

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS—

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Principal's Blurb

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Kia Ora Koutou

As I write this (on Monday morning) the school is alive with the sound of students playing outside, kicking balls, shooting hoops and playing tag. Before school I visited each classroom and remarked how few children were inside. We all agreed that after all the rain we have had, the children are just so happy to be able to be outside in the fresh air and sunshine that the indoors didn't have much appeal this morning!

Lots of you will have seen on Facebook the amazing news that Southern Trust have given us a grant of \$25,000 towards our playground. Now that the drainage work has been completed, this \$25,000 will go towards the two new pieces we want to have installed. We are so grateful to the folks at Southern Trust for this very generous grant, it is hard to put into words what it means for our kids and for our fantastic PTA who have been fundraising towards this project for three years. A reminder that the overall cost of the project (including drainage, two new pieces, repair of the old equipment and wood-chip) is \$75,000 so this is a massive undertaking.

This week we look forward to a new event on our calendar: **Service Day**. As you all know, our school was founded by the Mercy Sisters. The Sisters' charism is about seeing a need and filling it and being of service to others. At St Michael's School we are very good at serving others through giving money. In the past we have held mufti days and other fundraisers for all sorts of local and international charities and it is always a joy to see how giving our community can be. But we also need to be servants with our time and with the gifts God has given us. We need to be present in our communities, to be role models of Jesus' love to those around us. Each class has been given the challenge of serving in our community for part of the day on Wednesday and this is what each class will be doing:

- ♦ The Ark will be visiting two ECE centres (Kidsdotcom and Little Lights) to read to the children there and to tell them about what it is like coming to school
- ♦ Year 3 students will be working for Mr. Guildford for the day, spreading all the bark on the top gardens, weeding the flower and veggie gardens and tidying up the school
- ♦ Year 4 students will be travelling to Day Break to visit the elderly, taking book-marks as gifts
- ♦ Year 5 students will be planting trees in a local park (this will be on 23 August)
- ♦ Year 6 students will be cleaning up Linton Park

I am very proud of the work that our children will be doing on Wednesday and I hope that they also feel a true sense of accomplishment and reward.

Next week we welcome the Bishop's Catholic Character Review Team who visit our school every three years to ensure we are maintaining our Catholic Character. **The team would love to meet with any parents who would like to offer feedback in this area on Thursday, 24 August at 2.30pm.**

Last time they came, the review team were very impressed with the number of parents who attended this meeting so let's aim to impress them again!

Have a blessed week,

Shelly Fitness
Principal

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



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FAITH FACTS

WEEK 5 (Saint Feast Days)

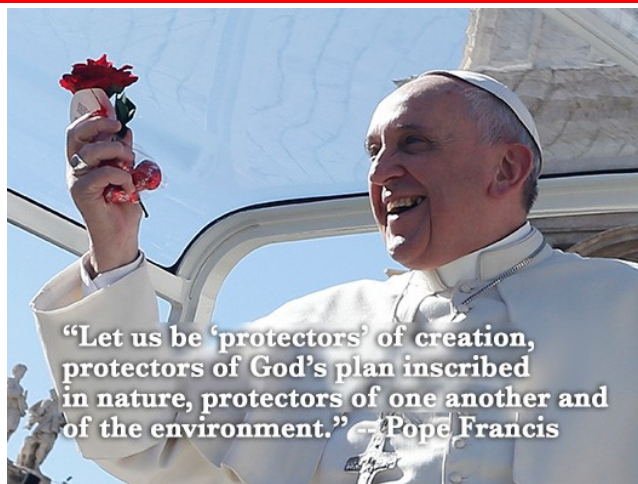
21st August - 25th August

21st St Pius X Pope

22nd The Queenship of Mary

24th Bartholomew apostle

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intentions. This month pope Francis urges us all to pray for Artists. **That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.**



H Health & Safety

Sometimes children will need to bring medication to school with them. Any medication that comes to school must come with either written or verbal permission to the child's teacher and must be kept and administered by that teacher.

Medication must not be kept in children's bags.

Long-term, ongoing medication can be kept locked in our sickbay and administered regularly by Mrs Bartle. Emergency medication (such as Epi-pens) are kept in the staffroom, alongside a picture and details of the child. Please note that expiry dates and replacement of all medication is the responsibility of the parent.



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.catholicotorua.org.nz
 Parish Priest: Fr Eamon Kennedy



For the **feast of the Assumption of Our Lady this Tuesday 15th August** there are two Masses. Mass at 9.00 am at St Mary's and the normal 5.30 pm Mass at St Michael's. The feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation for us in New Zealand.

PRAY THE ROSARY IN TE REO

A prayer group has started praying the Rosary in Te Reo every Monday evening at 7.30pm. Currently the group meets in home. This Monday the group are meeting at 7 Whitworth Road, everyone is welcome. For enquiries phone Chris on 021 197 2022.

WALK BY FAITH - for recent RCIA participants.

Walk By Faith can help to deepen your understanding of Church teaching and scripture. For more information contact: Phone 0800 217 411; or email: c.piper@tci.ac.nz or j.atabelo@tci.ac.nz

THE ROSARY

Is prayed Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8.15am, in the Church where Mass will be celebrated that day, **and also** before the 5.30pm Tuesday Mass. All welcome.

LAST WORD

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened; I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon yourselves, and learn from me; I am gentle and humble of heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**"Current of Grace' Conference
 "Celebrating the diverse fruits and family of the Catholic
 Charismatic Renewal in New Zealand"**

When: **Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September 2017-06-23**

Where: **Distinction Hotel and the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North**

Guest presenters include Bishop Denis Browne, Fr John Rea, Diana Ingle CCRNZ Chairperson. Ann Brereton from ICCRS will share on 2017 Vatican report Pope Francis's exciting new plans for us all!
 For further information and to register online visit

www.ccrnz.org/register2017 For further information please contact Val Morrison Tel: 07 542 5537

SPORTS RESULTS

MINIBALL

23 June: St Michael's Hurricanes v's Ruamata Te Inohi lost 9-21. Congratulations to **Eli Jenkins** player of the day.

7 July: St Michael's Hurricanes v's St Marys lost 6-20. Congratulations to **Rangitahi Phillips** player of the day.

26 July: St Michael's Thunder v's Whangamarino lost 7-13. Congratulations to player of the day **Ari Kelly**

28 July: St Michael's Hurricanes v's Rangomai Potiki. Congratulations to **Tamzyn Aitchison** player of the day.

2 August: St Michael's Thunder v's Ngongotaha lost 5-12. Congratulations to player of the day **Nyja Chu-Youde**

4 August: St Michael's Hurricanes v's Whangamarino lost 16-22. Congratulations to **Anabela Pereira** player of the day

9 August – St Michaels Midgets v Westbrook Shooters.

Our Midgets Team won by default. Instead, we had a fun game with Westbrook and our team showed some great skills. Congratulations to **Alex Jenkins and Kymani Martin-Harrison** who were awarded joint players of the day.

11 August –St Michael's Hurricanes V'S Ruamata Te Inohi lost 7-18. Congratulations to **Nikeo Edwardson** player of the day.



HOCKEY

5 August: St Michael's Tigers v's Kaharoa lost 4/0. Congratulations to **Flynn Lester** who was player of the day.

12 August: St Michael's Tigers v's Otonga won 3/1. Congratulations to **Cameron Lalich** who was player of the day.



Wet time
lunchtime,
Monopoly still a
popular game

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

ROTORUA DISTRICT FESTIVAL OF GARDENS



Festival held Friday 10th, 11th and Sunday 12th November. Come with your family and see the wonderful things you can achieve in a garden. And, great spaces to play. 42 Gardens from Waikite Valley to Hamurana for \$30 per ticket per person and children are free (under 14yrs).

This is a fundraiser for the Baytrust Rescue Helicopter and St Johns. Tickets available from 1st August from Palmers, 147 Sala Street; McLeods Booksellers, 1148 Pukuata St and the Living Room, 1131 Amohau Street.

Attention: Parents and full time caregivers who have children with a disability or health impairment

Join us for our Renew, Connect & Reflect workshop where YOU are the focus.

This workshop will help you on your parenting journey, providing renewed energy, new connections, and new ideas.

Workshop topics include:

- Growing your support networks
- Building a resilient family
- Coping with stress
- Understanding the effect of grief

It is a great opportunity to reflect on how far you have come and connect with other parents in your area.

Where and when?

Sunday 20 August • 9am – 4pm

Taruna College, 33 Te Mata Peak Road, Havelock North

If you are travelling a fair distance, contact us to discuss accommodation options.

The workshop and lunch is provided at no cost thanks to funding from Hawkes Bay Foundation and Eastern Central Community Trust

If you have any queries about anything in this notice please contact Ruth Taylor on 0508 236 236 or email ruth@parent2parent.org.nz

Calling all aspiring Young Chefs out there!

Ever wanted to create your own recipe and starring dish that will feature on a restaurant menu for a whole month? Well now you can! **Just create a main meal that you think your Dad will love this fathers day.** Name it and send your recipe to reservations@distinctionrotorua.co.nz before the end of August or you can get your mum to become friends with Distinction Rotorua on Facebook and post your recipe on their page and others you read can like and vote for yours .

YOU COULD WIN YOUR DAD A FREE MEAL.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover". - Mark Twain



CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 3 2017

Date / Week	What	Where and time
Wed 16th August	SERVICE DAY	Whole school
Thurs 17th August	Class Mass-Galilee Y5	8.30 -9.30
Thurs 17th August	BOT Meeting	6.30 pm Staffroom
Thurs 24th & Fri 25th August	CATHOLIC CHARACTER REVIEW	Parents meeting Thurs 24th 2.30pm staffroom
Thurs 24th August	Class Mass—The Ark Group 2	8.30 -9.30
Fri 25th August	PTA School Disco	Notice to follow
Mon 28th August	PTA Meeting	7pm—Staffroom
Thurs 31st August	Class Mass—Eden Y4	8.30—9.30
Friday 1st Sept	Tough Dad Challenge	Notice to follow
Thurs 7th Sept	Class Mass—Eden Y3	8.30—9.30
Mon 11th to 17th Sept	Maori Language Week	
Friday 15th Sept	Bible Reading Competition	Whole school
Frid 22nd Sept	Talent Quest	
Thurs 28th Sept	St Michael's Day and Spring Festival	Whole school Mass- St Michael's Church
Frid 29th Sept	Last Day of Term 3 (Mufti)	

MARIST 200 CELEBRATION –

Saturday September 9th. St John's College and the St John's College Old Boys Network invite all parents, Old Boys and associates of the school to a celebration event marking 200 years of Marist education. This will be a wonderful chance to connect with friends in the St John's community. The celebration starts at 7.30pm at St John's College – please RSVP at <https://marist200.eventbrite.co.nz> or contact the school office to register on 07 856 7091.



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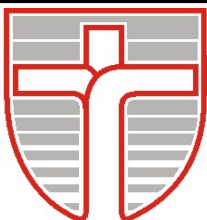


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