



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

7th September 2017

Dear St Michael's School Community,



Spring is here which signals new life and this has a special significance for me because on Tuesday 5 September we welcomed a new **Granddaughter** into our family, **Georgia Marlo McKeown**.

Charter Planning Meeting – This was a great success with 57 parents in attendance. Please see the attached the S.W.O.T. Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) and that was completed. If you would like to add to this please email Genevieve secretary@smcs.school.nz subject SWOT. The Board will use this document to assist with the development of our strategic goals.

Parish School Mass Celebrating St Michael's Feast Day Sunday 17 September 10am – All students are expected to attend this Mass. **Please bring a savoury plate to share for morning tea after Mass.**

"Parents have the primary right and a serious obligation to educate their children. As well as providing education in the faith in the home, parents have the right to choose how their children are educated outside the home. In assisting parents with their obligations to their children the Catholic school makes the Church as "mother and teacher" a practical reality"

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KiVa Antibullying Programme – Students are continuing to learn through the KiVa programme. Links are made to Health and Physical Education by working towards the four underlying concepts of this learning area: hauora, attitudes and values, socio-ecological perspective, and health promotion. KiVa makes a significant contribution to the well-being of students beyond the classroom (p22 NZC).



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPEN MORNING THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 9AM TO 9:40AM

We would like to invite you to join your child/ren in their classrooms for Prayer and a Religious Education lesson. This is an opportunity to observe and participate in one of the major curriculum areas of our school. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing our learning.

Prayer to St Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

God bless you,
Ann McKeown
Principal

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Children's Liturgy: This is on Sunday 10.00 a.m. Mass

Catholic Playgroup for Mums and Pre-schoolers: held in the Parish Centre on Thursday mornings during term time. Please join the Facebook group 'St Michaels Playgroup Remuera' for more information and updates. Contact Becky at rebecca.stevens@gmail.com for more info.

'Becoming Catholic': do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Tell them about the St Michael's 'Becoming Catholic' programme, and invite them to the initial Enquiry Evening on Thursday 14 September 7.30 p.m. in the Parish House. *For further information, ring Sr Francis Kelly Ph: 520 0445.*

Altar Servers Training (for Year 4 and older; must have received their First Holy Communion already)

The next Altar Servers Training will be on Sunday, 24 September 2017 (11am to 12.30pm) at St Michael's Parish.

For more information and to register please contact Issa on 021 179 3801, email: issa_ilo@yahoo.com

CURRICULUM

Religious Education - God strand

Students will be learning about themes related to the **God** strand during Religious Education lessons, with Liturgical Year celebrations taught in accordance with the Church's calendar. Each year level has a different focus and the concepts build on one another as student's progress to the next year level. Students will be bringing home their RE books at the end of each strand to sharing their learning with you. Thank you for supporting your child/ren on their faith journey.

Year 1

- God created the world; Taking care of God's creation; God gave me 5 senses; Angels are God's messengers; God creates - People make; I am alive, I am special; People show God's love; We praise God for creation

Year 2

- God's gift of creation; Jesus is God's greatest gift; What the Our Father means; Sharing the gifts God gives us; How I show I am a sign of God's love; What Jesus tells us about God; Our God is a forgiving God; Thank you God for our gifts

Year 3

- How we experience God in creation; Recognizing God in the changing seasons; What is grace?; How we recognise grace in the world; Hearing God's voice in the Scriptures; The Maori Creation story; Appreciating different cultures

Year 4

- Understanding the Trinity; Taking responsibility for God's creation; Sharing what we know about the 10 Commandments; Celebrating Jesus' new law of love

Year 5

- God calls and people respond; God's faithfulness can be seen by...; Christian people build up the Kingdom of God on earth; Covenants and promises; Believing in God means...

Year 6

- Our ideas about what God is like; What Jesus taught us about God; Professing our faith - this is what Catholics believe; Names and images of God

SMCS Garden Build / Working Bee

Volunteers needed please to help with this initiative. If we can get the boxes built and filled the Children will be able to get going during school time with spring planting. Jeroen Went has managed to source kit set boxes all ready to go.

It would be wonderful to also assist Mr. Laver with efforts to maintain school grounds with a working bee prior to the warmer months. Please come and help with your time and expertise, the garden project is all about embracing the wider school/parish community around our Kids.

Please contact Johanna Karpik 021 518 215 thepixiefamily@gmail.com if able to come and assist.

Sunday 10th September 1.30 p.m.

- **8-10 Parents** needed please to help build the planter boxes on the field next to new playground
 - **5-6 parents** needed to help Mr. Laver with grounds maintenance / working bee

Sunday 17th September 1.30 p.m.

- **6-8 Parents** needed to help fill new planter boxes with compost/soil

New World are currently doing a promo whereby you can collect seedlings. Please could families donate those if they want to - leave in a box outside the school office. Thank you!

NEWS LEADERS REPORT

SMCS Cross Country

On Friday the 25th of August, St Michael's Catholic School held our annual cross-country at Monte Cecilia Park. It was the perfect day for cross country, it was sunny and not too hot. It was a fun filled day packed with an energy and an encouraging atmosphere. All the houses, Cluny, Mackillop, Patrick and Pompallier had created house chants that were frequently heard throughout the day. Everyone displayed great sportsmanship and cheered all the houses on.

All though it was a nerve racking day; everyone did really well and participated and contributed for their house. The Year 5 and 6's had to run 3 laps and the Year 4 had to run 2 laps. Also the Year 2 and 3's had to run 1 lap. And lastly the Year 0 and 1's had to run half a lap. The first race was the Year 6 boys's... Ready set go! The boys ran off. Next was the Year 6 girls. The last race was the Year 0's. All of the Year 6's got to run with their buddies. It was a really fun day and we think that everyone did a great job!

By: Kerry Gray & Caitlin Murphy

Room 9's Class Mass

On Wednesday 9th of August Father Tony led a Mass in room 9 as the church was being cleaned that week. Father Tony was wearing red and he told use this was because this was a day someone had become a martyr. This was St Teresa Benedict, also known as Edith Stein. He explained that Edith was not sure whether God existed so she studied philosophy which means love of Wisdom. She then babysat her friend's daughter one night and took a book from the shelf to read. The book was written by St Teresa Avila. She read the book all night and when she had finished she said "this is the truth". Later she was baptised and joined the Carmelite Convent. When World War 2 started she was moved away from Germany because they were afraid the Nazi's would take her because she was a Jew. She was moved to the Netherlands where she made a lot of friends but soon Hitler told his men to seize them and take them to Auschwitz. Edith Stein was sent to the gas chamber but before she died she prayed and said she was dying for the people. The Mass that father Tony led was full of knowledge and was very special. Thank you Father Tony for leading us.

By: Amelia Smith



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Celia Cavanagh-Briggs will be onsite tomorrow (Friday 8 Sept) to open the 2nd hand uniform shop from 2.45 - 3.15pm. If any families have any old uniforms they wish to donate, please drop them at the school office.

SPORTS NEWS

Touch Rugby 2017/8

We have had a great response for Touch Rugby this year and it looks like we will have 6 school teams! Please can anyone who wants to confirm a place in a team for their child be in touch with me before the end of the week (Friday 1st September) so we can get the teams sorted. **We are still in need of Coaches and Managers for the teams** so please let me know if you can put your hand up for those roles.

Thanks Helen helen@luxford.net.nz **Mob: 021 704 102**

PTA NEWS

The Special Breakfast held last week was a great success with 260 in attendance. The 'science show' by Blair Smith & his son Ryan of *The Imagination Experience* was very exciting! Unfortunately, there was just a bit too much smoke which set off the fire alarms in the Hall but the students did a great job evacuating to the field.

As part of our community support, we bought 105 breakfasts from *Eat my Lunch* and they provided 105 lunches to school children in need. We also made a donation to the Auckland City Mission of some leftovers.

Thank you to **Caroline Harris** for organizing the food for the students' breakfasts. We hope they enjoyed their croissants, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk! And a big thank you to the many mums who arrived early, baked croissants and helped make this event happen. Thank you to **Paneton Bakery** in Newmarket and **The Milkman Ltd** who donated all the milk.

Perhaps next year we change it to...."Bring Mum to Breakfast"!

ABACUS FUNDRAISING

This year's Abacus artwork products, are now available to order: products are **\$15 each**. Order forms with payment details are being sent home with the children this week and should be returned to the teachers by **Wednesday 13th September**. The children's artwork is on display in their classrooms and will be added to the Abacus calendars, greeting cards, diaries, notepads and mouse mats (photos can also be used). ***Samples of these products are at the School Office should you wish to view them.*** They make wonderful and affordable gifts for family and friends and we will have everything back early in Term 4! Any questions, please contact Caroline Harris on matthewandcaroline@xtra.co.nz

YUMMY STICKERS

Yummy stickers are now due and can be dropped off in the PTA box or given to teachers. Thanks for your support this year, the school is awarded fantastic sports gear every year.

Girls Night Out

Tell your sisters, invite your friends, plan now for our popular mums' movie night!

Save the Date

- Wednesday 15 November
- 7:30 pm
- Event Cinema Newmarket

They're back.....naughty or nice.....**Bad Moms 2 !!**



NOTICES

Choral Mass Exaltation of the Cross & Our Lady of Sorrows

"Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25).

6 pm Saturday 16 September at St Patrick's Cathedral

A Choral Mass celebrating the Exaltation of the Cross & Our Lady of Sorrows.

With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles.

Validated parking will be available at the Wilson's car parks on Durham Lane (\$2) and Hobson Street (\$4).