



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

16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear St Michael's School Community,

Thank you to all the parents who attended the shared learning evening. The teachers worked hard to formulate their learning presentations for you. It was a successful evening and I have had lots of positive feedback.

**Education Review Office (ERO)** – ERO will be visiting our school from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Graeme Tregoweth and Kay Low are the names of the two Officers that will be conducting the Review. During the week they want to gather parent voice so on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9am they would like to extend an open invitation to parents to meet with one of the Reviewers.

**Health and safety on the playground** – An audit was carried out on our playground and the main concern was the low level of bark under the spider's web. The playground was closed until more bark was added. This has all been rectified.

**St Patrick's Day tomorrow – Green Mufti Day – bring a gold coin for Caritas.**

*"May the strength of God pilot us. May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us. May the word of God direct us. May thy salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for ever more."*



God bless you,

*Ann McKeown*  
Principal

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Smiles all round after SMCS senior FlippaBall team "Orcas" had a brilliant win of 4:3 against Cornwall Park's Torpedos at Dio on Sunday 5th March. The Orcas showed determination and awesome teamwork.



**Standing Left to Right:** India Twomey, Amelia Seccombe, Antony Yovich, Roman Twomey, Daniel Yovich, Kyden Chan, Grayson Norcross, Marko Glass, Austin Sarney  
**Kneeling Left to Right:** Ava Gregorio-Hansen, Sydelle Kumar

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: [www.catholicschools.org.nz](http://www.catholicschools.org.nz) (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2017 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2017**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Week 8

Wed 22.3	<b>Mass 9.15am - Room 6;</b> Swimming sports Assembly 2.15pm; <b>BOT Mtg - 7pm</b>
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### Week 9

Wed 29.3	<b>Mass 9.15am - Room 7;</b> Assembly 2.20pm - Rm 7 hosting
Sun 2.4	<b>Becoming Church - Introduction</b>

## PTA NEWS

### Scholastic Book Orders 2017

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 is currently available and your child/children will be bringing this home this week.

Scholastic has improved its ordering process with the introduction of a new All-In-One Brochure and **online ordering**. You now order and pay for your books at [www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of the school. There is no need to send anything into school.

Step 1: Go to Website [www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

Step 2: Click Order

Step 3: Select School - either by postcode (1050) or school (ST MICHAELS SCHOOL)

Step 4: Select Order number (in this instance Order 5)

If this is your first time - you will need to set up your children

Step 5: Click "+" and follow the instructions.

Step 6: Complete the order using the codes from the Paper Order Forms.

**Other forms of payment are no longer accepted by SMCS.**

Every order earns 20% in Rewards for the school.

Please place your orders by FRIDAY 24 MARCH

Thank you for your support and Happy Reading!! Any questions please email [lane.pta2016@gmail.com](mailto:lane.pta2016@gmail.com)

# **NOTICES**

## **Choral Mass**

### **The Annunciation of the Lord *at St Patrick's Cathedral***

Saturday, 25 March at 7.30 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).

## **PASIFIKA FESTIVAL 2017 - EVENT INFORMATION**

*Western Springs Park will be transformed into 11 Pacific Island villages, each with a performance stage and market stalls. Experience the sounds and flavours of Pacific Island cultures without leaving Auckland.*

**WHAT:** 25th Pasifika Festival

**DATE:** Sat 25 - Sun 26 March

**TIME:** Sat 10am - 5pm; Sun 10am - 4pm

**WHERE:** Western Springs Park

**ENTRY:** FREE!

**INFORMATION:** [www.aucklandnz.com/pasifika](http://www.aucklandnz.com/pasifika)