



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
"Be it known to all who enter here that CHRIST  
is the reason for this school"

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a relaxing time over the summer break!

I am delighted to be the Principal of St Michael's Catholic School. This is my second Principal Job; I was Principal at St Joseph's School, Orakei for Three and a half years and before that I was Deputy Principal at Holy Cross School, Henderson. My Catholic faith plays a vital part of my life and I am an active member of Holy Cross Parish, Henderson. I am married with four adult children and four grandchildren.

One of my strengths is working with people; I have an open door policy, and I will always find the time to sit with you to hear your concerns. I prefer face to face meetings rather than emails so if you would like to have a chat about anything you can email either me or Genevieve to make an appointment.

I believe that every child deserves the best education and I am committed to making sure that this happens. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you over this year.

We have two new staff members who are both beginning their teaching career at our school. Rachel Dena is in Room 6 and she completed her Teaching Degree at Waikato University (originally from Auckland) and Rebecca Partridge is in Room 7 and she completed her Teaching Degree at Otago University (originally from Mt Maunganui).

I would like to welcome the following new families to our school: Recordon family, Zazulak-Baker family, Mulles family, Mikkelsen family, Naoum family, Lin family, Wooler family, Fernando family (Ian), Karpik family, Fernando family (Himaya), Twomey family, Pinto family, Kerr family, Harris family, Macdonald family, Glennie family and Ciaglia family. I pray that your journey at our school will be a successful one.

**MIDDLE PLAYGROUND (Years 3 to 6)** - For the health and safety of our students we have decided that students need to have a height of 124cm or more to play on this playground. Peter, our caretaker has organising areas where students can check their height. The students have been informed about this at our Assembly yesterday.

**CAMP** – Please keep our Senior Students in your prayers next week while they are Camp Adair.

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION FROM ST MARY MACKILLOP** (by Sue and Leo Kane)

*"Sainthood comes in moments of gentleness, of humour, of kindness, of times when we choose to do loving things... If we love one another, God lives in us (John 4:12).*

God bless you

*Ann McKeown*

Principal

## **SCHOOL CENTENARY 2017**

Please click on the link, like and share on Facebook. <http://issailo7.wixsite.com/2017smcs-site100yrs>

**Registrations close 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Payment must be made to confirm your attendance.** Please ensure payments are made to:

**SMCS bank account:** 12-3013-0244315-00

**Ref:** Surname

**Code:** 21200

# **CURRICULUM**

## **NEW BELL TIMES**

In consultation with staff and students we have made the following **changes** with bell times which will take effect from **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017** going forward. The new times are as follows:

7.30 a.m. Before School Care opens (*user pays*)

8.30 a.m. Classrooms open

**8.55 a.m. First block begins**

11.00 a.m. Morning Tea

**11.30 a.m. Second block begins**

1.00 p.m. Lunch eating time

1.15 p.m. Play Time

**1.50 p.m. Third block begins**

2.55 p.m. End of the day

3.00 p.m. After School Care (*user pays*)

### **SUSHI & SUBWAY**

Please note: **Subway** & **Sushi** will start next week commencing Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. **Price list attached for Sushi!**

## **SACRED HEART SWIMMING SPORTS CHANGE OF DATE**

As per the SMCS calendar our School Swimming Sports was due to take place on Friday 3 March at Sacred Heart School. The company that was in charge of pool bookings has now changed ownership. When the changeover occurred no previous records were processed, therefore unfortunately our SMCS booking was not transferred over, unknown to us until a few days ago.

We have been lucky enough to secure a new booking. Please note the **new date** is:  
**Tuesday 28 February at Sacred Heart College in Glen Innes from 9am till 2pm.**

This change was beyond our control and we thank you in advance for your understanding. We are looking forward to a wonderful day of SMCS spirit at our annual Swimming Sports Day.

**All events will begin at 9:45 a.m.**

If you are able to assist on the day, please email [c.bagnall@smcs.school.nz](mailto:c.bagnall@smcs.school.nz) and specify if you are volunteering for the junior or senior pool and if you would be willing to be a lifeguard (Junior: in the pool and Senior: walk alongside and entering water as needed).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Week 2**

6.2	<b>Waitangi Day</b>
7.2	<b>Year 6 Camp; PTA Mtg - 7pm in Library</b>
8.2	<b>Year 6 Camp, Mass 9.15am - Rooms 1, 2 &amp; 4</b>
9.2	<b>Year 6 Camp</b>
10.2	<b>Year 6 Camp</b>

### **Week 3**

13.2	
14.2	
15.2	<b>Mass 9.15am - Room 9; Assembly 2.20pm - Rm 8 hosting</b>
16.2	Y3 - Y6 Cricket Skills
17.2	<b>New Families Morning Tea - 9am in Library</b>
19.2	

## OUR EX-SMCS PUPILS AS NEW YEAR 7'S



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## **PTA NEWS**

- Pizza & Fruju Sales at lunchtime will begin **NEXT Friday 10 Feb.** \$2.00 each, please send correct change.
- The PTA will host a wine & cheese organisational meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the library on **Tuesday 7 Feb.** So please come along!
- 2 volunteers are needed from each class to act as class reps. Please see your classroom teacher to volunteer or come on Tues night.

## **NOTICES**

### **BECOMING CHURCH PROGRAMME 2017**

Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (First Holy Communion) for children Year 4 and up (> 8 years as at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017). **Enrolments will close on Friday 17th February.**

Please visit the St Michaels Parish website [www.remueracatholic.org.nz](http://www.remueracatholic.org.nz) for dates, enrolment forms and further information. Any questions, please contact Emma Houghton at [stmichaelsbecomingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsbecomingchurch@gmail.com)

### **THE CARING SHED FOR MONTE CECILIA**

The Monte Cecilia Housing Trust provides essential housing services to some of the most vulnerable families in our country. Since its establishment in 1982, the Trust has been providing assistance with emergency housing and practical assistance to families in real need.

<http://www.communityhousing.org.nz/resources/article/monte-cecilia-housing-homeless-families-in-auckland>

St Michael's green wooden Caring Shed is on the top asphalt court opposite the staff room. It is unlocked every day to receive donations of clothing, toys, books, non-perishable food and other household items. Staff from the Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, clear it every Thursday and all donations are delivered directly to those who need it most. Your kindness and generosity touches so many families in desperate need.  
*Bless you & many thanks, Gina Dignan.*

