

Our Lady of Kāpiti School



Te Kura o te Whaea o Kāpiti

Newsletter - Tuesday 27 November 2018 Term 4

Message from our Principal

I am very excited about participating in my first Mission Day on Friday 30 November. The Senior School children are busily organising activities, stalls and selling raffle tickets. We are encouraging the children to dress up with a Christmas theme, so for those children it is a Mufti Day otherwise they need to wear school uniform. Please come along after 10am and join your children in our family event. Just remember that the children will need some of their pocket money to spend. There is an assembly at 2pm to find out how much money we have raised for the missions and draw the raffle prizes although I have my eye on the chocolate raffle - that is mine!!

Last week was extremely busy as we hosted two parent/child workshops with our Loving for Life facilitator, April Williams. I would like to thank all those that attended the evenings and hope that it gave you the opportunity of opening up discussions between you and your child.



On Wednesday we celebrated our Baptismal Mass where we watched some of our children and their siblings receive the Sacrament of Baptism as well as welcoming three children into the Catholic Church. There were a few tears around as it was a lovely inclusive ceremony. I would like to thank Fr Michael McCabe for celebrating this with us and also to Mr Mettrick who has worked with these children to prepare for them to receive the Sacrament. We look forward to seeing them continue on their faith journey through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confirmation.

On Thursday, I was privileged in being asked to take part in a very moving ceremony on the new site of our Parish Church. We laid some special and significant taonga under where the chapel will be and Fr Michael blessed the area. We also uncovered our new Statue of Mary which has been kindly donated to us all the way from Austria. She is very beautiful and will be displayed in our foyer once we have made her earthquake safe.



2019 is fast approaching and we have a few changes happening across the school. At the end of the year we farewell Miss von Lanthen as she has taken up a Director of Religious Studies position at St Anthony's School in Seatoun, which is her family's parish. The children and the staff will miss her dreadfully but we wish her all the best for her future endeavours. We also farewell Mrs Carla Watkin who has been an amazing teacher aide support for our staff and our learners as she is taking time to extend her studies and recover to full health. We wish her all the best and we will miss her around the place. The Board of Trustees have been busy and have appointed Miss Bridget Mettrick who will join our teaching staff next year and Mrs Jacqui Fargher has also won a permanent position. They both will be teaching in the Senior School in 2019. The classes will be moving around so that the Juniors will be in Nagle and Aubert and the Seniors will be in MacKillop block. Very exciting times ahead for us.

God bless you all - see you on Friday for Mission Day
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MISSION DAY - THIS FRIDAY!!



Mission Day is the day that, as a school, we raise money for mission outreaches overseas and at home in New Zealand. We have fun activities, raffles and stalls but we need your help too.

Calendar for donating items!

Wednesday 28 November

Raffles on sale

Thursday 29 November

Goods including jams, preserves, sweets, and plants

Raffles on sale

Friday 30 November

Produce, sweets, cakes, plants - deliver by 8.45am.

Dress up theme is "Christmas".

Please ensure your child has some spending money for all the wonderful items on offer, and a bag for their goodies.

The fun starts at 10.00am and finishes late morning.

There will be an assembly at 2.00pm to announce the grand total raised and the raffle results.

Don't forget that Raffle Tickets are available for purchase before and after school each day this week. There are some fabulous raffle prizes -



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

Jake Tombs NE - Rm 1



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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who received Merit certificates from their classroom teachers at assembly on **15 November**. A great effort!

Rm 1 Heidi Moon, Sylvie Watson, Joaquin Mendoza

Rm 3 Karsen Muliipu, Sisi Tukia

Rm 5 Olivia McClure, Adam Jansen van Vuuren

Rm 6 Mathias Bridgman, Annabelle Green, Grace Postlewait

Rm 7 Madalyn Welham, Adelaide Gordon

Rm 8 Maria Postlewait, Erika Deed, Madison Lees

Rm 9 Niamh Sibley, Regan Toon, William Brian, Eva Soeiro

Principal's Pencils were awarded to the following students for being fabulous! Well done, Mila Mitchell, Jake Tombs, Bradley Scheepers, Kayleigh Graham, Ryan Martin.

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



Construction on the church site has begun!

The fencing has been extended out and visibly marked. Please ensure you keep your children well back from the fence and use the marked footpaths.

We will keep you updated as building progresses.

COMING EVENTS TERM 4 2018

DATE	EVENT
Thur 29 Nov	Excellence Assembly, 9am
Fri 30 Nov	MISSION DAY
Thur 6 Dec	Christmas Assembly, 11.40am
Fri 7 Dec	Kapa Haka Hui
Mon 10 Dec	Water Fun Afternoon
Tue 11 Dec	Year 8 Graduation Dinner
Thur 13 Dec	Graduation End of Year Mass, 6.30pm
Fri 14 Dec	Last day of term. School closes at midday

