

Our Lady of Kāpiti School



Te Kura o te Whaea o Kāpiti

Newsletter - Tuesday 30 October 2018 Term 4

Message from our Principal



Wow what an amazing weekend that we have had as a Parish Community. It was lovely working closely with the Parish to bring together the Gala and seeing

the lovely relationships that were building with our children and the volunteers over the event.

I want to thank every helper who set up the stalls, the volunteers that helped to run the stalls/activities, the staff who gave up their time to help on the day, all who donated a cake for our stall, and for all the support of our school community who came along on Saturday with their family and friends.

Our Kapa Haka were amazing and performed with pride, so a huge thank you to Mrs Gunson for her massive input into our performance group and her support crew - Mrs Ashcroft and Mr Mettrick who helped to get them ready on the day.



The Gala raised nearly \$12,000 dollars and so half of that will come to the school. What a fantastic effort by all.

It was also nice to have the Open Mass here at school on Sunday. This gave us a chance to re-bless the new church site before the breaking of the ground in the next couple of weeks. It was great to have lots of our students participating in parts of the mass as this is an important link that we want to continue to develop.

October is the month of the Rosary. The students have been saying the Rosary as part of their prayers each morning, learning about the Mysteries - Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious & the Luminous as well as doing it as a school in our Liturgy each week. Some classes have been making their own beads for them to use in class and to take home and



share with their families.

November is the month of Holy Souls. On Thursday Room 9 are having an All Saints Day theme in their assembly at 9.00am in the hall. This is a day that is dedicated to all the Saints in heaven. On Friday the school is joining the Parish for All Souls Day Mass at 9.30 on Friday 2 November in St Patricks Hall. This is the day that we remember all those who have passed. Please come along and join in the Mass with us.

Last week some Senior students participated in the Inter School Golf Tournament. Congratulations to Madison Pervan, Adam Jansen van Vuuren, Brooke Richardson & Dominic Mettrick who won first place in the Mixed Team event. The trophy has been proudly displayed in our cabinet now. Thank you to Joe and Stu who supported our students on the day.



Have a great week everyone - May God bless you all, Viv

PRIMARY SCHOOL ROLLING STRIKE

NZEI Newsletter update for school communities

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis.

We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held next month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on

Friday 16 November.

Our school will be closed on that date. While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.



Our Lady of Kāpiti School wishes to welcome all our new students and their families to our school.

Joacquin Mendoza NE - Rm1

Benjamin Williamson NE - Rm1

Joshua Williamson Y3 - Rm 7



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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to the following children who received Merit certificates from their classroom teachers at assembly on **25 October**. A great effort!

- Rm 1** Ashleigh Grigg, Lola Gosling-Martin
- Rm 3** Leroy Kavanagh, Hunter Smith, Ashlee Hayward
- Rm 5** Kaleah Cross, Izzy Winter
- Rm 7** Nina Parrenas, Hamish Clarke
- Rm 8** Thomas Davis, Sue Madarieta, Marama Hambly
- Rm 9** Lourdes Farrell, Vincente-Van Allan, Brooke Smith

Principal's Pencils were awarded to the following students for being fabulous! Well done,

Teddy Brian, George Brian, William Brian, Joaquin Mendoza, Kaleah Cross, Felix Atkinson, Madison Pervan, Jed Little.

Don't forget that you can order you a lunch for Friday through Kindo. **Ezlunch**, provides a convenient and affordable healthy lunch with loads of yummy choices and, is delivered right hereto school.



Metlink Waikanae School Bus

Metlink run a bus service to and from our school each day.

In the morning the bus travels from Waikanae Beach North to Kapanui School, Waikanae School and finally Our Lady of Kāpiti School. The bus number is 505. In the afternoon Bus Number 500 picks children up from our school just before 2.50pm and travels the reverse route.

If you think this might be an option for your family more information is available on the Metlink website.



WHAKAARO HOU EDUCATION TRUST

Closing dates for Expression of Interest forms is:
9 November 2018 (Roll out date is 14 November)

Whakaaro Hou Education Trust offers a Chromebook package that includes a three year warranty, insurance and a bag, at well below retail pricing.

Families are offered an opportunity to purchase a device outright or spread payment over finance options of 2 years or 3 years with weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. Finance options will include a nominal interest rate.



If you would like to find out more about this or are keen to take up this offer please see Kate in the School Office.

Important Touch Rugby Update

Through the touch season, all teams will be rostered on BBQ duty (cooking and serving sausages) which requires parent support. This means we need to cover the time our teams are playing (normally this would be two people for the first half and then another two people for the second half).

The team on BBQ duty will be playing on field 3 in front of the BBQ so the game is visible.

Each team should be rostered on only once per season.

Please note that if we do not provide cover, our team on duty will be penalized by playing with only five players.

The individual coaches will send a text out to the team members parents as the teams are rostered on. Can I please strongly encourage you to help out.

Please note that the money raised from the BBQ helps to subsidize the KJT fees.



COMING EVENTS TERM 4 2018

DATE	EVENT
Thur 1 Nov	Assembly - MacKillop 9
Fri 2 Nov	9.30am All Souls Day Mass
Thur 8 Nov	Assembly - Nagle Block
Fri 16 Nov	Strike Day - School Closed
Wed 21 Nov	Baptismal Mass
Thur 23 Nov	Mission Day
Fri 14 Dec	Last day of Term 4

The Sacrament of Baptism 2018

All non-preference children were sent a letter at the end of last term inviting them to take part in the school Baptismal Programme. If this is something you or your children would like to participate in please contact Geoff Mettrick (geoff.mettrick@olok.school.nz)



What we have been up to.

