

# ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS—

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## Principal's Blurp

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### Kia Ora Koutou

It was an exciting day for all of us on Friday to see 133 m3 of mulch being delivered to our playground. This mulch cost over \$18,000 and it is thanks to the dedicated fundraising efforts of our PTA over the past two years and generous support from the Diocese that we are finally on the home stretch to having our playground complete.

It has been a project hampered by drainage issues and poor weather but our wonderful carousel (funded by a generous grant from NZCT) is now in place and our huge climbing frame (funded by another generous grant from Southern Trust) will be erected this week. The PTA are also looking at a project to paint the fort and install a friendship seat.

Today, many of our students will be representing our school at the Rotorua Inter-School Athletics Day. We know they will represent us with pride and wonderful sportsmanship and we look forward to seeing how they do in all of their events.

On Wednesday, Galilee will leave on their school camp which is at Totara Springs in Matamata. While there, they will participate in a range of outdoor activities including kayaking, abseiling, swimming, archery and the famous Totara Springs obstacle course. Camps are becoming less and less common amongst primary schools, largely because of the huge amount of paperwork and Health and Safety regulations that teachers face in preparation for such an event. I wish to thank Sara Mines for all of the extra work she has put into preparing this paperwork and ensuring that Totara Springs camp will be safe and enjoyable for all.

It's a busy week this week and our Seniors will no sooner have hopped off the bus from camp and they will be off to prepare for the Kapa Haka Ahurei to be held at Harvest on Friday evening. We wish them all the best for their performance. It is always a very proud moment for the parents and staff to see our students shining on the stage, showcasing a culture they are proud to be a part of. Of course, their confident performance doesn't come without many hours of practice and rehearsals - our massive thanks go to Whaea Kelly, Wiki and Marama for giving up hours of their own time to work with our students.

Next week is another busy one for our seniors with their annual retreat at Tyburn and the end of year Disco to look forward too.

All of these events are important to our school culture and it is timely to remember that our teachers are giving a lot of extra hours at the moment to organise these special occasions on top of their usual teaching load and the extra load of writing reports and getting their National Standards Data online. I thank the teachers for their ongoing commitment to our little school.

Have a blessed week,

**Shelly Fitness**  
**Principal**

## HEALTH & SAFETY

At school we have drills for all emergency events: fire, earthquake, lock-down etc. Do you also have these drills at your house? Make sure you have discussed with your children the best way out of the house if there is a fire and where you will meet as a family once you are all out safely. Have you practiced the “drop, cover, hold” drill at home for an earthquake? It is important that your child feels confident that they know what to do if the worst should happen

## KAPAHAKA FESTIVAL

This year the festival is being held at the Harvest Centre (Malfroy Road opposite Net-ball court first car park) on **Friday 24th November**.

**TICKETS:** Tickets are \$9 per person and can be booked and paid through the school. Book your tickets now so you don't miss out.

Tickets will be distributed a couple of days before the festival.



## PARENT FEEDBACK RE:- PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT REMINDER:

Further to the Board letter send home on Monday 6th November regarding the Principal Appointment. We would like to remind parents/caregivers to return their list on Qualities / strengths you would like to see in a Principal asap.

Many thanks to those families who have already returned their slips, it is most appreciated.

Your lists can be returned to the drop off box held in the school office or emailed to the office :- [admin@stmichaelsrotorua.school.nz](mailto:admin@stmichaelsrotorua.school.nz)

## POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:

“How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others!”



**Office Hours:**

Monday closed  
 Tues-Frid 8am –2.30pm  
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**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](http://www.catholicrotorua.org.nz)  
 Parish Priest: Fr Eamon Kennedy

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**Sacramental Programme**

Last weekend the children doing the Sacramental Programme had their last lesson for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before making their First Reconciliation on Sunday 26th November. Please pray for God's blessing on these children and their families

**Mass for children**

The Mass on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00 am in St Mary's, will be offered for children who have died during pregnancy and infancy. We will also pray in a special way for the mums and dads who have lost children. Votive candles will be available to be lit for these children.

**FAITH FACTS****Week 6: November 20 - 24**

21<sup>st</sup> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

22<sup>nd</sup> St Cecilia "patron Saint of Music"

24<sup>th</sup> Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Christ the King Sunday

**Why the feast of Christ the King Sunday**

In 1925 Pope Pius XI believed the world of his time needed to be reminded of the primacy and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and that the faithful needed to be inspired to go out into the world in Christ's name, under his kingly banner. The pope hoped that this new feast would inspire the faithful. He also hoped that, in celebrating it, men and women would be reminded that it is to Christ we owe our fealty and that no earthly power can ever surpass that of his eternal kingship.

**November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way.

**Advent Facts:****When does advent begin and end?**

Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. The first Sunday of Advent is the start of each new Church year.

**What are the colours of advent?**

Advent colours are purple and rose. At Mass the priest's vestments, altar cloths, and Advent candles are purple, except for the third Sunday of the season, Gaudete Sunday, when the colour is rose, for joy. There is also a white candle for Christmas Day itself, usually in the middle of the Advent wreath.



## PTA RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

### PTA 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PRIZES!!!

Do you want to win some amazing prizes?

#### **Check out our Facebook page now to secure your tickets? :**

We have a number of prizes donated by our generous sponsors that we will be raffling off between the 1st and the 12th December.

Tickets are \$5 each and each ticket gives you 12 CHANCES TO WIN!!

#### **How will it work?**

If you would like a ticket (or more than one) simply comment below (facebook) with the numbers you would like.

Tickets for sale will be numbered from 1 to 200 so you can choose any number or numbers up to 200.

Once you choose a number it will be tentatively yours. You must confirm your number/s by paying \$5 into the PTA account within five working days. Once we receive your payment, we will write CONFIRMED under your comment

From the 1 December until 12 December we will draw one prize winner every day. Results will be posted on Facebook. It will be your responsibility to check our Facebook page for results as we may not have any other contact details for you

#### **How do I pay?**

**You must make payment into the PTA account within five days to secure your lucky number/s.**

**The account name is St Michael's PTA and the number is 03-1552-0093190-00.**

You MUST write RAFFLE as a reference for your payment and you MUST put your first initial and surname as a description when you make your payment. If you don't do this we may not be able to match your payment with your lucky number.

#### **What could I win?**

1st Dec: \$35 voucher for Rotofobia (exp. 31 Dec 2017)

2nd Dec: \$35 voucher for Rotofobia (exp. 31 Dec 2017)

3rd Dec: Two one-hour jump Vouchers for Dialled Indoor Tramp Park

4th Dec: Pass for one adult and one child for the 3D Trick Art Gallery (value \$43)

5th Dec: Voucher for two crepes and two coffees at Le Café de Paris

6th Dec: \$50 Lone Star Voucher

7th Dec: Two one-hour jump Vouchers for Dialled Indoor Tramp Park

8th Dec: \$20 voucher for Lush Hair and Beauty

9th Dec: \$30 voucher for the Shade House Café

10th Dec: Two entry vouchers for Spooker's Scream Park

11th Dec: Two one-hour jump vouchers (and two pairs of socks) at Flip Out

12th Dec: One night's accommodation in an Executive Studio at Emerald Spa Resort (exp 31 Mar 2018)

Remember... you will have TWELVE chances to win from your \$5 ticket.

So, check out our facebook page and find this information to book your numbers you want (between 1 and 200), make payment into the PTA account USING THE PROVIDED REFERENCE and we will confirm ASAP. Good luck everyone!



## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### ROTORUA FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

Grab your friends and family and come along to meet those who protect what you value.



**SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 10AM—1PM**  
**Rotorua Fire Station, 19 Biak Street, Rotorua**

Kitchen Fire Demonstrator; Station Tour; Motor Vehicle Accident Display; Fire wise inflatable House; Fire Safety and Recruitment Information

### TIME TO STOP SMOKING?

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This study has been approved by the Southern Health and Disability Ethics Committee (16/STH/147).

### 2018 Term Dates:

**Term One:** Tuesday 30th January to Friday 13th April (Waitangi day 6th February; Good Friday 30th March; Easter 2nd—3rd April)

**Term Two:** Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July (1st June Teacher only day; Queens Birthday 4th June)

**Term Three:** Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September (17th August Teacher only Day)

**Term Four:** Monday 15th October to Tuesday 18th December ( 22 October Labour Day)

## ATHLETIC RESULTS

60 METRES	FIRST	SECONDED	THIRD
9YR BOYS	Hunter Pocock	James Witehira	Ramon Simpkins
9YR GIRLS	Dana Kerby	Bianca Brake	Chloe Hohneck
10YR BOYS	Jamie Petersen	Reefe Geater	Lucas O'Neill
10YR GIRLS	Kelsey Coker	Willow Parry	Isobel Todd
11YR BOYS	Bentley Simpkins	Teagan Mear Poona	Lincoln Skeoch
11YR GIRLS	Kalani Aldworth	Janaya Korner	Te Onira Graham McRae
<b>100 METRES</b>			
9YR BOYS	Hunter Pocock	James Witehira	Ramon Simpkins
9YR GIRLS	Bianca Brake	Dana Kerby	Tara Butler
10YR BOYS	Jamie Petersen	Lucas O'Neill	Reefe Geater
10YR GIRLS	Kelsey Coker	Willow Parry	Isobel Todd
11YR BOYS	Bentley Simpkins	Lincoln Skeoch	Aljude Rosan
11YR GIRLS	Kalani Aldworth	Janaya Korner	Ruby Campbell
<b>200 METRES</b>			
9YR BOYS	Hunter Pocock	James Witehira	Ramon Simpkins
9YR GIRLS	Bianca Brake	Dana Kerby	Chloe Hohneck
10YR BOYS	Jamie Petersen	Toby Black	Lucas O'Neill
10YR GIRLS	Willow Parry	Kelsey Coker	Isobel Todd
11YR BOYS	Bentley Simpkins	Lincoln Skeoch	Teagan Mear Poona
11YR GIRLS	Kalani Aldworth	Janaya Korner	Ruby Campbell
<b>LONG JUMP</b>			
9YR BOYS	Hunter Pocock	Connor Swinyard	James Witehira
9YR GIRLS	Francis Walker	Bianca Brake	Kate McLanachan
10YR BOYS	Jamie Petersen	Riley Muggleton	Troy Hart
10YR GIRLS	Willow Parry	Eviarn Steiner	Waiora Hudson

<b>LONG JUMP</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECONDED</b>	<b>THIRD</b>
11YR BOYS	Lincoln Skeoch	Bentley Simpkins	Peter Herniman
11YR GIRLS	Kalani Aldworth	Janaya Korner	Ruby Campbell
<b>SHOT PUT</b>			
9YR BOYS	Connor Swinyard	Hunter Pocock	Justin Murphy
9YR GIRLS	Dana Kerby	Kate McLanachan	Tara Butler
10YR BOYS	Josh Gaulofa	Riley Muggleton	Xzavia Pereira
10YR GIRLS	Eviarn Steiner	Maddison Mabey	Waiora Hudson
11YR BOYS	Lincoln Skeoch	Teagan Mear Poona	Brooklyn Edwardson
11YR GIRLS	Kalani Aldworth	Ruby Campbell	Te Onira Graham McRae
<b>DISCUS</b>			
9YR BOYS	Hunter Pocock	Justin Murphy	Connor Swinyard
9YR GIRLS	Dana Kerby	Ayva Royal	Chloe Hohneck
10YR BOYS	Xzavia Pereira	Josh Gaulofa	Riley Muggleton
10YR GIRLS	Eviarn Steiner	Maddison Mabey	Waiora Hudson
11YR BOYS	Lincoln Skeoch	Teagan Mear Poona	Brooklyn Edwardson
11YR GIRLS	Kalani Aldworth	Ruby Campbell	Te Onira Graham McRae
<b>HIGH JUMP</b>			
9YR BOYS	James Witehira	Ramon Simpkins	Adam Taylor & Cameron Lalic
9YR GIRLS	Dana Kerby	McKenna Douch	Lucia Farias
10YR BOYS	Jamie Petersen	Xzavia Pereira	Reefe Geater
10YR GIRLS	Isobel Todd	Willow Parry	Eviarn Steiner
11YR BOYS	Bentley Simpkins	Teagan Mear Poona	Lincoln Skeoch
11YR GIRLS	Kalani Aldworth	Janaya Korner	-

**Please note:** Our 7 to 8 year olds enjoyed the experience of participating in our school Athletics but were not eligible to enter into the Rotorua Primary Schools Athletic competition's. This ruling is set by the Rotorua Primary's Schools Sports Association not by our school.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 3 2017



Date / Week	What	Where and time
Wed 22 to 24th Nov	Y5/6 CAMP	Totara Springs, Matamata
Thurs 23/11	Class Mass Ark Grp 2	8.30 to 9.30am
Fri 24/11	Kapahaka Festival	The Harvest Centre- (near Rotorua Netball courts) 7pm to 9pm
Mon 27/11	PTA Meeting	Staffroom 7pm
Wed 29/11	Last day to order Lucky books for issue 8	
Thurs 30/11	Class Mass Eden Y4	Church -8.30 to 9.30am
	BOT Meeting	Staffroom -6.30pm
Fri 1/2	Y6 Retreat	Tyburn Monastery—notice to follow
Fri 1/12	PTA Disco	School Hall -6pm to 8pm
Wed 6/12	Helpers Morning Tea— invitations sent out 17/11	11am—Staffroom
Thurs 7/12	Class Mass Eden Y3	Church 8.30 to 9.30am
Fri 8/12	Ark Nativity Play	
Sun 10/12	Weet-Bix Tryathlon	Kuirau Park
Mon 11/12	Kapahaka performing at Citizenship Ceremony	Notice to follow
Wed 13/12	BOT Meeting	6.30pm
Thurs 14/12	End of year Mass	St Michael's Church 9.30 to 10.30
	Prize giving	6pm to 7pm -Mercy Hall
Fri 15/12	Y6 Leavers Lunch	
Wed 20/12	Last Day of Term 4	School finishes 1pm

### MID-ISLAND GYM SPORTS– SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Now available, flyers can be found in the school office foyer. Be in quick to make your booking!





## Church & police working together to reduce family harm.

We heard recently from our Bishop Steve Lowe and the Bishop of Westminster that churches become an Oasis of Mercy. In the second “With Hearts Burning” module we read Pope Francis saying; “we need to get out...to the outskirts where there is suffering, bloodshed, blindness that longs for sight..”

Police in Rotorua attend on average 10 domestic call outs each day with numbers worsening over weekends, especially when there is a rugby test match. While they are able to put offenders away the impact on wives and children is immense and the police are unable to do much more to assist in these matters. They are asking the Christian faith community to step forward and offer assistance in such areas as initial response teams to offer comfort and support; practical teams to offer temporary repairs to often damaged buildings or to provide food packages (stored for such purposes at the police station); advocacy teams (preferably trained councillors); baking teams (especially for police workers on Sunday mornings) and of course prayer teams. Police training will also be made available.

St Mary's & St Michael's parishes are by far the largest of any other church groups in Rotorua. One of the smaller churches has already volunteered 9 of its members to this cause. In providing these services we would be rostered and given time slots, possibly every 6 weeks, in which availability maybe requested.

Walk in the footsteps of Christ and take up the challenge our Holy Father, bishops and local police requests of us. The more who are involved the lesser the burden each of us carry. Our presence becomes greater not only in expressing our God given faith, but in enabling our suffering neighbours to find greater joy and make Rotorua a better place for all.

Inquiries ph. Gary 3478061

Please indicate your interest or availability in the tear off section and return it to the school.

### **Church & Police working together to reduce family harm**

I am interested in assisting with the Te Hahi (Faith) initiative      YES      NO

I would like more information about the Te Hahi (Faith) initiative      YES      NO

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone contact \_\_\_\_\_

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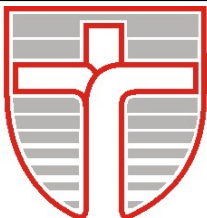
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