

# ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS—

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## Principal's Blurb

Newsletter No 16 24th October 2017

### Kia Ora Koutou and welcome back!

It is lovely to see the sun shining and to be enjoying lighter evenings and mornings. I know that all of our senior students are firmly focused on school camp coming up in a few weeks - we hope that the weather gets warmer each week for them.

This week our Year 3 group will be travelling to Rainbow Springs to learn about native birds. We were inundated with parents coming to help on this trip so a big thank you from the teachers for making these opportunities possible.

We received great news in the holidays. NZCT have given us a grant of over \$11,000 to enable us to buy a carousel for our new playground. Over the holidays there was a lot of progress on the playground (even if it doesn't look like it!). A complete drainage and electrical check was completed under the playground so that the installers could be certified to begin. The concrete foundations have all been dug and laid and we now wait two weeks for them to set before installation of the equipment can begin. After installation the new wood-chip will be delivered and blown into place. This has been a long process, particularly hampered by all the rain we had this winter so thank you all for your patience.

Another thank you is owed to you for your patience with the new uniform. I share your disappointment that the polo shirts and other items are already out of stock. We have made our feelings clear to NZ Uniforms but the issue is outside of their control as the material for the polo shirts is stuck in China. We will continue to follow this up and let you know when stocks are replenished.

My trip to the Holy Land with Bishop Steve in the holidays was truly a blessed time. Hopefully your children have shown you the olive wood Jerusalem cross that I bought back for each of them, it has been specially blessed by the Bishop. Other pilgrims were also very generous and gave me gifts of Rosary beads for the classrooms. Israel was a fascinating place to visit - a true melting pot of cultures, religions, war, peace, noise, quiet and chaos. Christians are fast disappearing from Israel with most towns we visited only having two or three Christian families left. If you have ever wanted to visit this amazing country yourself, my advice would be to do so sooner rather than later.

We have a few events over the next two weeks that you are invited to attend:

- on Thursday this week at 10.30am the school will meet in the hall to pray a decade of the rosary together to celebrate October, the month of the rosary
- On Sunday this week (29 October) we will have our termly family Mass at 8am followed by a cup of tea in the Crypt. This is our last family Mass of the year and we look forward to seeing you there

- on Thursday next week (2 November) we will have our first ever trip for All Souls' Day. Look out for a notice coming home this week.
- on Friday next week (3 November) is our annual Poetry Reading Competition, more information to follow.

Finally, my thanks to the PTA who ran two very successful events during the holidays, An Evening with Chelsea Winter and our Housie fundraiser. Thank you to the PTA for all your hard work and to all those who supported these events.

Have a blessed week,

**Shelly Fitness**  
**Principal**

## **Congratulations**

We are very proud to announce ex pupil Madeleine Aislabie has been appointed Deputy Head Girl at John Paul College for 2018. Well done Madeleine.!

## **H** EALTH & 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.



### **School Driveway—ONE WAY USE—May Road through to Lisa Crescent**

This Thursday our school entrance driveway will be getting lined marked for flow direction and parking. For parking on this day all cars will be required to park over in the Clayton Road carpark.

This is a timely reminder for parents **dropping off and picking up children** especially around the entrance ways in May Road and Lisa Crescent. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF BLOCKING THESE DRIVE WAYS.**

Ideally please use the Clayton Road car park to drop your children off before and pick up after school

**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 &amp; Ranolf : 10am &amp; 5.30pm Sunday

www.catholicrotorua.org.nz

Parish Priest: Fr Eamon Kennedy

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**Enrolment for the Sacramental Programme**

The Sacramental Programme is for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation and also a serious commitment to the practice of their Catholic Faith.

The enrolment is at St Mary's Catholic Church 7.00 pm, **17th October and/or 24th October**. There will be a briefing on the Sacramental Programme, dates will be given and a fee of \$25.00 per child is to be paid either by cheque or cash.

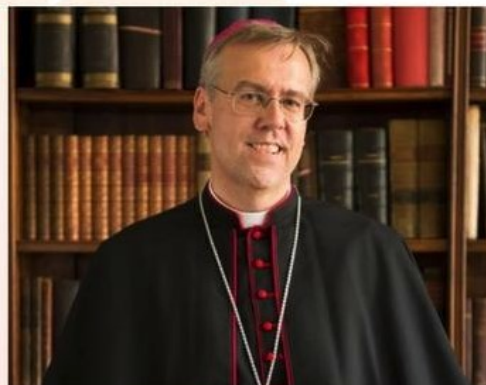
Children who have not been baptised in Rotorua will need to bring their baptismal certificate. The children are required to be 8 years old by 1st November 2017. Children who are not baptised and would like to become Catholics are also welcome to be a part of the Sacramental Programme.

**With Hearts Burning - Module 2 Release A Ministry of Presence**

Bishop Nicholas Hudson from Westminster, UK will be giving two presentations on Evangelisation. Bishop Steve Lowe will be in attendance and open the discussion.

**BISHOP HUDSON**  
PRESENTING ON  
EVANGELISATION

SAT NOV 4, ST MARY'S ROTORUA AT  
11.30AM, LUNCH INCLUDED  
SUN NOV 5, CATHEDRAL HAMILTON  
AT 2.30PM

**First Light Young Adults Weekend**

Young Adults aged 18-35 - if you like hanging out with like-minded people and having fun, then this is the weekend for you! For just \$50 you'll enjoy a weekend away with some fresh apologetics talks from our guest speaker Dean Mischewski, great food, activities and fellowship!

17-19 November 2017 / Papamoa Christian Camp / \$50 per person /

Contact [hello@catholicyouth.org.nz](mailto:hello@catholicyouth.org.nz) for details

For **All Souls the 2<sup>nd</sup> November**, there will be an extra Mass at St Michael's at 5.30 pm. People will be able to light votive candles which will be provided for their loved ones.

## SPORTS



### TOUCH

Touch has got off to a good start with Raumati Stephens (Y3/4) receiving the play of the day last Wednesday.

Many thanks to all our coaches and team managers for donating their time for our teams it is very much appreciated.

### SPORTS RESULTS

To our coaches / team managers please remember to send in your weekly team results and player of the day names for our fortnightly newsletter. These can either be dropped into the office or emailed to : [admin@stmichaelsrotorua.school.nz](mailto:admin@stmichaelsrotorua.school.nz)  
Many thanks

## Weet-Bix TRYathlon

### EVENT DETAILS

**Event:** Rotorua TRYathlon

**Location:** Kuirau Park, Rotorua

**Date:** Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Earlybird Cut Off Date:** Midnight, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**School Group Cut Off Date:** Midnight, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**#KiwiKidsTRY**

For up to date information on our **Rotorua Event**, check out our Facebook Page – <http://bit.ly/RotoruaTRYEventPage>.

## INTERSCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS

We are missing lots of our interschool sports uniforms. Parents / children please check at home for any interschool sports uniforms (especially our miniball players ) and return them to the school office as soon as possible in a plastic bag with your name on it. Many thanks  
**This does not apply to our term four touch players,**

## TEAM PHOTOS—WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

A quick reminder we will be having our team / kapahaka photos (Flippaball, Netball, Touch, Miiniball, Hockey ) taken next month. Coaches and team managers will be required for the photos so mark your calendar now to be available on that morning if possible.

Pre paid envelopes will be going home with the students as soon as they arrive.





## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### TriMaori Festival

The TriMāori Festival is located at Lake Karāpiro in Cambridge and will be held on Saturday 25th November 2017.

The Festival celebrates whānau hauora/health and well-being by organising events that the entire whānau can enjoy including walks/runs and triathlons. There will also be kids activities, kai stalls, business and health stalls and provide entertainment such as music, dancing and yoga!

Families are invited to come and join in on an inspirational day. See their video for a glimpse of the fun! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=4&v=cLUANS3IUXY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=cLUANS3IUXY)

There are Youth and Senior discounted rates of 10% when you enter online. You can find more information on [www.trimaori.nz](http://www.trimaori.nz), FB "Tri Maori" or contact Ariana on 021-2424567.

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### The Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge– 5km Kids Heart Ride!

The Challenge takes place on the **25th of November**, and this year Heart Kids and the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge team are looking to increase the numbers in the 5km Kids Heart Ride, and they need your help to do this.

The first 200 entrants into the ride will get a free Heart Kids t-shirt, and we are also offering a 20% discount code on the event entry fee if you sign up on the Heart Riders website (<https://www.everydayhero.co.nz/event/heartriders17>). Riders can come and spend the afternoon with us at the Heart Kids Marquee on the Taupo Domain, with a special Heart Riders prizegiving and BBQ after the 5km.

For more info on the Kids Heart Ride: <http://cyclechallenge.com/the-event/categories/on-road/kids-heart-ride/>

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**Rotorua Central  
Scouts**

**JOIN NOW!**

accepting ages 5 to 18

Contact Amanda 022-0727004

[amanda.fam@hotmail.com](mailto:amanda.fam@hotmail.com)

**ADVENTURE  
PLUS!**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 3 2017

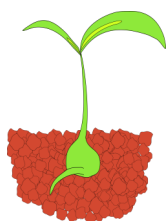
Date / Week	What	Where and time
Thurs 26/10	Line marking of school entrance driveway	
Sun 29/10	SCHOOL FAMILY MASS	St Michael's Church—8am
Mon 30/10	PTA Meeting	Staffroom—7pm
Thurs 2/11	ALL SOULS DAY BOT Meeting	Staffroom—6.30pm
Friday 3/11	Annual Poetry Reading Competition	Notice to follow
Wed 8/11	Ark visit to Rainbow Springs	
Thur 9/11	Class Mass Ark Grp 1	Church—8.30—9.30am
Frid 10/11	Athletics Day	Notice to follow
Sat 11/11	Portrait Photos—PTA Fund-raiser	School Hall 9—11am & 3-5pm
Tues 14/11	Open Day	School 9am -7pm
Wed 15/11	Team Photo's- Sports/Kapahaka	9am to 11ish
Thurs 16/11	Class Mass Galilee Y5	8.30—9.30am
Mon 20/11	Y6 Orientation Day JPC	9am—2pm
Tues 21/11	Interschool Athletics Day	Notice to follow
Wed 22 to 24th Nov	Y5/6 CAMP	Totara Springs, Matamata
Thurs 23/11	Class Mass Ark Grp 2	8.30 to 9.30am
Mon 27/11	PTA Meeting	Staffroom 7pm
Thurs 30/11	Class Mass Eden Y4	Church -8.30 to 9.30am
	BOT Meeting	Staffroom -6.30pm
Frid 1/12	PTA Disco	School Hall -6pm to 8pm
Thurs 7/12	Class Mass Eden Y3	Church 8.30 to 9.30am



Issue 7 has an exclusive **Bonus Book offer** for parents who order and pay via **LOOP**. Parents who have registered for **LOOP** could have the opportunity to earn up to **three Bonus Books** with their Issue 7 order. (details how to register via Loop are found on the order form in the back of the Lucky Book order booklet). **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CHILD'S ORDER UNDER THEIR YEAR GROUP E.G. Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 not room names.**

Parents register for LOOP today and get your chance to earn extra books in time for Christmas!

**Last day to order from issue 7 is Friday 3rd November.**



## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Melissa Hose and New World for the Little Garden's seedling pots that were handed out to the children last week. Happy gardening.

## LAST WORD

Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile. *Mother Teresa*



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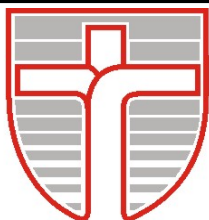
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