

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS—

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Principal's Blurb

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Kia Ora Koutou

Here we are at the end of another year!

It has been wonderful to spend time with our Year 6 students over the past week and we hope we have created many special memories for them.

My thanks to Marion Brits for organising a wonderful end-of-year Mass and to Fr Eamon for celebrating the Mass for us. The singing was beautiful and the children's behaviour was excellent, especially considering the time of year! Thanks also to Angela for organising the Bibles as gifts for our Year 6 students. The inscription inside the front cover will always remind them of St Michael's.

Thank you also to Mrs Mines and Mrs Paget for organising, practicing and putting together a very moving candle ceremony. This is such a beautiful St Michael's tradition that we have all come to love.

And thank you to the fabulous PTA who purchased the Bibles and organised a fantastic Leavers' Lunch for our Year 6 students, complete with beautifully dressed tables, sparkling apple juice, hand-made truffles and Christmas Crackers.

On Wednesday at the final assembly our Year 6 students will be given their graduation certificates and applauded out of the hall. In my final speech to them I will have two main messages to pass on:

1. **Say yes! You will only get out of life what you are willing to put in and Intermediate and High School will offer many, many opportunities. Say yes to those opportunities always.**
2. **Remember that God is always with you. No matter what things come your way in life, good and bad, God will be your constant companion.**

Thank you all for your support during my time here at St Michael's. Being a baby-principal is an overwhelming task and this school has been the perfect place to learn and grow because the community are so accepting and truly embody the idea of awahi. This school will be one of those special places that lives forever in my heart and that always feels like home.

Christmas Blessings,
God Bless
Shelly Fitness
Principal

Term One: Tuesday 30th January to Friday 13th April (Tchr only day 5th Feb, Waitangi day 6th Feb; Good Friday 30th March; Easter 2nd—3rd April)

UNIFORM

The full school uniform will be available at NZ Uniforms from **8 January**. A note from NZ Uniforms:

The delay in Store is due to Quality Control purposes whereby we rejected the first batch of fabric produced. We have had a NZ Uniforms representative, Stephanie Foster, in China assessing the situation and we are now running ahead of schedule. We are extremely apologetic but felt it was imperative that we get the quality of the said garments to our usual high standard.



HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY /JOURNAL BOOKS

As it is the end of year we need all readers and library books to be returned. There are a lot of out standing readers / journals, so please have a good hunt around home with your children.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



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

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE**

ST MICHAEL'S
SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH
 8am -Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE
 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
 12.00am Midnight Mass
 8.00am Mass

ST MARY'S
SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH
 10am - Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE
 7.00pm Mass
 10.00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
 10.00am

ADVENT**Day #10 - Joy -**

Make this a time of joy for everyone in your setting. Focus on the magic, rather than the stresses. Find joy in the simple pleasures, and happiness in the being together, rather than the commercial side of Christmas.

Day #11 - Kindness -

Kindness is important year round, of course, but is especially important to combat what can be a stressful time for parents, and the team. Understanding, little acts of thoughtfulness, smiles, and full attention work wonders in topping up emotional fuel tanks.

Day #12 - Laughter -

Christmas is too important a time to be taken too seriously! Lighten up and laugh, see the humour in the things that don't go as planned. Share funny stories, and enjoy the children's sense of fun.

Day #13 - Memories -

Set up a season to remember. The beautiful, the authentic, and the personal will stick in memories, especially if there are connections between the years. If our Christmas celebrations target the heart, rather than the pocket (love, not consumerism), we are creating an occasion worth storing in the heart bank.

Day #14 - Neighbours -

Christmas is a wonderful time for connecting with those nearby. Who in your community could use some Christmas cheer? Who can you open your hearts and your doors to? Little acts can be a big moment for the recipient.

Day #15 - Openness & Presence -

Be open to fully embracing the season, and making it special for your community. Stay positive, keeping the holiday 'blahs' at bay. Really connect with others. Tune in, listen, and engage. Presence is one of the most thoughtful gifts you can give this season, it costs nothing, and is equally beneficial to the giver and receiver.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT CHANGE



Attention Parents of Automatic Payments and future direct Credits

As from the **29th December** St Michael's School Account will be held with the **ASB in Amohau Street**. Hopefully Westpac will be advising all AP users of our change in the near future. All parents / caregivers who have presently set up automatic payments must notify their bank of **our new account Number as follows:**

123155: 0265162:00 -

St Michael's Catholic School Rotorua Board of Trustees
For next year stationery fees, start your AP now!

CONGRATULATIONS

ANGELA VAN DER BRUGGEN on attaining your Bachelor of teaching. We are so proud of you. We also farewell a very valuable longstanding teacher aide, PTA member, friend and colleague. All the best Angela, we wish you well with your teaching career.



FAREWELL MISS SHELLY FITNESS

Shelly 'May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and may the rains fall soft upon your fields. Until we meet again, may you be held in the palm of God's hand'.

Thank you for everything you have done for St Michael's School—you will be missed.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

ROTORUA PUBLIC LIBRARY: SUMMER OF STEAM BINGO / READING CHALLENGE

The Summer of Steam Bingo Summer Reading Challenge is an incentive-based programme designed to keep children reading over the summer break, maintain reading levels and get them reading in some interesting and innovative ways and places. The challenge runs from early December 2017 to Saturday 20 January 2018. Summer of Steam Bingo Sheets need be returned to the library by 4pm Saturday 23 January to register. Prizes will be given out at the Summer Reading Finale on Tuesday 23 January. Summer of Steam Bingo Sheets can be picked up from Rotorua Library or downloaded from our [website](#).

On Saturday 3 February 2018 Rotorua Library will reopen as Te Aka Mauri Rotorua Library and Child Health Hub.

We hope to get as many children signed up with library cards ahead of time to encourage them to use the new service and also to access the library in the current Pukuatua St building over the summer holidays.

FAREWELL YEAR SIX



Kalani Aldworth
 Ruby Campbell
 Sarah Crosby
 Brooklyn Edwardson
 Lucas Fleming
 Kaleb Frew
 Josh Gaulofa
 Devahrdray Halsall
 Troy Hart
 Peter Herniman
 Janaya Korner
 Flynn Lester
 Teagan Mear Poona
 Riley Muggleton
 Maika Murphy
 Blake Parry
 Willow Parry
 Xzavia Pereira
 Jack Rickard
 Aljude Rosan
 Bentley Simpkins
 Lincoln Skeoch
 Eviarn Steiner
 Nathan Sutton
 Carlo Tumarae
 Mickeal White
 Shannon Wilson Hill
 Mitchell Witehira

EBOP / CENTRAL BOP ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD WHAKATANE 5TH DECEMBER 2017



Results:

Jamie Petersen (10yrs Boys) 3rd place
100 meters

Kalani Aldworth (11yr Girls) 2nd place
400 meters & 3rd place 200 meters

Bentley Simpkins (11yrsBoys) 1st place
400 meters



Attendance Due increase 2018

As from **Term 1 2018** the following per student charges will apply:

- ♦ Primary (Years 0-8) = **\$444.00** per annum (inc. GST) [i.e. \$111.00 per term or \$8.54 per week]
- ♦ Secondary (Years 9-13) = **\$888.00** per annum (inc. GST) [i.e. \$222.00 per term or \$17.08 per week]

Catholic Character Contribution: There is a slight increase to the Catholic Character Contribution; it will be \$50.00 per student with a maximum of \$150.00 per family. This is a voluntary donation and these funds are used to support the delivery of religious education programmes in our schools for which no other funding is available. Attendance Dues income cannot be used for this purpose.

Financial Hardship reminder

If any families are struggling financial and you would like some financial assistance with your attendance due please come and see the Principal.





Congratulations to our students with outstanding attendance this year year!!!

**END OF TERM FOUR
TOMORROW!
EARLY FINISHING TIME
AT
1PM
NO BUS RUN
Please make sure your
child/ren are picked up
from school at 1pm**

SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING AWARDS 2017

AWARD	NAME	NAME
Diligence / The Ark Y1	Lachie Boyd	Storm Martin-Harrison
Diligence / The Ark Y2	Nevaeh Waaka	Eli Jenkins
Diligence / Eden Y3	Blake Hose	Jade Taylor
Diligence / Eden Y4	Bianca Brake	Kate McLanachan
Diligence / Galilee Y5	Madison Aitchison	Brayton Tauava
Diligence / Galilee Y6	Devahrdray Halsall	Janaya Korner
Academic / The Ark Y1	Noah Knight	Nyjah Chu-Youde
Academic / The Ark Y2	Arareina Phillips	Arthur Bell
Academic / Eden Y3	Harmony Chu-Youde	Sebastian Navarro
Academic / Eden Y4	Rebekah Frew	Luke Milliken
Academic / Galilee Y5	Eleni Milliken	Charles Butler
Academic / Galilee Y6	Riley Muggleton	Ruby Campbell
Mathletics		
1st: Luke Milliken	2nd Nathan Nuku	3rd Arareina Phillips
Kapa Haka Awards:- Overall: Senior : Eviarn Steiner; Junior- Bianca Brake	Male Leader: Shannon Wilson-Hill	Female Leader: Ruby Campbell
Most outstanding Jnr - Te Oriwa Wilson Hill	Most improved: Snr Teagan Mear Poona & Peter Wilson Hill	Most improved Jnr: Jade Taylor / Tara Butler
Interschool Sports Awards	Jamie Petersen; Kalanai Aldworth & Bentley Simpkins	
Sports Awards	Male Sportsperson: Bentley Simpkins	Female Sportsperson: Kalani Aldworth
Speech Awards	Junior: Nevaeh Waaka	Middle: Alyssa Coker
	Senior: Ruby Campbell	
NGA PUMANAWA E WARU AWARD	Janaya Korner	
SPECIAL CHARACTER AWARD	Junior: Raina Meha	Middle: Blake Hose
	Senior Jack Rickard	Altar Server: Ruby Campbell
MERCY SCHOLARSHIP	Waiora Hudson	



CONGRATULATIONS:-

**St Michael's
Megalodons for
coming 1st in the
Rotorua Primary
Schools Flippa ball**

(absent team member
Wairoa Hudson)

&

**St Michael's Snappers who
also won 1st place in their
Year group**

We are very proud of your
achievement. Fantastic team
playing by all.

**A big thank you to
coach Mrs Jo Paget
and parent support of
all three teams.**





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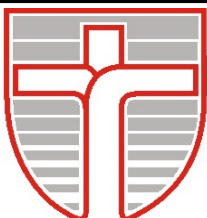
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