

Our Lady of Kāpiti School



Newsletter - Wednesday 15 February 2017 Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an amazing few weeks. It seems incredible that we only moved in less than a month ago, we are already up and running with the children settled into their learning. A testament to the hard working and committed staff at the school.

We have enrolled a significant number of new children across all ages both from Kāpiti and out of town. Our non catholic roll (children without any catholic connection) is full for the next few years and the waiting list is growing. We are communicating with the Ministry of Education regarding staffing allocations for later in the year as new entrant enrolments start to arrive. Watch this space.

We will have our traditional welcome assembly in a few weeks time when we will formally welcome our new families and children. In the meantime, make yourself known to new people because that's the way we do things. You are welcome to drop by the hub before school or while you are waiting for school to end. Already one or two have found this inviting spot a great place to take a few moments peace and quiet.

Having a close connection with the parish, through having the shared Hall, is going to be good for the future of our church. The inaugural School and Parish mass was a special time of celebration and committing our future to God.

Fr Michael led the staff in a retreat based around our new icon, which takes pride of place in the entrance foyer. A declaration that we are here to follow Jesus as Catholic Christians.

Tomorrow I am travelling back to England for family reasons. This is rather sudden but important,. I will have the pleasure of celebrating my mother's 90th birthday with her. I will be back at school around 7th or 8th of March.

Miss Higgison will be acting principal, however her focus will be on her class and the learning of all students. If you need to communicate with her as Principal please contact Kate in the office. Mrs Mary Cook will be supporting Miss Higgison, providing a friendly face from time to time, in the office, alongside Kate.

Principal

Martin Elms

FAMILY PICNIC AT WAIKANAE POOLS

This is scheduled for this Friday. If you haven't yet returned your permission form or are still to pay please ensure this is done as soon as possible. This is a fantastic day out and we'd love you to come and join us

CASUAL BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES

Two casual vacancies have occurred on the board of trustees for elected parent representatives. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancies by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancies, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:
Chair, Board of Trustees, Our Lady of Kapiti School, PO Box 540, Paraparaumu 5254 or email: bot@olok.school.nz by **23rd March, 2017**

VACANCY



Glory be to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.



FAMILY FORMATION

You are invited to our registration / information evening this Friday, 17 February, 6.30-7.15pm at the school library. Come along and learn about this programme.



OFFICIAL SCHOOL OPENING

The Official Opening and Blessing of our school by Cardinal John Dew is taking place on St Patrick's Day, Friday 17 March, 10am

This is a very special day for our school and for our school/ church community. There will be a morning tea following the blessing and celebrations. We would appreciate it if each family could provide a plate. We are also after volunteers to help with the morning tea, serving and cleaning up afterwards.

Please contact the school office or any of the following people if you are able to help out:

Isabel Carberry 021620516,
Mars Lemmon 0210412091 or
Martha Stuart-Berrisford
0220625738.



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE YEAR 5-8 CYBERSAFETY AGREEMENT

All Year 5-8 families were sent home information on BYOD and a Cybersafety Agreement form to complete (whether or not they are bringing their own device).

We need these forms returned as soon as possible.



NETBALL 2017

The Kāpiti Netball Association AGM is being held on Monday 27th February, 7.00pm at the Te Atiawa Pavillion, Percival Road, Paraparaumu Beach if you are interested in going along.



The season will commence on May 6th. A more detailed notice will be sent out in the next couple of weeks for all girls / boys interested in playing and outlining the season, format and fees. If you are interested in being a coach, umpire or helping out in any way, please contact Mars Lemmon (marslemmon@gmail.com or 021 041 2091)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Due to large number of enrolments girls uniform in particular is taking slightly longer to be supplied. We have given dispensation for some children to wear winter uniform or part uniform.

Supply of hats is also a challenge so while your child is waiting for their green bottle uniform hat they may wear a dark coloured bucket hat as a temporary measure.

Please ensure you order uniforms well in advance of season change to ensure you have them in time. Also keep an eye on the school uniform Facebook page.

Please make sure you include the \$2 courier fee with your order. This has been kept deliberately low by the supplier by combining orders and sending them to school for collection.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PHOTO SHOOT

South Pacific Architecture have arranged a professional photographer to photograph the school in action. This will involve children in class, in the playground and general shots. Please advise the school office asap if you don't wish your child's image to be used in any photos used for PR or advertising purposes.

COMING EVENTS TERM 1, 2017

DATE	EVENT
Fri 17 Feb	School Picnic - Waikanae Pools
Wed 1 March	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Fri 10 March	Welcome Assembly
Fri 17 March	Official School Opening
Wed 22 March	Andrew Chin evening concert
Thurs 30 March	Parent Conferences
Thurs 6 April	Excellence Assembly
Thurs 13 April	Easter Liturgy & last day of term
Mon 1 May	First day of Term 2