

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS—

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Principal's Blurb

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Kia Ora Koutou



Winter has certainly arrived! It was lovely to watch the students' joy and excitement this morning as they raced around the school finding pieces of ice and frost in the puddles. A teaching friend of mine calls Term 3 "the journey towards the light" and it is a wonderful thought that by the end of this term the daffodils will be blooming and daylight savings will be on its way.

A warm welcome to the new families that have joined the St Michael's whanau this term. We hope that your children love their time here and that you enjoy being part of our little community.

On Sunday we celebrated our family Mass for term three and it was great to see a good turnout of 29 families which was a big improvement from last term. I'm sure those that attended (on a very cold minus-two morning!) will agree that it was fantastic to spend time with each other after Mass in the crypt enjoying a warm drink and some delicious food. I was able to introduce several of you to Cameron Surrey who will be visiting the school this week with Father Dominique and students from the Catholic Discipleship College. We look forward to our students spending time with these faith-filled evangelists.

My heartfelt congratulations to Lorette Tiedt on her 20 year anniversary at St Michael's. It was certainly a wonderful occasion on Friday with 63 JPC students coming along to show their appreciation of Mrs Tiedt. Lorette has touched countless lives over the past 20 years and we know she will continue to do so over the next 20 years! Next year we will have two more teachers celebrating 20 years at St Michael's - an outstanding achievement for those teachers and a great indication of the special place this school is.

Our Kapa Haka group has re-formed and started practicing for this year's Ahurei each Friday afternoon. Our thanks to Whaea Marama for her selfless giving of time for the promotion of te reo and tikanga Maori in our school. We look forward to this year's performance which is always a proud moment for us all.

God bless,
Shelly Fitness
Principal



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

**WHAT IS A CATHOLIC FEAST DAY?**

The Catholic Church assigns one date out of the year for each and canonized saint — known as the saint's *feast day*. The saints are remembered on their individual feast days with special mention, prayers, and possibly a scripture reading.

The 15th of August is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Mary is the Patron saint of Aotearoa New Zealand.

For the **feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**, this year there will be two Masses, 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 here in New Zealand.

PARISH DEVOTIONS

On the first Saturday of each month there will be the first Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This starts at 4.00pm at St Michael's Church. This includes the rosary, contemplation on the mysteries, confession and Mass.

On the other Saturdays there will be rosary for LIFE also at St Michael's Church at 4.00pm.

Starting on Sunday August 13th, at 3.00pm there will be rosary for our Priests at St Michael's Church, please come and pray for our priests and for more vocations to the priesthood.

FAITH FACTS**Saint Anniversaries:**7th August - 15th August**SAINTS FUN FACTS**

by John Sheppard

St. Clare was the foundress of the "Poor Clares", an order of nuns. After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. St. Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear.

She and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat lived in a poor house and kept silent most times.

She carried the Blessed Sacrament to the walls of the convent to ward off attackers. She dropped to her knees and prayed and the attack was aborted. Her feast day is August 12th.



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8th St Mary of The Cross – Mary MacKillop :-

the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph, arrived in Rotorua in 1902. Mary MacKillop enjoyed spending time with the children and families at Ohinemutu Village. In 1903 the Sisters opened a primary Catholic School at the Rotorua Lakefront, behind the convent. St Michael's was the only parish in Rotorua at the time and the school was called St Michael's.

**10th St Lawrence****11th St Clare :-St Clare of Assisi -**

15th The Assumption of Mary (Patron saint of New Zealand, Feast Day)

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Health & Safety

Do you know what to do if you notice a hazard on our school grounds (e.g. broken glass)?

The best thing to do is to notify Mr Guilford or a teacher immediately. The hazard can then be taken care of and written up in our Hazards Register.



LUCKY BOOK ORDERS— SCHOLASTIC NZ

Please note this term you will see on your lucky book order forms there is no space for credit card details to be entered for returning to school with the order form. Credit card information can now only be entered via LOOP when you place orders. You can still send your orders to school with cash or cheque (preferably made out to St Michael's School) only.

To order using the online platform called LOOP:

Order online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Download the LOOP app for iPhone or Android

Last day to order issue 5 is Tuesday 8th August. Many thanks

BE SMART ON THE INTERNET

Parent information evening featuring guest speaker Tessa Gray from Core Education

"HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME"

Held at John Paul College

tomorrow 2nd August

7pm at the Edmund Rice Centre (JPC)

Highlights the issues and concerns and offers practical ways parents can be proactive about keeping your children / teenagers safe online.

This is informative, evocative and entertaining presentation. Be sure to tell your friends.

Congratulations to Isobel Todd (Galilee)

Isobel came **4th** in the National Artistic Roller skating Championships in the Juvenile Free skating Individual routine. Her group also **won a gold medal** in the large group skate. They also won the fun show challenge skate and came 6th in the quad skate.

What a wonderful accomplishment for Isobel and her team. We are very proud of you Isobel!



SPORTS RESULTS

MINIBALL

7.7.17 St Michael's All Stars: Congratulations Eviarn stienner for winning player of the day we won our game against Rotokawa.

28.7.17 St Michael's all stars won by default this week. We had a great practice Instead. Congratulations Xzavia pereira for working hard.



A huge big thank you to everyone who made my 20th anniversary at St Michaels on Friday so special. I felt so honoured and appreciated. It was wonderful seeing so many past pupils and sharing memories. Thank you for taking the time to come and share my assembly with Mark and I. I look forward to many more happy years at the best little school in the world.

Lorette Tiedt

Have you checked out our Bird Mural?

Our beautiful mural, "Guardians of God's Creation" is finally in place and it looks amazing! Our thanks to Creative Communities Trust, Resene and the fabulous [Janet Keen](#)!



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.

For more information—www.rotorugardens.org.nz



Tough Guy & Gal Rotorua

Saturdays 19th and 26th August

Lakes Lodge, Lake Okataina

Get down and dirty and have a whole lot of fun by signing up to this unique off-road running event. Challenge yourself on a course that includes swamp crossings, spider's web net climbing, all set amongst beautiful bush trails and including A LOT of mud! You won't be disappointed. Grab your friends, workmates or family together for a truly fun experience!

To register or for more information visit : <http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz/events/tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>

Mitre 10 Cup - BOP Steamers v Hawkes Bay

Friday 25th August 5.45PM

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BOP Steamers Vs Wellington Lions

Thursday 31st August 7.35PM

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Come support your team / Family friendly time!

For more information and to Purchase tickets visit : <http://www.ticketmaster.co.nz>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 3 2017



Date / Week	What	Where and time
Thurs 3rd August	Class Mass—Galilee Y5's	8.30—9.30 St Michael's Church
Thurs 3rd August	Y6 JPC Enrolment Interviews	9am to 2pm
Thurs 10th August	Class Mass—The Ark Group 1	8.30 -9.30 St Michael's Church
Tues 15th August	ICAS Mathematics Exam	
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	
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	
Frid 29th Sept	Last Day of Term 3 (Mufti)	



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Lunch Break

Hi there / Kia ora,

RE PITA PIT LUNCH ORDERING RE FRIDAYS AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

Welcome to Term 3. It's certainly been wintry throughout New Zealand so hopefully you and your family have managed to avoid the winter ills and chills!

Welcome Rhonda

Rhonda joined us recently in the role of Customer Care Coordinator. You may come in contact with her if you need help with lunchonline. Rhonda is responsible for resolving your queries as well as maintaining our business relationships with current schools and food providers. Rhonda's professional experience working in charitable and non-government organisations in communications and strategic advisory capacities will add to the experience of our team.

School Fundraising

For Term 2, lunchonline has contributed \$6,500 to school fundraising across the country. So far this year we've contributed \$12,500. We hope your school enjoys this benefit of working with lunchonline.

Need to cancel your child's order?

With winter ills happening, we thought best to remind you how easy it is to cancel your child's order. Orders can be cancelled by you up to the order cut-off time (generally 9am, but it may be different for your school). It is a simple process of selecting the "cancel" button beside the order on the orders screen:

LOL Promo Account **Account Balance: \$37.50**

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Thu 27 July 2017	Matthew Lee	Cancelled	460036	View
Wed 26 July 2017	Marc Chapman	Future	460050	View Cancel
Wed 26 July 2017	john smith	Cancelled	460038	View
Wed 26 July 2017	john smith	Cancelled	460037	View

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Are you active on Facebook? Please like us and you'll receive tips to help keep your family healthy, with a sense of humour for good measure! I really like the video.

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All the best for a happy healthy Term 3, from all of us at lunchonline

David, Paula, and Rhonda



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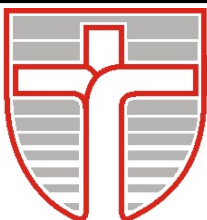
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