

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Greetings everyone.

Last week we had another great start to the term. Children and teachers seemed rested and well after the break.

On Wednesday at lunchtime we had the pleasure of Luke Corkery's company in the playground. Luke is a past pupil and is studying for a Bachelor of Science degree while on a basketball scholarship at the University of North Alabama. Luke is currently home on holiday from the United States, and shared some of his precious holiday time with our young up and coming basketballers. It was great to see such a wonderful role model passing on skills and tips to our youngsters. Thanks, Luke!

We were visited on Friday by the principals and some pupils of St John's and Sacred Heart College. They talked to our year 5 and 6 students about their options for secondary school. It is certainly not too early to visit our Catholic colleges and Intermediate to see what they have to offer. Please consider attending any open days or contacting Steve Bryan at Sacred Heart, Neal Swindells at St John's or Jurek Wypych at St Patricks for information.

### The Week Ahead

Spooner Shield practices start

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – 5 staff members will be attending the Diocese Prayer Symposium in Palmerston North. This is an opportunity to hear some exciting keynote speakers, attend some practical workshops on prayer, liturgy and music and meet with other teachers and leaders from around the diocese.

### Reminder - Whole School Mass

We have a compulsory whole school Mass scheduled for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This is the end of week 5. Please put this on your calendar now. It is a very important part of our special character and there is an expectation that all students are in attendance to celebrate Mass with the parish. Please make it a priority. The Altar servers will be commissioned at the end of this Mass.

### Feast of the Assumption

The whole school will be attending Mass next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> at 9.15 am to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, which is considered by the Catholic Church as a Holy Day of Obligation. A Holy Day of Obligation is a day in the Church's year where we are obliged to attend Mass.

The Church describes Sunday as the "foremost holy day of obligation" Other "holy days of obligation" have always been added to the Sundays. In recent times it has become too difficult for many people to observe these extra holy days of obligation and so they have been reduced. Those which featured Our Lord (e.g. the feasts of the Epiphany, the Ascension and the Body and Blood of Christ) have been transferred to Sundays. Those which featured saints (e.g. Mary Mother of God (January 1) and All Saints (November 1) are no longer holy days of obligation but they are still days we should make holy, by participating in Mass if we can.

In New Zealand, we now have only two of these additional holy days of obligation, - Christmas Day and the feast of the Assumption, August 15. Having now only two of these additional holy days of obligation might be added reason to celebrate them well. Consequently, from now on they are holy days of obligation whenever they fall, including Saturdays and Mondays.

All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us in this parish celebration. Please could all children be at school on time so we can be organised and ready to go on the bell.

### Parish News

Napier Family Centre has spaces on their Parenting Programmes for Term 3. The Centre offers courses for Parents of Teenagers, Self Esteem for Women, Strengthening your Step Family for Couples and Programmes for children from 7-12 years of age. Please phone Lorraine 843-7280 for more details.

HOUSEKEEPER VACANCY -Our current Parish housekeeper Glenda is moving to Australia. We require someone part time to carry out 10 hours of duties per week commencing at the beginning of September. If you are interested and would like more information please contact the Parish Office for a job description. Applications for the position close on Monday 15th August.

Ma te Atua koe e tiaki

God bless you all.

Julia Johnson

### BASKETBALL

Results from last Thursday were;

The Rockets beat the Lakers in a close match.

Players of the day were Jack Ericksen for the Rockets and Caitlin Wilson for the Lakers.

The Saints had their first game of basketball and played well, just losing to the Super Sonics.

Player of the day was Blake Knox.

The draw is not available yet. I will let teams know the time they are playing this week as soon as I know.



### TACKLE RUGBY

Tackle Rugby for the Year 5/6 teams restarted last Wednesday after school.

The A teams game against Henry Hill was cancelled.

The B team had a great game against Onekawa B at Onekawa narrowly losing 6 tries to 2. The boys played well. Their passing, tackling and support play was excellent.

Training for the A team is Tuesday lunchtime and the B team Wednesday lunchtime.

The boys will need to have their school PE shorts and a mouth-guard, they play in barefeet. The school will provide the rugby jerseys to play in.

The draw for this Wednesday;

Reignier A v Bledisloe at Bledisloe

Reignier B v Greenmeadows at Reignier

### BAREFOOT 7S

The Hawkes Bay Barefoots 7's competition is coming up on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August at Hastings Boys High School and Akina Park, Hastings.** It is a 7 a side full contact rugby competition for Senior students in various weight grades.

Students who wanted to play put their names down last week. They will receive a permission notice with all the necessary details this week and a request for parents to assist with managing teams for the day. Please indicate if you are able to assist on the permission notice.

*Christian Value for this month is*  
**SELF CONTROL**

## CLASS AWARDS—CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN

Room 5	St Gerard	Jack Ericksen Mitchell Snell	for a great effort in writing for an excellent job at organising class prayers
Room 6	St Francis	Paige Sayer Isaac Pilcher	for excellent progress in story writing for great progress in story writing
Room 7	St Patrick	Darcy Brown Caitlin Wilson	for finding evidence of how he reads between the lines for her great attitude to her learning in literacy
Room 8	St Anne	Talia White Shaw Madeleine Parker	for fantastic Maths showing how she solves word problems for fantastic focus and wonderful work in the computer suite
Room 9	St Bridget	Ella White Shaw Kaitlin Cotter	for always working hard and being a fantastic role model for always working hard and being a fantastic role model
Room 10	St John Bosco	Jacob Everitt Molly Jeffery	for the excellent effort he has put into completing tasks this week for her terrific attitude and the great effort put into all activities
Room 11	St Dominic	Amelia Jeffery Mihnea Vlad	for great digital dazzler ecomics and for leading the class for ICT for great digital dazzler ecomics and for leading the class for ICT



### **ST PATRICKS INTERCHANGE**

Next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, all students involved in Spooner Shield teams will be taking part in a sports interchange with St Patricks.

All sports will be played at St Patricks on Riverbend Road starting at 1pm and we will bus the students to and from St Pats. Students playing will need to have the necessary gear for the team they are in. A permission notice will go home this week. Parents and family members are welcome to come and support the teams.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We are beginning this term with the Sacrament Strand. The strand includes an in-depth look each year at one of the 7 Sacraments.

#### **A Common Question-Did Jesus Institute the Sacraments?**

The Sacraments arise out of the story of Jesus' life and actions. Jesus lived a life of compassion and love. He healed and forgave people, broke bread and shared it, and called on his followers to baptise those who came to believe in him. The Sacraments flow from these actions and the values they express eg belonging, forgiving, healing and serving others. Jesus transformed these ordinary human experiences into spiritual experiences through which people can connect with God. Although the details of the Sacraments were not specifically set out by Jesus they do come from him.

The focus for each class is: (with references to the Family- Whanau Book in brackets)

- Rooms 1, 1a, 2: Holiness (p.19)
- Rooms 3 and 4: Welcome (p.22)
- Rooms 6, 7,8: Food for Life (p.28)



#### **CIVIL DEFENCE REVIEW**

Once again at this time of the year we ask your help in renewing our civil defence kits in classrooms. We ask for every child to bring a tin of canned food to replace the ones in each room. All students who donate a can will receive a lollypop. Our cans from last year are always donated to the food bank. Please could we have the cans by the end of next week Friday 19th.

### **ALTAR SERVER ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST**

- 9 am Mass—Henry Askew, Chloe Dagg, Alysia Homan
- 5 pm Mass—Sophie St Clair, Brianna Otto

### **PULSE**

St Mary's Junior Youth Group Sunday 31 July 3-4pm: Parent and leader planning meeting. Please come to help us evaluate and plan for the next term's sessions. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Any queries please contact Keryn. We can provide a DVD for children if needed. Sunday 7 August 3- 4.45pm: PULSE restarts. Come and join us! A Youth Group aimed at 9-12 year olds. We gather at St Mary's Parish Hall fortnightly for games, food and Christian fellowship and learning together. All welcome – you do not need to be from St Mary's Parish to come along.



### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The school is hosting a Book Fair on Wednesday 24th — Friday 26th August. We need help for sales from 8.45—9.30 am Wednesday, Thursday, 8.30—9.00 am Friday and from 2.45—3.00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday. If you can help with any of these times please contact Raelene Cronin in Room 6. This is a great fundraiser for our Library. A good chance for you to buy for Christmas.

### **ICON PHOTOGRAPHY FUNDRAISER**

Thanks to all the families that supported our fundraiser. A reminder that the photos will be available for viewing and purchasing this Thursday 11th August between 1.15 and 6.30 pm. If anyone is unsure of their appointment time, please contact Andrea on 836 6003.

### **PTA MEETING**

Tuesday 9th August in the Staffroom, Starting at **6.30pm—7pm** with Wine & Cheese for a get-together for all those helping at the Gala this year.

### **ST JOSEPH'S WAIROA – CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**

Labour Weekend 21 – 23 October 2011

For information and registration details contact:

Jubilee Committee, 21 Clyde Rd, Wairoa 4108 or email [jubilee@wairoa.school.nz](mailto:jubilee@wairoa.school.nz)

### **HOCKEY**

Reignier Pulse won 17-1 against Puketapu. Player of the Day—Jessica Dean.

Reignier Magic won 3-1 against AMS Tigers. Players of the Day—Natayla Roberts & Aidan Minehan.

### **MIDDLE TEAM CAMP**

Parent forms to be returned by Monday 15th August please.

### **ST MARY'S FAMILY MASS**

21st August at 9am is our next family mass. Come and celebrate with us, and support our young people actively participating. "You know the church has a future if you hear the sound of the children" Br Dan Connell, Wgtn

***Kid's Friendly Care at St Columba's Church on Gloucester Street offer Morning Care 7.30—8.30 am, Afternoon Care 3.00—5.30 pm and Holiday Programmes throughout the year. If you are interested please call Peter 022 643 1691 or 8437770.***