

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS—

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Principal's Blurb

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Kia Ora Koutou

Winter is here! It has been wonderful watching all the fun that the children are having with all of the autumn leaves on our grounds at the moment - making mazes, shapes, forts and piles to jump in - and also all the learning coming out of our Responsive Curriculum with art-works, poems, symmetry diagrams and descriptive writing all based around leaves. We are lucky to have such an experienced and creative teaching staff who are able to be nimble and flexible in their approach.



Swimming started yesterday and we owe a big vote of thanks to Rotorua Lakes Swim School who have given us this opportunity for free water-safety lessons for the whole school. We believe that living in a lake town makes water safety a priority for our learners.

This Friday is Pink Shirt Day and children are invited to wear pink to school to show our solidarity against bullying. We are lucky in our small, caring, school environment that bullying incidences are few and far between but Pink Shirt Day is a great way to remind children about standing up for yourself and your mates and to show that as a school we say no to bullies.

Next week we have a few exciting things going on - on Monday we welcome Bernie and Harold the Giraffe into school for the week and we look forward to our children all spending time in the Life Ed Caravan. We will also be taking eight of our senior students to a Marimba Workshop at St Mary's to celebrate May Music Month. We are also working this week to get our school Cross Country organised - look out for a newsletter coming out with details about this soon.

Next Thursday evening (1st June) we are hosting a Tupperware Party at 7pm in the staffroom. Money from every item sold and every party booked will go towards our playground fund so we would love to have a big crowd along to this event.

Next Friday (2nd June) is a Teacher Only Day. We purposely chose this date to coincide with the long weekend so that families could go away early if they wish. The teachers have a full schedule for the day including a workshop with RTLB Glenda Paul, a survey with Nga Pumanawa e Waru, a review of our Child Protection Policy, a self-review of our Catholic Character elements and writing Literacy Learning Progressions in child-speak for our students.

This Sunday is Ascension Sunday and marks the end of the Easter Season. The Ascension is what makes us, as Catholics, a people of hope. Jesus told us, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." The Ascension shows us that we really don't have anything to worry about, even death is conquerable for God.

God Bless
Shelly Fitness
Principal

SWIMMING—WATER SKILLS FOR LIFE

This week the whole school is being bused to the Aquatic centre each day to learn water skills specially designed for children. It is very important that all children understand and learn the hazards, risks and safety rules around lakes, pools and beaches



Parents please remember to send your children to school with their togs and towel in a named plastic bag each day. Many thanks!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Introducing Olga Milliken

I am proud to be a parent representative on the Board of Trustees and thank you for entrusting me with this important job. I work as a Science teacher at Western Heights High School, am married to Paul and we have two kids at St Michael's Catholic School, Eleni in year 5 and Luke in year 4. We chose St Michael's for our family because St. Michaels provided a safe and sound environment and a friendly and caring culture.



As a member of the board I am part of a team that works to facilitate a good Catholic education while prioritising the well being of students and staff. This is a rewarding job and is easy to do in a school with a caring and supportive culture. As a board member I am part of the policy team where we review school policies before taking any suggested changes to all the board. I am also a member of the PTA and enjoy my involvement here, where we organise fun activities for the kids and do lots of fundraising. I enjoy meeting all the school families and welcome hearing any concerns, opinions or suggestions you may have.

If I have not had a chance to talk to you before, please feel free to introduce yourself when you see me around school.

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Board of Trustees Meetings are normally held around the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6.30pm in the school staffroom. Please check the dates in the school calendar. Meetings normally run up to 2 hours maximum. These are public meetings so anyone is welcome to attend.

JOHN PAUL COLLEGE OPENING NIGHT THURSDAY 22ND JUNE 5.00 TO 7.00 PM

Enrolment Interviews for 2018 to be held Thursday 3rd August at St Michael's School. Enrolment packs will be send home late June and these must be returned to St Michael's before 3rd August together with a new Preference card. Please phone the parish office now to book your appointment for the Preference card for JPC. The close off date on JPC website does not apply to us.

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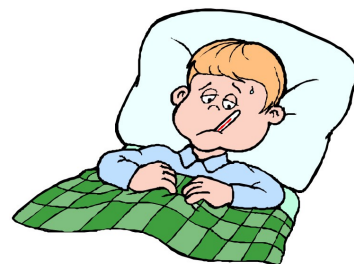
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If there is an emergency at school, such as a lock-down situation or an earthquake, we will put a notice up on our Facebook page advising of next steps and will also send out a group text. Make sure that the office has your correct mobile number and email address.

ABSENTEE REMINDER

Parents when your child is absent from school for whatever reason please phone the school office before 9am (reason required) on **07 3481362** or text the school cell phone **0278183849**

Many



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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

You are invited to come and learn about the Catholic Faith.

This will run weekly on Thursday nights commencing Thursday 11th May 2017 for four weeks until 1st June at 7.00 pm at St. Mary's, corner of Seddon and Ranolf Street. For further enquiries, please email Fr. Eamon Kennedy at:

freamonkennedy@gmail.com



Keep the children and their families in your prayers who are doing the **Sacramental Programme** in preparation for making their First Holy Communion and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The dates this year for these celebrations are, **10th June at the 5.00 pm Vigil Mass** and on Sunday 11th June at the 5.00 pm evening Mass.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

"Do you open your hearts to the memories that your Grandparents pass on? Grandparents are like the wisdom of the family, they are the wisdom of the people." Pope Francis

SPORTS NEWS

Miniball : Congratulations to our teams for their efforts with their games and special congratulations to our Players of the Day.

10th May: Midgets won against Otonga Player of the Day: **Alex Jenkins**

12th May: Hurricanes won 14/6 Play of the Day :**Dylan Elstob**

All Stars: lost 7/33 Play of the Day: **Andrew Pereira**

17th May: Midgets lost 12 -16 to St Marys School Player of the Day: **Arareina Phillips**

19th May: Hurricanes lost 2/36 Player of day: **Hamuera Te Kurapa**

All Stars lost 18/20 Player of the day: **Teagan Mear-Poona**



Netball

Y3/4 Saturday Netball

First week of netball we played Owkata and won 9-3. The player of the day was **Ayva Royal**.

Saturday we played Te Koutu and we drew 5 all. The player of the day went to **Rebekah Frew**.

Y1/2 Monday Netball

First week of netball we played Te Koutu and we won.

The player of the day was **Kaylee Brake** who showed great ball skills.

Monday we played Malfroy and won. The player of the day went to **Olivia. Elstob**

All the girls are enjoying netball because the focus is on 20 to 30 minutes of netball skills then having a fun game afterwards.

"Netball is fun because I know how to catch and throw the big netball." Kaylee Brake.

"I can shoot the ball into the hoop close and far away." Seilala Peato.

Hockey

Its been a great start to the Hockey season with our teams . St Michael's Lions Players of the Day went to **Willow Parry (13th May)** and **Jaynaya Komer (20th May)**.

John Paul College Celebrating 30 years

This month, John Paul College celebrates 30 years since the amalgamation of Edmund Rice College and Mackillop College. On Sunday 28 May at the 10am Mass we would like to celebrate this milestone with our Parish community. Following Mass we welcome you to stay for morning tea. There is an open invitation for parishioners, friends and former students to visit John Paul College on Monday 22 May, Tuesday 23 May and Wednesday 24 May from 9am - 11.00am. Visitors will need to meet Sue Rowles - JPC's Public Receptionist in the Front Office. From there, the JPC Prefects will escort groups around the College Campus.

We look forward to celebrating this wonderful occasion with you. Ma te Pono, me te Aroha



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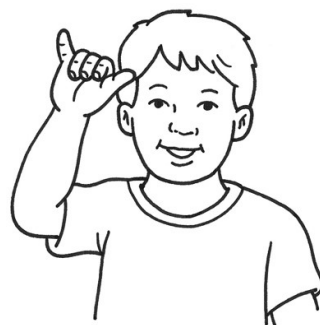
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Sign Language Week:-

Last week we were privileged to have Belinda Sperling from NZ Sign Language Deaf Association visiting the classrooms teaching the children sign language. There are lots of ways you can continue learning NZ Sign Language.

1. Visit Learn NZSL, a free new learning portal, at www.learnNZSL.nz
2. Check out the NZSL Dictionary –online at nzsl.vuw.ac.nz or free from your app store



PTA NEWS

Introducing PTA Chairperson Shelley Butler

Hi, my name is Shelley and I have been a part of the St Michaels community since my son Marshall started school in 2009. Marshall and my son Lee are now year 8 and year 7 respectively at JPC and I have Tara still at St Michaels in year 4. My nephews Lincoln and Richie are also here and we are lucky to have a very close knit family.

I have been a member of the PTA for a number of years being secretary and have recently taken over as chairperson from Angela. I have very big boots to fill however I am looking forward to the challenge.



We have such a fantastic group of dedicated ladies on the PTA who always have the best interests of the children foremost on our minds. We always welcome new members so please feel free to come along to a meeting to see how you can help and also develop new friendships.

Our next major event will be a movie night held in the Mercy hall and details of this will be advertised once we have secured copyrights etc.

Please feel free to come and ask me any questions you may have and I look forward to seeing you around school!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 2 2017



Date / Week	What	Where and time
Mon 22nd—26 May	SWIMMING LESSONS-FREE	WHOLE SCHOOL-
Thurs 25th May	Board of Trustees Meeting	Staffroom 6.30pm
Frid 26th May	Pink Shirt Day—mufti Day	Whole School
Mon 29th May to 1st June	LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN VISIT	
Wed 31st May	Cross Country for Y4-6	Redwoods 9.30—11.30
Thurs 1st June	Class Mass—The Ark Grp 2	Church -Depart 8.30
Frid 2nd June	TEACHER ONLY DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 7th to 16th June	ART MURAL with Artist 'Janet Keen'	Eden
Thurs 8th June	Class Mass Eden Y4's	Church—Depart 8.30am
Sat 10th June	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS	5pm St Michael's Church
Mon 12th June	PTA Meeting	Staffroom—7pm
Tues 13th June	ICAS Writing Exam	
Wed 14th June	ICAS Spelling Exam	
Thurs 15th June	Class Mass Eden Y3's	Church—Depart 8.30am
Thurs 22nd June	JPC Open Night	John Paul College -5pm
Frid 23rd June	Speech competitions	Mercy Hall
Mon 26th -30th June	BOOK WEEK	
Thurs 29th June	Board of Trustees Meeting	Staffroom 6.30pm
	Whole school Mass for St Peter and St Paul	St Michael's Church—notice to follow
Fri 30th June	Book Character Dress up Day	
	PTA Movie Night	Notice to follow
Tues 4th July	Parent-Teacher Interviews	
Fri 7th July	Last day of Term Two	

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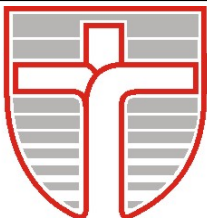
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