



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

11th May 2017

Dear St Michael's School Community,

Thank you everyone for donating a gold coin for the Westpac Chopper Appeal. Together the student's at St Michael's Catholic School raised **\$268.40.**



Novena to Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary Novena 4th to 13th May It was lovely to see so many families attending the Novena on Monday 8. Thank you for making the special effort. Please see Leia Marques- Ruiz account of the evening in the newsletter.

Becoming Church – Congratulations to the 42 St Michael's Students who made their First Reconciliation last night at St Michael's Church. Thank you to the facilitators and Fr Tony for organising this special event.

Sickness – There have been some nasty stomach bugs going around at school. If your child is sick, please keep them at home to stop it spreading to other people.

Catholic Special Character Review 14th and 15 June – Please can you complete the survey which is attached with this newsletter. Hard copies are available from the office.

Bullying – Free NZ Week 22-26 May 2017 – The National Bullying-Free NZ Week takes place each year, in conjunction with **Pink Shirt Day (Friday 26 May)**. This year's theme is "NZ Students with solutions – Working together to end bullying. For more information go to <https://www.bullyingfree.nz/bullying-free-new-zealand-week/>

Reports and Parent Interviews – Reports will go home at the end of Week 3 and Parent Interviews: **Wednesday 24 May:** 1.30pm to 5.30pm (for Rooms 3 to 10); Rooms 1 and 2 are 3.15pm to 5.30pm. (Students can be picked up at 1pm or they will go to the Hall at 1.50pm until 2.55pm supervised). **Thursday 25 May:** All classes 3.15pm to 5.15pm and 6pm to 7.30pm.

Please use the following link www.schoolinterviews.co.nz; enter code **282e4** and follow step 1,2 and 3 to make your appointment with your child's teacher.



Month of Mary – May Devotion

"Going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother. Our Lady is always near her Son. The Magi are not received by a king on a throne, but by a child in the arms of his mother. Let us ask the Mother of God, who is our mother, to prepare for us the way that leads to the fullness of love ... Her sweet heart knows the surest path for finding Christ." Let us offer to our Mother today: A visit to a poor person to communicate our Lady's concern for that person.

God bless you,

Ann McKeown
Principal

BEREAVEMENTS

- Mrs Wasley's Uncle Bob passed away on Friday 5 May. Our thoughts and prayers to Cam, Rebecca, Samantha, Kayla & Zoe.
- Kerryn Gray's Grandmother passed away on Friday 5 May in Whakatane Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kerryn and her family.
- Mrs Phillips' Uncle Des also passed away recently - our thoughts and prayers to Carolynn and her family.

Y6 NEWS REPORT



St Michael's Parish Novena to our Lady of Fatima



On Monday 8 May evening our school's Rosary group led the Novena to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of our Lady of Fatima apparitions. The Novena was organised by the Legion of Mary group and our Principal Mrs. Ann McKeown. The Rosary group children carried the candles and took our Lady in procession to the altar.

The people in the church joined the group during the procession and sung a hymn to our Lady. The children of the Rosary group knelt in front of the altar ready to pray. Mrs Carol Kenealy and Mrs Anne Cotton welcomed us and Mrs McKeown and Ms Stirrat started praying the Novena. We said a decade and each member of the group with the support of Ms Stirrat and Mrs McKeown led the prayers.

The prayers were so touching when the children said out the prayers in a respectful manner with devotion. The people at church were impressed with the children's attitude. The Novena ended with some songs to our Lady and a boy sang a lovely hymn which impressed everyone in the church. The ceremony was lovely and devoted to our Lady of Fatima. Our Rosary Prayer group was fantastic!

By: Leia Marques-Ruiz - Year 6 News Report Leader

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <u>WEEK TWO</u> | |
| Fri 12 May | |
| Sun 14 May | Becoming Church - Confirmation |

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| <u>WEEK THREE</u> | |
| Mon 15 May | |
| Tues 16 May | |
| Wed 17 May | Mass 9.15am - Room 9 |
| Thurs 18 May | |
| Fri 19 May | |
| Sun 21 May | Becoming Church - Confirmation |

PTA NEWS

*Pizza payment update: After reviewing options for payment for pizza Fridays, the PTA has decided to **continue with cash & coins** at this time. We will re-evaluate at a later date should a better option become affordable.

*The photo booth is always very popular at the Kids Disco and we are looking for a sponsor to help cover the costs (\$450). If you would like to help us with this cost or your business would like advertising at this event on 23 June, please contact Lane Molloy at laneleigh@gmail.com

***Kids Disco**

Friday 23 June

5:30-7:30pm

Mary McKillop Hall

The **“Brain Olympics”** are back

After a great response last year, we are excited to host a second **Knowledge-a-thon!** This is a joint venture between teachers, students and the PTA. The knowledge-a-thon aims to:

- Increase students' knowledge of New Zealand history, famous individuals and important places along with supporting the years learning focus on sciences, and
- Raise funds through sponsorship for exciting initiatives that the PTA intends to fund such as a new sound system for the Mary McKillop Hall.

Question sheets will be sent home on **Friday 26 May** and children will need to research and learn the answers in preparation for their **test on Friday 9 June**. (Senior students will verbally test some of the younger classes). Because of the research required, this will replace usual homework.

At the same time, we ask that the children (with your support) organise sponsors.

This year we have decided to award more **prizes!** The class that raises the most money will have the opportunity to experience a half day at 'Mind Lab' by Unitech. There will also be a prize for the family that raises the most funds and the class who returns all sponsorship funds the fastest.

We look forward to hosting this great initiative again and appreciate all the support we receive from our school community.

SPCA NEED HELP!

The SPCA require Towels/Blankets for the animals

As the weather is cooling & you're getting the winter bedding out of storage, keep in mind the SPCA for any old items you might otherwise throw away. Bring them to school and put them in the Caring Shed and Gina Dignan will pick them up on **Wednesday 17 May** and take them out to the SPCA.

Help Karl Kick Cancer - Silent Auction

A group of Mums from St Michael's have come together in organising a silent auction to help one of our beautiful St Michael's families; Karl and Maria Hancock.

Karl is continuing his battle to overcome Metastasised Bowel Cancer and has a long and costly road ahead. His most recent treatment cost \$35,000. The great fully received funds from the 'Give a Little' page will go a long way to covering this and the funds raised from the silent auction will go towards further treatment that Karl will need to undergo over the coming months.

The organising committee are seeking your support over the next 2 weeks in the way of donations of auction items towards the silent auction. Perhaps you have a Beach house you could donate for one weekend, a famous relative that would host a dinner party at your favourite restaurant, a piece of art work, a contact for white goods, a contact with a stylist, interior designer, photographer, travel agent, handyman services, gardening services, cleaning services, babysitting services...anything you think your family and friends would bid on!!

Donated auction items will be collected until the 30 May and may be taken to the school office for daily collection by the organising committee.

The silent auction is being launched on the Queen's birthday holiday (5th June) and will run for 7 days where you will have the opportunity to bid and outbid each other on amazing items and help us help Karl kick Cancer! A link to the auction website will be sent out over the coming weeks for you to register as a bidder in time for auction week.

If you would like to donate an item to the auction please contact Stephanie Kerr on Stephanie.kerr78@icloud.com or mobile 0226963993.

SPORTS NEWS

The Saints Y6 Netball team had their first game on Tuesday against St Mary's Ellerslie.

With some new players to the team and some oldies, an enormous first effort was put in by the girls and we reaped the rewards of a **11 vs 2 WIN**. Well done girls on a fantastic start to the season and to **Somer** for **Player of the Day**.

Thanks to **Coach Helen** and **Umpire Eleohn** for their contribution on the night and to our supporting Mum's, Dad's, brothers and sisters.

L-R back row: Violeta, Somer, Bailee, (Coach Helen), Juliene

L-R front row: Mia, Georgia, India (Kerryn absent)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Play it strange with Rotary Newmarket Present "We are one – A concert for Autism"

Who: Fiona McDonald, Shane Cortese, Mike Chunn, Jordan Luck, Peter Urlich, Larry Morris and many more.

When: Saturday 13 May.

Where: Sacred Heart College Auditorium, Glendowie

Time: 6pm Festive Family Food and Refreshments (cash)/ 7pm Doors for show. Tickets \$45 adults/ \$25 Children.

**Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Marriage and Family Life**

Associate Co-ordinator/Resource person

We are seeking a methodical, cheerful, dedicated, and efficient person with a passion for marriage and family to share the work of marriage preparation. The role involves liaison with Marriage Educator couples and engaged couples, preparation of course material, administration and hosting at courses.

Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, along with proficient computer aptitude and knowledge of social media, Facebook are required. Applicant needs to be hospitable and welcoming, and ideally have super liaison and organisational skills.

This is a part time role of 24 hours per week, with some evening and Saturday work.

To view the position description, person specification and to download an application form, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under staff vacancies.

Please send cover letter, CV and application form to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager
Email: leannek@cda.org.nz **Applications close on 23 May 2017**