

Parish School of Our Lady of Kāpiti



Newsletter - Wednesday 17 August 2016 Term 3

WELCOME ASSEMBLY 4 AUGUST 2016

The following students were welcome to our school

Evita Farrell, Lisette Farrell, Lourdes Farrell, Ellis Howard, Kaeshi Wu.

Two teacher aides were also welcomed, Carla Watkin and Reid Strang.



STAFFING

Welcome to Michelle Hedge who has been appointed as a fixed term teacher in the new entrant's class starting at the beginning of Term 4 while Kristy Brown is on maternity leave.

Val McCall, our Office Manager, will be leaving the school at the end of the year after holding the position for 18 years. Val has timed her departure so that her replacement has sufficient time to be trained prior to relocation to the new school.

Kate Bertham, our part time Office Assistant, has been appointed as the new Office Manager.

SOMETHING TO REFLECT ON

"You can offer the Lord your work, your little inconveniences, your worries and your hopes in an authentic prayer that brings your life to the Lord and the Lord to your life."

EARLY SCHOOL "CLOSURE" - PAID UNION MTG MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.

Teachers are very worried that the global budget would lead to:

- Fewer teachers and larger class sizes.
- Less job security for teachers.
- Lower quality teaching.
- Fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff.
- More complex financial work for Boards of Trustees.

The Government's current funding review is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to better fund education. NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff from birth to Year 13. They have asked all members at our school to attend a meeting in September to hear more about the proposal and help determine the education sector's response.

It is important for union members in our school to attend this meeting to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding.

The meeting is a paid union meeting which means staff will be leaving school at 12.30pm.

We would appreciate you collecting your children at 12.30pm. If you are unable to do this, please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements at school for your child/ren.



The current offer closes Friday 19 August. Please make cheques payable to "Scholastic".



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 28 AUGUST

We encourage all school families to come to Mass on Sunday 28 August to support those from our school community taking their first Holy Communion at 10.00am in St Patrick's Church.

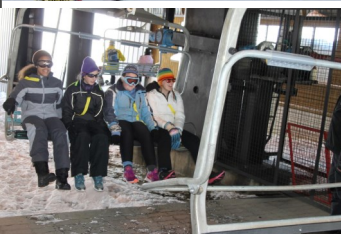
This is a special time for them in their journey as a Catholic Christian and full membership in the church. They would value your support and prayers.

SNOW CAMP

Our three days away was a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in and enjoy the wonders of God's creation.

The children were a credit to the school and their parents.

For many it was a first time experience and some had to dig deep to overcome their fears, enjoy the ski lifts and feel the wind as they skied downhill.



SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 23 AUGUST 2016

- Please ensure your child's photo order envelope is returned by Friday 19 August.
- Family group photograph order envelopes are available at the school office.
- Family photographs with siblings from outside the school will be taken at 8.50am. Following each class photo, individual portraits and family portraits will be taken.
- Your child needs to be dressed in the correct school uniform, with hair tidy.



- Children's artwork will be available to view at the office from Monday 22 to Friday 26 August.
- Please have your orders with payment to the school office by Friday 26 August. Cash, cheque or internet payment only - no family accounts will be accepted for this.
- Delivery of calendars, diaries and cards will be in mid September approximately.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Kapiti Women's Expo - Sunday 18 September from 11.30am-4.00pm at the Kapiti Community Centre. A free event showcasing the products and services of Kapiti businesswomen.

COMING EVENTS TERM 3 2016

DATE	EVENT
Thursdays	Assembly, 9.00am Grace Hall
Wed 17 Aug	BoT mtg, 7.00pm Staffroom
Thurs 18 Aug	Snr Winter Tournament
Tues 23 Aug	School Photos
Wed 31 Aug	Artsplash
Wed 14 Sep	BoT mtg, 7.00pm Staffroom
Mon 12 Sep	Staff paid union mtg from 12.30pm
Wed 21 Sep	Kapiti Coll Y8 option day
Thurs 22 Sep	Excellence/badge assembly 9.00am
Fri 23 Sep	End of Term 3 - 2.50pm
Mon 10 Oct	Start of Term 4 - 8.50am
Fri 9 Dec	End of Term 4 12noon
Tues 7 Feb	Start of Term 1 at new location
Thurs 13 Apr	End of Term 1