



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

16th February 2017

Dear St Michael's School Community,

I feel blessed to be part of St Michael's Catholic School community. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Health and Safety Concerns

1. In order for our school to be a safe place for our students I have set up an **Incident/Near Miss Register** which is stored on the Senior Notice Board. If you see an incident or a near miss please complete the details on the register so that the school can take action to remove the risk for our students.
2. If a student has a head injury or a knock to their head, parents will be notified in case the child develops concussion.
3. In the case of a serious incident an ambulance will be rung and the parents notified. I am in the process of developing a procedure for staff to follow.
4. We have a number of students who have **severe allergies** especially Nut and Gluten allergies. Before you bring any treats to school can you please check with your child's teacher if there are students who have allergies in the class. It would be better to have packaged treats to avoid cross contamination.

Prayer for Christchurch

Dear Lord, we pray for the city of Christchurch that you will keep them safe from the fires and that they may feel your love and peace, Amen"

Fast Response to Fires

If you wish to support the families and individuals impacted by the recent fires in the South Island, you can donate to The Catholic Caring Foundation online www.caringfoundation.org.nz, (please write FIRE in comments section) by phone (09) 360 3045, by post to Catholic Caring Foundation Fire Appeal, Private Bay 47904, Auckland 1144 or by direct banking to 02-0100-0242648-00 with your name as reference and FIRE as code. All donations receipted.

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>

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

****SCHOOL CENTENARY FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY****

Friday – Photos, Mass at 12pm, Lunch (pizza, ice blocks and water on sale) and fun games organised by the PTA. Saturday – Garden Party with the Choir singing just after 1pm. Sunday – At 10am St Michael's Parish and Centenary Mass. **To help with refreshments after the Mass could you please bring a plate to share.**

CURRICULUM

2017 YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP ROLES at St Michael's Catholic School

Over the last few years we have introduced leadership roles for all of our Year 6 students.

The focus is on Servant Leadership & the importance of giving back to the school community in their final year at St Michael's Catholic School. The leadership roles are varied, and hopefully complement the gifts & talents of each student as well as developing character and resilience and giving student's new skills and opportunities to contribute to the life of the school and the lives of our school community. The student's job is to meet the challenges of the roles, initiate new ideas and give back to others.

SPECIAL CATHOLIC CHARACTER LEADERS - Clara Donnelly, Luka Seselj & Liam Houghton

This role is given to two students who are strong role models of their faith; they walk the talk, are organised and compassionate.

This role includes working with Miss van Schaijik the DRS, on Masses & Liturgies. They will also lead the school in the end of day prayer at Assemblies and will assist with Meditation on Mondays. They will also lead the school at our Lowering of the Flag liturgy when we lose someone in our community. They will share the responsibility of the Caring Shed with the Cultural Leaders. We look forward to witnessing their faith & organisational skills.

CULTURAL LEADERS - Briana Afele & Juliene Salivio

These students are passionate, active and articulate. They will work with the Special Character Leaders in the shared responsibility of the Caring Shed. This is a very important role and we look forward to seeing these students speak at assemblies, be involved with Masses and other cultural experiences.

HOUSE LEADERS

House leaders are responsible for leading their house at whole school sports events, organising and running house meetings leading up to sports events, encouraging enthusiasm through chanting and banners prior to and on the day of sports events, general role model and upkeep of Saint Mary MacKillop school values and showcasing excellent sportsmanship towards others. Additionally this role includes assisting the PTA when fundraising at school and at events.

CLUNY HOUSE LEADERS: Sophia Urlich, Caitlin Weir & Seth Byers

POMPALLIER HOUSE LEADERS: Bailee Courtney, India Twomey & Cole Stephenson

MACKILLOP HOUSE LEADERS: Mia Seselj, Olivia Facer & Ethan Harvey

PATRICK HOUSE LEADERS: Molly O'Connor, Riley Betham & Felix McAuley

Our House Leaders will accept the house cup at assemblies and lead by example through good sportsmanship and excellent behaviour while out of the school grounds at sports days, zones and sports exchanges.

JUMP JAM LEADER - Amelia Seccombe

Our Jump Jam squad leader has awesome talents in movement and dance! Our Jump Jam leader is committed to promoting fun fitness in our school. The role entails motivating and inspiring the rest of the squad and the school during Jump Jam time. The Jump Jam Leader will liaise with Miss Brown.

LIBRARY LEADERS - Kyden Chan & Grayson Norcross

These students all have a passion for reading and are able to initiate new ideas. They will be working with Mrs Cordtz as the teacher librarian. They will also assist with the organisation & running of Book Week. They will run competitions and help Mrs Cordtz keep the library attractive & user friendly. They will help with the training of other student librarians and will open the library at lunchtimes. We look forward to an exciting year for our Library Leaders.

MEDIA LEADERS - Sofya Sulit, Austin Sarney & Ava Gregorio-Hansen

Media Leaders demonstrate the Key Competencies of Self-Management and Thinking responsibly while using the resources and equipment. They also respect those they are recording in order to adhere to the school guidelines for those who do not wish to appear in photographs or video. The Media leaders will

liaise with Mrs Harvey. Media leaders are responsible for recording all SMCS events that we as a school community would want to have documented by way of photographs and/or video. This includes but is not limited to: Assemblies, Sports Days, and Masses. Media Leaders are to download these images / clips to the appropriate folders on the SMCS Google Drive or server. All content of these folders should be available for use by the school.

IT LEADERS - Somer Tong, Lucy Gleeson & Maxwell Thomas

These students are responsible for the management & storage of the school devices. They will liaise with Miss Schreuder, especially around any maintenance issues. This is a challenging job and we look forward to watching these students take on this role. The IT leaders will have responsibility for the Sound System in the hall. They will report any maintenance issues to Mrs Harvey & will ensure that it is set up & packed away for any event held in the St Mary MacKillop Hall.

SPORT LEADERS - Taylor Fisher & James Mitchell

Sport leaders are responsible for running assemblies for school events (Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics), liaising with teachers to organise fitness sessions, encouraging enthusiasm and sharing information about any new sporting opportunities during school time, and show-casing excellent sportsmanship towards others. The Sport Leaders work alongside 'sports-shed monitors' to oversee the Sports Shed and ensure the equipment is stored safely for ease of use.

NEWSREPORT LEADERS - Leia Marques-Ruiz, Amelia Smith, Kerry Gray & Caitlin Murphy

The responsibilities of the news report leaders includes, recounting SMCS events and sharing these with the community via newsletters, Class Story and School Story. They will combine and develop their knowledge and skills in the areas of literacy, technology and The Arts.

OUTREACH LEADERS - Giselle Ford, Ava Goodare, Violeta Zalazar & Kayla Lightbourne

As an outreach leader, the student's will organise and run fundraising activities in support of the wider community, in spirit with our Mary MacKillop values. They will organise events such as SPCA Cupcake Day; Caritas Lenten unit; Beads of Courage; Kidscan and any other opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 3

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| 15.2 | Mass 9.15am - Room 9; Assembly 2.20pm - Rm 8 hosting |
| 16.2 | Y3 - Y6 Cricket Skills |
| 17.2 | New Families M/Tea - 9am in Library; |

Week 4

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| 21.2 | Staff Dedication Mass - 7pm at Owairaka Church |
| 22.2 | Mass 9.15am - Room 3; BOT Mtg - 7pm |
| 23.2 | Y3 - Y6 Cricket Skills |
| 24.2 | Centenary Celebrations – Photos, Mass 12pm |
| 25.2 | Centenary Celebrations - Garden Party with the Choir singing just after 1pm |
| 26.2 | 10am St Michael's Parish and Centenary Mass. Refreshments afterwards |

PTA NEWS

Last Year the PTA began the project of refurbishing and reorganising the **Junior Book Room**.

Many thanks to **Deahna Barrington** and her team of volunteers: **Nancy Riordan, Marsha Robins, Susanna Pinto, Susan Woolley, Louise Barnett and Nicole Coombes**. They have put a lot of time into this endeavour; it looks great and is much appreciated by the teachers! The PTA bought new stickers and boxes as well as other resources to make the returning of books a much easier job. The readers are in the process of being inventoried and numbered so they can be returned easily to the correct box.

We also budgeted about \$2000 for new readers which will be purchased this year. Each reader costs \$10, so when they are brought home by your child, please make sure they are looked after and returned.

Once the system is finished in the coming weeks, parent help will be needed throughout the year to re-shelve books. As little or as much time as you have- 15 mins a couple of times a week is helpful. Please email deahnamareee@gmail.com if available. **Thank you for your help and support to benefit the students of St Michael's!**

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The 2nd hand uniform shop will be open after school tomorrow – **Friday 17 February at 2.45pm - 3.15pm.** If any parents have any second hand uniforms that are no longer useful, but in good condition, please donate them to our second hand uniform shop. (drop off at the school office).

NOTICES

BECOMING CHURCH PROGRAMME 2017

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

Please visit the St Michaels Parish website www.remueracatholic.org.nz for dates, enrolment forms and further information. Any questions, please contact Emma Houghton at stmichaelsbecomingchurch@gmail.com

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

- **BARADENE** Applications for 2018 close on 23rd March and an open evening is being held on Thursday 9th March at 6:30pm.
- **MARIST COLLEGE** Catholic School for Girls, Years 7–13 OPEN DAY Thursday, 2nd March 2017 3pm – 6pm 31 Alberton Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 1025 | Phone 846 8311 www.maristcollege.school.nz
- **ST PETERS COLLEGE** – OPEN DAY is **Tuesday 28th Feb – 9.30am or 1.00pm**