



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

8<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear St Michael's School Community,



Our Parish / School Mass on Saturday 27 May was a great celebration of The Ascension of the Lord. It was pleasing to see so many families present. Congratulations to the 43 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 31 May. How fitting to receive this special sacrament just before Pentecost. Please read the news report that Leia has written



**Catholic Special Character Review 14<sup>th</sup> and 15 June** – Everyone is invited to attend the Powhiri on Wednesday 14 at 9am to welcome our Reviewers: Philip Mahoney, Colleen Gleeson and Janice Borsos (Principal of Holy Cross Catholic School, Henderson). You are also invited to meet with them on Wednesday at 2.15pm in the Staffroom.



We are now a KiVa school. Bullying is a problem in NZ Schools and we are taking a preventative approach at St Michael's Catholic School. KiVa means kind and nice. The KiVa approach has a strong theoretical basis and is founded on decades of research. [www.kivaprogram.net/nz](http://www.kivaprogram.net/nz)

**Student Safety** – On the North Shore a person in a white car has been following students and requesting them to get into their car. Please discuss with your children what to do if a person approaches them when they are walking to or from school refer [http://www.wikihow.com/Protect-Yourself-from-a-Stranger-\(for-Kids\)](http://www.wikihow.com/Protect-Yourself-from-a-Stranger-(for-Kids))

**Up Coming Meetings for Parents:**

**Wednesday 28 June: Vegie Garden and Beyond at 7pm** - (More details about this on page 3) and **KiVa Parent Meeting** 7.45pm to 8.15pm on Wednesday 28 June

**Monday 3 July 5pm to 6.30pm** - Mathematics Information Evening - "How we teach Mathematics", Lucie Cheeseman will be facilitating this evening. Care for your children will be provided (pack a bite to eat for them).

**Pentecost Prayer**

*"Let us pray, that the flame of the Spirit will descend upon us. Father in heaven, fifty days have celebrated the fullness of the mystery of your revealed love. See your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and disperse the divisions of word and tongue. With one voice and one song may we praise your name in joy and thanksgiving. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen (New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal)*

God bless you,

*Ann McKeown*  
Principal

# **CURRICULUM**

## **Religious Education - Church strand**

Students will be learning about themes related to the **Church** 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**

- We belong to our family-whanau; What Jesus came to tell us; How our parish carries on the work of Jesus Christ; Our School is like a marae

### **Year 2**

- Introducing our Parish - people and places; Our parish is a sign of God in the world; What we mean by privileges and responsibilities in our lives

### **Year 3**

- Waiting for a Messiah; Remembering Jesus' call to the apostles; How Jesus calls people today; The journey of initiation into the Catholic Church; This is what Catholics believe

### **Year 4**

- People carry on the Mission of the Church in our parish; The Church's Mission of service to the world; Being reconciled with God and with each other

### **Year 5**

- Worship in the Life of the Church through Word and Sacrament; Celebrating the Liturgical Seasons; Why it is important to celebrate Sunday Eucharist; Celebrating Liturgy is the work of the Church

### **Year 6**

- What life was like in the early Church; Stories of people in the early Church; How people use their gifts for the mission of the Church; What is it like to live as a religious brother or sister?; Sharing what we know about life as a single person; The Journey of Life - Te Wa

# **STUDENT NEWS**

## **Our St Michaels Catholic School and Community Church Confirmation night**

### **Confirmation Report**

On Wednesday 31 May the Candidates from our St Michaels Catholic School and the Community had their Confirmation. The Mass was started with the hymn "The Church". While the song was playing the Candidates walked up to the altar holding their Baptism candles. Bishop Denis Browne was also there with Fr. Tony, our Principal Mrs McKeown and our school teachers.

After the opening prayer, Sisini Caldera, Audrey Gleeson, Lucy Morrison, Eva Houghton, Lorena Okrosa, Catherine Radich and Simone Crisostomo brought up the Gifts of The Holy Spirit.

We then had the Liturgy of the Word. The readers were Ashley Robins, James Young, George Clausen and Skye Tong. Then we had the Psalm. The readers were Asha Gin, Rocco Fisher and Charles Parton. We then had the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and everyone joined in too. After that there was the Laying on of Hands. Bishop Denis and Fr. Tony laid their hands on each Candidate.

Then it the Anointing with Chrism. Each Candidate's sponsor will come up with them to the altar. The sponsor will put one of their hands on the Candidate's shoulder and then the Bishop will Anoint them. We then had the prayers of the Faithful and prayed the Our Father. We then prayed our final prayers and sang a hymn "Holy Spirit Rock".

After that we finished it off with all the Candidates having a group photo and a photo with the Bishop. What a fantastic Holy night we all enjoyed!

**By: Leia Marques-Ruiz Year 6**

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Cole Stephenson** (Y6) and his big brother **Dylan Stephenson** (past SMCS pupil) who were both successfully graded for their Karate Black Belts.

It was very hard, long and tiring, but they fought their way through and did a great job. Well done to them both!

Here is a photo of Cole and Dylan with their Dad Kerry who graded for his 1st Degree Black Belt and is now a Sempai.



## **SMCS "Vege Garden and beyond" PROPOSAL**

Wouldn't it be wonderful to involve our children with small scale cultivation of vegetables? A number of parents have already expressed interest and support for both the resurrection of the existing planter boxes and the development of new ones in more light-exposed area on the school grounds. Christine King has been instrumental in facilitating such projects to date but we need parental input to continue her amazing work.

### **Aim**

- To teach children in a fun and nurturing environment the process of growing plants from seedling to productive crop.
- To demonstrate to children through active participation the concept of "where your food comes from".
- To teach children "organic" Vs "non-organic" growing practices and pest maintenance on a small scale.
- To enable older children to venture into small scale marketing and sales.
- To further foster a sense of community with the St Michaels Catholic School and Parish.
- To potentially help Mr. Laver with school ground maintenance and further embrace and empower his contributions and efforts within the St. Michaels community.

### **Hopeful Outcomes**

- Happy children, productive plants.
- Sales of produce Friday afternoons to parents after school.
- Proceeds of sales towards event/item nominated by children.
- Support Mr. Laver with ground maintenance.



***Please join us for a meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm at the School to brainstorm and discuss this further.***

***Could those interested in coming along and having involvement please contact Johanna Karpik on [thepixiefamily@gmail.com](mailto:thepixiefamily@gmail.com)***

## **PTA NEWS**

Thank you all for supporting the cake stall and sausage sizzle after school Mass! The evening was a huge success and a great fellowship time! We sold all 150 sausages making \$300, the beverages brought in \$200 and the cake stall made \$835.

Thank you to **Marie Yovich** for organizing the cake stall and big thanks to all those who contributed baking! Thank you to our parent helpers who donated their time and goods: **Marie Yovich, Caroline Harris, Laura Thomson, Kelly Byers, Sumi King, Deahna Barrington, Yuriko Gimeno, Agnieszka Wolski, Gracela Gregorio, Steve Burnie, Justine & Jereon Went, Gina & Mark Dignan, and Lane & Mike Molloy,**



## **Kids Disco**

There's an Alien Invasion Coming!

**Friday 23 June @ 5:30-7:30pm in the Mary McKillop Hall**

It's going to be "out of this world" fun! Prizes for best alien or disco costume.

**(Younger siblings welcome but must have parental supervision)**

## **NOTICES**

### **Choral Vigil Mass**

**The Body & Blood of Christ at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph**

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm.

Featuring the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles, this is also an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the musical tradition of the Catholic Church, music that is now often only heard in concert performances.

Validated parking is available at the Wilsons's Car Parks on Hobson St (\$4) or Durham Lane (\$2).

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