

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS—

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Principal's Blurb

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Kia Ora Koutou

If you see a few of our teachers looking tired today that's possibly because last week was a huge week for us with lots of things happening behind the scenes. We had our maths advisor visiting and observing our ALiM teachers, the Ark hosted two groups of visiting teachers from other schools, we had the Catholic Review Team here and they observed every teacher teaching the RE programme and interviewed key teachers, and we had the Disco on Friday night. My thanks to our fantastic teachers for going the extra mile and allowing our school to shine in each of these situations.

The Catholic Review Team asked me an interesting question while they were here: "What is it, apart from your special character, that makes your school different to other schools?" I had to think about that, but in the end my answer was that ALL children and their families are welcome here, and that we see every child as a gift from God and that it is our job not just to teach but to guide and to love. I hope that you, our parents, see that philosophy shining through in all that we do.

Don't forget that it is biennial survey time - time to have your say on the future of our school in a number of areas. These surveys really do make a difference to our future planning. As a direct result of the last survey we have introduced a new school uniform, reviewed our school reports, put teachers on gate-duty after school and facilitated a number of parent information nights. What you have to say guides our strategic planning so make sure you have your say.

And speaking of having your say, don't forget to vote in the upcoming general election. We won't tell you who to vote for, but I can tell you what we are looking for as educators. I belong to many professional principal and teacher groups and it is clear that the four things educators are crying out for are:

- more funding for children with special needs - both learning needs and behavioural / social needs
- more investment into Early Childhood Education - all the research coming out under-scores the huge importance of the first years of a child's development
- more investment into mental health - particularly for high schools who are struggling with soaring youth suicide and self-harm rates
- a review of the National Standards system - introduced eight years ago and has only had a 1% effect on achievement. You don't ripen a peach by squeezing it.

In the end, the most important thing is for you to get informed and get out there and vote. You get one chance every three years to have your say and this is it. And don't think that your one vote won't make a difference. In the latest Council elections in Hamilton, one of the candidates only got into council by TEN votes. Every vote counts.

We hope to see many of you at our Tough Dads' Challenge this Friday (weather permitting) and we know this will be a fun day for our kids to spend with the significant male role model in their lives.

Shelly Fitness
Principal

FATHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 1ST SEPT



To all our Dad's; Grandads; Uncles you are invited to join in our Tough Dad challenge! An invitation went home with the children last week and we look forward to seeing as many as possible this **Friday at 12pm** to enjoy a few tough challenges e.g. Fishing, Target Shooting, Tug-o-war, 3 legged race, problem solving, knot tying, baking etc.

We wish you all a very happy fathers Day for Sunday 3rd September.

A date for your calendar.....

AN EVENING WITH 'CHELSEA WINTER

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 6PM

HELD IN STMICHAEL'S SCHOOL
HALL

Her new book EAT is packed with dishes that are designed to become new favourites in your household

Tickets \$10, lucky prize draw on the night.

Doors open 5.30pm

Tickets sold from

**Paperplus, Rotorua
(paperplus.co.nz)**

& St Michael's School Office

Books for sale on the night

Xmas Boxes

Reminder: Samaritan's Purse operation Christmas Child

Further to notice sent home last week and once again each class will be putting together gift boxes to send to a child in a third world country for Christmas. All boxes need to be filled before the end of this term.

*Please **remember NOT to** send in tooth paste; bubble bath, food, lollies, old or damaged items, anything that might break or that could cause harm, no toy guns/ water pistols and no battery operated items*

Items must fit in a shoes box so keep them small e.g. pencils, rubbers, small note books, combs, stickers, jandals, hair clips/ties, bangles, ti shirts, caps, soft toys, soap, face washers etc

PJ MUFTI DAY FRIDAY 8TH SEPT—GOLD COIN DONATION

:- will be held to raise money to cover postage for the Christmas boxes

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



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2018

Are now available to purchase from the Parish Office. \$12 each.

PRAY THE ROSARY IN TE REO

Rosary in Te Reo every Monday evening 7.30pm, at 7 Whitworth Road, everyone is welcome. For enquiries phone Chris on 021 197 2022.

MERCY ASSOCIATES REFLECTION GROUP

High Tea at Distinction Hotel, corner Sala & Fenton Streets - 11.30am, Saturday 2nd September 2017. Enquiries please contact Carol on 027 260 2136

YOUTH GROUP

The Parish Youth Group begins again next Sunday 3rd September after the 5.00 pm Mass at St Mary's. For 13 years old and older, for further details please email sheilamanlunas@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

1. Jeremiah 20:7-9
2. Romans 12:1-2
3. Matthew 16:21-27

FAITH FACTS

WEEK 5 (Saint Feast Days)

28th August - 1st Sept

28th St Augustine

29th Passion of John the Baptist

3rd Father's Day

God, bless all the fathers in the world.
 Guide them to be good role models
 and loving to all their children.
 Help them to be a father like You are.
 Give them grace and patience
 to handle situations in a loving way. **Amen!**

Lord, please take care of our dads.
 Though they are brave and protective,
 they must also be frightened sometimes.
 When money runs low and when we need things,
 Lord, when their hearts break because
 they can't do it all;
 Please help us to let them know how much
 we love them.
 And how much You love them.

Amen!



SPORTS RESULTS

MINIBALL

16 August: St Michael's Thunder v's Lynmore won 18-3. A great all round effort with dynamite defence. **The player of the day went to the whole team—awesome team work!**

23 August" St Michael's Thunder v's Otonga won 21-11. Another great effort team.



HOCKEY

5 August: St Michael's Tigers v's Kaharoa lost 4/0. Congratulations to **Flynn Lester** who was player of the day.

12 August: St Michael's Tigers v's Otonga won 3/1. Congratulations to **Cameron Lalich** who was player of the day.

19 August St Michael's Lions v's Western Heights won 6/5 Congratulations to **Sarah Crosby** who was player of the day

26 August St Michael's Lions v's Te Koutu won 9/0 Congratulations to **Ruby Campbell** who was player of the day.

26 August St Michaels tigers played an awesome game against Westbrook winning 6/1. The player of the day was **Bianca Brake**. Our last game is this weekend!



TOUGH GUY CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS— CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

'SHREK 'THE MUSICAL

Rotorua musical theatre presents the musical 'SHREK' at the Casablanca Theatre from **1st September to 16 September** (7pm and 2pm shows) Tickets through Ticketmaster

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LEGO FAN DISPLAY—Fairhaven School Te Puke Fundraiser
16th September 2017 at Fairhaven School hall, 120 Boucher Avenue Te Puke. Come and see Lego creations and collections from members of HamLUG and Friends. \$5 per person under 3 free



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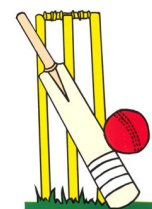
CRICKET

- **Junior Cricket** – Superstar Cricket Academy (formally called Have a Go), Super 6's and Incrediball will begin with a registration day on Thursday 19th October, Week 1, Term 4 2017, 3.30pm to be held at Smallbone Park, Devon Street, Rotorua. Games will also take place on this day too. The Superstar Cricket Academy will cost \$20 per term per participant, the Super 6's and Incrediball is \$30 per term per player.
- A registration day for **hardball cricket** players (which is for Year 5 - 8) will be on the 18th October, 3.30pm at Smallbone Park, Devon Street, Rotorua, the cost of this is \$30 per player per term but if they play incrediball as well they will only pay one fee for both.
- **Girls Cricket** – The RCA will be running a Girls Cricket Programme in Term 4 of this year. This programme is aimed at developing cricket techniques and skills for all keen girls, Year 4 through to Year 13. Registration day for this programme will be Monday 30th October 2017, 3.30pm to be held at Smallbone Park, Devon Street, Rotorua.

Contact Karen Kyle

Rotorua Cricket Coordinator, 027 247 9048

or info@rotoruaicricket.co.nz for expressions of interest in any of these programmes. www.rotoruaicricket.co.nz



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CBOP WINTER FIELD DAY

This event for years 4-6 is designed to give Central Bay of Plenty school children a chance to participate and compete in one of five traditional sports: Rugby, Netball, Football, Mini-ball and Hockey. For many it's a chance to try their hand at a sport that they have never played before and for others it's a chance to compete against the best sports teams from CBOP schools.

Our school will be putting forward, Football, Miniball and Hockey, a notice will be going home with the selected children shortly. All enquires to Leanne Rankin Sports Co-ordinator

When: Tuesday 26th September 2017 (No postponement date)

Where: Football (Soccer) - Puarenga Park, Hockey Smallbone Park, and Miniball at the Sportsdrome.

Cost: \$3per student (includes \$2 for bus), Children will be invoiced via the school office


CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 3 2017



Date / Week	What	Where and time
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
Friday 8th Sept	PJ MUFTI DAY -gold coin donation re XMAS BOXES	Whole school
Mon 11th to 17th Sept	Maori Language Week	
Friday 15th Sept	Bible Reading Competition	Whole school
Frid 22nd Sept	Talent Quest	
Tues 26th Sept	CBOP Winter Field Day	
Thurs 28th Sept	St Michael's Day and Spring Festival /lunchtime sausage sizzle	Whole school Mass- St Michael's Church
Frid 29th Sept	Last Day of Term 3 (Mufti)	
Mon 16th October	Term 4 Begins	
Wed 18th Oct	Rosary in the Mercy Hall	Whole school
Sunday 29 Oct	Family Mass	St Michael's Church 8am



Yesterday our **Galilee students** were very fortunate to have Chef Deep and co-owner of Giovanni's, give them a cooking lesson in pasta making.

<h1>HOUSIE NIGHT</h1>	<p>Fantastic Prizes</p>	<p>St Michael's School PTA</p>
<p>Come and join us for a fabulous night of Housie to help us fundraise for an upgrade of our playground</p>		<p>Food, Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages for sale</p> <p>Cake Stall</p> <p>No cash prizes</p>
		
<p>Where: Edmund Rice Centre, John Paul College When: Friday 15th September 2017, 7:00pm (doors open 6:30pm)</p>		
<p>\$30.00 for 30 games Book Now - (Limited Numbers) For more information or to pre-purchase your books, call Shelley on 022 4591206 or email your order to shelleymariebutler@gmail.com</p>		



Congratulations to Kelsey Coker, Willow Parry, Ruby Campbell, Eviarn Steiner & Brooklyn Edwardson who did us proud by competing in the Rotorua Chinese Speech Competition last week.



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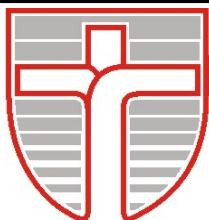
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