WWW.TOTARASPRINGS.ORG.NZ

ROTORUA LIBRARY **SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES** **2-13 OCTOBER 2017** **DIGI KIDS**

Bookings open from Saturday 23 September 2017*
 Book online at www.rotorualibrary.govt.nz or contact us.

Tuesday
 3 October
 10.30-11.30am
 Digital Storytelling
 Rhyme & Rumpus
 (Ages: Under 5s)

Wednesday
 4 October
 10.30-11.30am
 Smartphone Projectors
 BYO Shoebox &
 Smartphone
 (Ages: 5+)

Thursday
 5 October
 1.30-2.30pm
 Kip McGrath
 Education Centre
 Lego Session
 (Ages: 5+)

Tuesday
 10 October
 10.30-11.30am
 Digital Storytelling
 Rhyme & Rumpus
 (Ages: Under 5s)

Wednesday
 11 October
 10.30-11.30am
 QR Code
 Treasure Hunt
 (Ages: 5+)

Thursday
 12 October
 1.30-2.30pm
 Kip McGrath
 Education Centre
 Lego Session
 (Ages: 5+)

*Booking is required for all activities. All activities are FREE and will be held at
 Rotorua Library, 1238 Pukuatua St, Rotorua. Please ensure all children are supervised.

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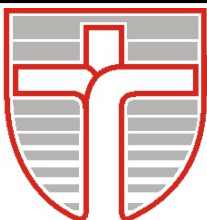
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