


Newsletter – 14 April 2022

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Tēnā koutou katoa St Michael's Catholic School Community,

“Ngā Mihi O Te Aranga”

Happy Easter

This has been a tough term for our school community and especially for all those affected by COVID-19. It was a blessing to end the term with a Washing of the Feet Liturgy in the Church. It was a special time for students and staff to be back in the Church after such a long time. It will be wonderful to welcome back whanau on site next term now that we are in the orange setting. I pray that you all have a wonderful Easter Break with your families.

Catholic Special Character Internal Review Parent/whanau survey

We would love for you to complete this **survey**.

As part of our annual Catholic Special Character Review, we would like to gather information about how effectively our school, through its practices and communications, facilitates encounters with Christ and spreads the Good News.

We aim to explore any barriers to meaningful (conscious, active) participation of families in Special Character (encountering Christ) opportunities provided through school and parish. Thank you in advance for your input.

Term 1 Progress Reports

These went out yesterday to families of students who have been at school this term. You will have an opportunity to discuss this with your child's teacher at the beginning of next term, face to face. Please book your time following the directions below.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 4 May at 1:30pm – 5:30pm and Thursday 5 May at 3:30pm to 7:30pm

Please note: School finishes at **1pm on Wednesday 4 May** so please could parents ensure their children are collected at this time. For those students who are unable to be collected due to parents working, they will have lunch at the normal time and then they will go to the hall from 2pm until 2:55pm to be supervised.

Bookings opened on Monday 11 April. Please book your visits through the Skool Loop App.

To download the Skool Loop App:

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



To make your Parent/Teacher booking:

1. Click on your "Interviews" tile
2. Select "Select Interview"
3. Select your child's teacher
4. Select what day/date preference
5. Select your time preference
6. Click "Select"
7. Enter students details and sign at the bottom
8. Select "Book Interview"
9. A confirmation email will be sent to you with your bookings details.

Encountering CHRIST

St Michael's Parish Website – Mass times – Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm; Monday – Friday 7am & 12noon; Saturday 8am.

Holy Week Mass Times 2022 @ St Michael's Parish – Mass times – Holy Thursday 7.30pm; Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross & 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord; Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 8pm; Easter Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm

Sunday Mass online by going to the **Catholic Diocese of Auckland website** Each Saturday evening at 5.30 pm Sunday Mass becomes available for viewing.

Free NZ Catholic digital edition Apr. 10-23

Some headlines for this issue: Social and community housing project on Church land. New CEO for Caritas. Kiwis pray for peace in Ukraine. Icons in exhibition at Akld gallery.

Food For Faith

This website is great for feeding your spirit. There are daily reflections on the readings of the day. These can be emailed to you as well by emailing John O'Connor

 I find listening to the daily lectio divina helps me grow closer to Christ.

(Blue Mountain ecards)

Manaaki ki te Atua,

**Ann McKeown
Principal Tumuaki**

Sustainability! – Waste Audit in Term 1

As part of our efforts to improve the school's sustainability initiatives, the Year 6 students recently undertook a waste audit. The purpose of this audit was to look at how much waste we are producing as a school community and where we can look to improve.

The results were quite surprising with a total waste (for one day) of **14.8kg**, including nearly **2kgs of food waste!** As a result of the audit the Year 6 Sustainability Leaders, along with Mrs Spora, will be looking at ways we can reduce this amount moving forward.

Watch this space next term, for ways you can help from home!



Presiding Board Chair News



School Board Elections 2022

The next trisennial school Board of Trustees (BoT) elections are to be held in September this year and we encourage you to think about running for the Board.

The BoT is made up of elected parent representatives, proprietor representatives, Ann as principal, and a teacher representative. As a school community it makes us stronger when we have a cross section of views and experiences at a governance level. While being on the Board can be challenging it is also rewarding as you draw on your personal experiences while considering the wider good and direction the school is heading. September is only 6 months away so now is the time to start considering how you can contribute.

Feel free to contact any of the current BoT members, if you would like to know more you can email **Jon Williams** [(#)]

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Catholic Church Aotearoa Feedback Form

Haere mai, Talofa lava, Maligayang pagdating, Malo e leilei, Hwan yeong, Bienvenido, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Bienvenue, and Welcome!

Pope Francis has asked the question of 'how we journey together'. The purpose is to 'listen to the questions, concerns and hopes of every church, people and nation'.

We'd like to hear from you! People of all backgrounds are invited to contribute. Completing this feedback form takes about five minutes and your input will feed into a diocesan/regional paper on how we as a Church and as Catholics 'journey together', which then informs a paper to the Vatican. **Catholic Church Aotearoa Feedback Form**

Yay! We've made it through a term!!

We're really optimistic that with the change to orange setting yesterday, we will be able to get back to some semblance of normality and be able to start organising some events in the upcoming terms.

Pizza Fridays

Thank you to all of the classes who have helped so far with pizzas and to Sylvie and her team for organising it each week.

Yummy fruit sticker collecting

An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away...and can get the school some cool sports equipment for play times!

2022 Yummy Sticker Promotion -Sports Gear

- Once again the promotion is running for terms 2 and 3.
- Each sticker is with 1 point and each bag tag is worth 10 points.
- Please place completed sheets into the PTA box (outside the PTA cupboard in the senior school) or give them directly to Mrs Barrington.
- Last year SMCS collected close to 6000 points, which equated to over \$700 of playground and sports gear.

Link to the collection sheet- [Yummy Sticker Collection Sheet](#) *(click to view/print)*

Sticker Collection Sheet – The Yummy Fruit Co

1 2 3 4 5 6 You're on your way to some cool sports gear. 7 8 9 10 11 12 Ask friends and family to help you collect stickers. 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 www.yummyfruit.co.nz

2nd Hand School Uniform shop

The next date that the 2nd hand school uniform shop will be open in is the **6th May in term 2**.

As we approach the end of term and change to the winter uniform, we would be very glad of any uniform (summer or winter) that you would like to donate as we are still short of many sizes. Please send any donations that you may have into school with your child.

Working Bee

As we have not been able to access the school for some time, the grounds are looking a little unloved, so we are hoping to have a Community Working Bee early next term, possibly for a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon – date to be confirmed. Everyone is welcome to come along, bring tools and lend a hand. More details after the holidays.

Next PTA meeting (In real life!!)

Next PTA meeting date **Monday – 9th May at 7pm**, everyone is welcome to join.

We hope that you will all have a fantastic Easter break.

Take care all

Ree, Sarah and the PTA