

Our Lady of Kāpiti School



Newsletter - Wednesday 4 April 2018 Term 1

Final Hurrah

After 30 years of teaching and Principalship the time has come to sign out. One last newsletter. I really should have kept the other 1000+ or so I have written over the years. They would have told quite a story! As it is the story of the last 12 years has been amazing, culminating in our wonderful new school.

Amongst all the thank yous and kind words there is one person I must acknowledge. A person who has been highly significant in the development of my career as a school leader. My closest and most special friend for over 50 years and my wife and companion for 45 years, Heather.



Heather has selflessly supported me in my vocation, whilst also sharing our role as parents to a large and growing family all while being a successful and experienced junior teacher and literacy specialist in her own right.

During the last three years of the school build and transition she has been quietly supporting me, and Kate in the office, voluntarily doing a myriad of tasks that could otherwise have been left undone, always with the best interests of our school and children in mind. My strength has been our combined strength.

We are looking forward to seeing what new and exciting possibilities retiring from fulltime education will open up.

I know you will all support, encourage and pray for Ms Viv Conroy as she begins her vocation as a Catholic school principal and leader of our school faith community. The Board has chosen well and I am confident Viv will lead the school with enthusiasm and wisdom as she guides the school into the future.

May the Lord bless you all and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine upon you all and give you peace.

Easter Liturgy

Thank you to those who joined us for our Easter liturgy. The children powerfully presented the challenge of the Easter story in song, dance and drama. Jesus' death and resurrection is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. Because of Jesus we have hope for eternal life.



Farewell Mr Elms



We are having 2 farewell events on Thursday 12 April, both in St Patrick's Hall.

- 9.30am, Farewell Mass and shared morning tea.
- 7.00pm, "not your usual" themed evening and light refreshments.

Please feel free to attend either, or both. Could all families please provide a plate for the morning tea, to share.

If anyone is available to help with tea and coffee at either event,

please contact Isabel Carberry, 021 620 516



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Absence messages may be left on telephone 298 6780 or text 027 298 6780

MERIT CERTIFICATES

These children were awarded Merit Certificates at assembly on 22 March:

- Rm 1** Sisi Tukia, Jaimee Pervan
- Rm 3** Lucy Mettrick, Caeliah Ashcroft, Taio Ferreira
- Rm 5** Thomas Chadwick, Marysia Kazmierow
- Rm 6** Edyie Wilkes, Pyper Adams
- Rm 7** Blake Botha, Wynheart Viernes
- Rm 8** Adam Carberry, Aine Sibley
- Rm 9** Deakin Alaimoana, Wilson Barber, Erin Carberry

Excellence Assembly
tomorrow, Thursday 5 April
9am in St Patrick's Hall

Please feel free to join us as we celebrate the hard work achieved this term.



Mainfreight Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser



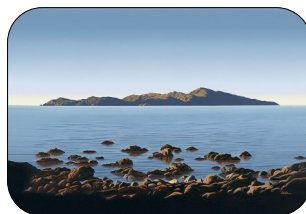
Tomorrow Mainfreight are kindly sponsoring another BBQ. All funds raised will be used to support Junior School activities. Forms are coming home today and must be returned, with the correct money, to the school office by 11am tomorrow.

Swimming

Next term all classes will undertake swimming lessons. Notices will be coming home shortly with all the details. We have endeavoured to keep costs as low as possible.



KAPITI ISLAND TRIP YEAR 7 & 8



Friday 6th April, weather permitting. If you are still to pay for this trip please do so asap.

Bike Safety

One of our students was spotted by a member of the public riding her bike along Kapiti Road without a bike helmet on. Wearing an approved cycle helmet is compulsory by law in New Zealand for any person who uses the road on a bicycle.



Touch Tops

With the touch season finishing this week, can everyone please return their tops to Kate in the office as soon as possible.

Deb Gedye - Touch Rugby Co-ordinator

Pelorus Trust has generously donated funds for us to purchase new touch tops for our junior students. The SoK committee has kindly contributed an additional \$500. Thanks to everyone for helping to ensure our children are well outfitted.



COMING EVENTS TERM 1/2 2018

| DATE | EVENT |
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| Thur 5 April | Excellence Assembly, 9am |
| Fri 6 April | Kāpiti Island Trip |
| Thur 12 April | Mr Elm's Farewells' (see front page) |
| Fri 13 April | Term 1 ends |
| Mon 30 April | Term 2 starts |
| Mondays | 9am liturgy—Hall |
| 25 May | School X country |