



# Sacred Heart School Petone

Te Kura o Ngākau Tapu ki Pito-One

## NEWSLETTER



### DATES TO NOTE

#### Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

- Regional Athletics
- FOSH Art Evening

#### Fri 4 Dec

- Christmas Craft Day

#### Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Transition Day

#### Tues 8 Dec

- TTT Day whole school

#### Wed 9 Dec

- Road Patrol Pool Party

#### Thurs 10 Dec

- End of Year Mass  
9.30am
- School Picnic 11am

#### Fri 11 Dec

- RISE Token Rewards  
Dress Up day
- Touch finishes

#### Sun 13 Dec

- Leavers Dinner Y8s and parents

#### Mon 14 Dec

- Christmas Newsletter
- Prizegiving Liturgy  
6.30pm

#### Tues 15 Dec

- Last day of Term 4.  
School finishes at **1pm**



#### Wed 3 Feb 2021

- 2021 Start Date

### 2021 Term Dates

#### Term 1

Wed 3 Feb – Fri 16 Apr

#### Term 2

Mon 3 May – Fri 9 July

#### Term 3

Mon 26 July – Fri 1 Oct

#### Term 4

Mon 18 Oct – Wed 15 Dec

### Number 17

Wednesday 2 December 2020

Tena koutou Nga whanau

Welcome to our final full school newsletter for 2020! The next newsletter will be a brief newsletter with Christmas messages and a few reminders.

As we move into the Season of Advent we reflect on our preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It is a time of waiting and we are encouraged to do things for others as we wait. The candles on the Advent wreath represent Hope–Peace–Joy–Love. A new candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent.

A huge thank you to everyone who over the last week supported the Anthony family, including holding them in your prayers. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the funeral or provide a plate. Thanks also to all of you who contributed to the GiveALittle page. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers as they return to their lives in Palmerston North this week.

Sorry the weather didn't allow us to participate in the Christmas Parade this year. We felt it was probably not a good idea to walk in that weather. Maybe the weather will be kinder to us next year!!

Congratulations to Te Raukura Leafe, Danijela Craw, Sia Vaka, Eva Markkula Leafe and Benjamin Lewer who will represent our school and zone at the Regional Athletics tomorrow.

**End of Year Mass:** This will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in Sacred Heart Church. **Kotuku, Pukeko and Kakapo students will wear correct school summer uniform to Mass.** The rest of the students will wear school PE uniform. Seniors may change into school PE uniform after Mass.

**Picnic:** Our school picnic will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December (following the End of Year Mass this year) at the Arena Aquatic Centre in Porirua. We will leave school at 11am and return at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to join us at the pool. Everyone will wear school PE uniform to the picnic this year. Children will require:

- Swimming togs and a towel/s in a bag
- Sunhat
- Large drink
- Lunch

They will not require spending money.

**End of Year Activities:** Please make sure you diary all our end of year events. These are on the front of each Newsletter and on the Term 4 calendar, which came home at the beginning of term.

**Prizegiving Liturgy is at 6.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This is a whole school event, which all students are expected to attend.**

There will be a one page Christmas newsletter on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December with a few reminders and farewells. **School will finish for 2020 at 1pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that your children are collected at this time.** We will be having an Assembly at 11am on that Tuesday and then children will return to their classes and be dismissed at 1pm.

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

Brayden Bain  
Alexis-Sia Pereira-  
Aukusitino  
Lauleni Brunt-Perez  
Maria Devine  
Jackson Burt

Kererū class have been  
very busy creating some  
beautiful artwork for our  
Art Evening



**Absence Notification:** Once the roll is called at 9am, we then begin the process of checking children with unknown absences. Please use the school app or ring and leave a message if your child/ children will be away. The process of ringing to find out where children are takes up a lot of time and it is important as a safety issue. We must know where your child is, and we must give a reason if they are away. At present the Ministry of Education is checking school attendance data weekly. If we don't know where your child is, they will be marked Truant.

**HERO Comment:** You will receive your final HERO comment for the year on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

*Thought for the Week:*

"Advent is the time to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, the time to look ahead, and to prepare ourselves for Christ's return." (**Pope Francis@pontifex**)

Ma Atua e manaaki  
God bless  
Liz

## School Notices

- ◆ **LIBRARY BOOKS** – please have a good look at home, in desks and bags for any school library books. We need them back urgently for the annual stocktake. Thank you.
- ◆ **EMERGENCY PACKS** – Please return your slip by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December if you wish to have your child's/ren's Emergency Packs returned to you. All food in the packs will otherwise be donated to St Vincent De Paul.
- ◆ **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** – These make wonderful Christmas presents, and fundraise for school at the same time! School receives an extra \$10 or \$20 on top of the 20% we already receive. Remember you can make your purchase anytime, and the 12 or 24 months starts from the activation date. Your membership can be activated 3 months after the purchase. There are some great deals out at present so you can eat, play and have fun these summer holidays! [www.entertainmentbook.co.nz](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz)
- ◆ **FOSH**

### Sacred Heart Holiday Programme:

Just a reminder to register your children for the Sacred Heart Holiday Programme 16-18 December 8.30am - 3.30pm. Email Madeline on [masandjared@gmail.com](mailto:masandjared@gmail.com) or text/phone Kate on 021 374335 to register. We will have Christmas craft activities, Christmas movies, Christmas baking and a walk to Santa's grotto in Jackson Street. Be sure to register by 11 December. Cost - 1 child \$30 per day, 2 children \$50 per day, 3 children plus \$70 per day.

### Sacred Heart Art Auction evening - 3 December:

**It's not too late to send along your artwork to school for the Sacred Heart Art Auction tomorrow evening.** Please encourage extended family, neighbours etc to come along! There is some amazing student's artwork to be seen! We have some very talented artists.

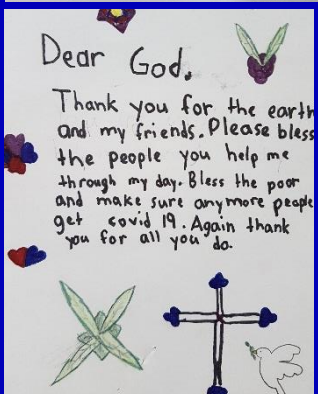
## Community Notices

- ◆ **Caritas Gifts** ordered by **December 7** can be delivered in time for Christmas. Don't miss this opportunity to give a gift of Hope, Life, Peace or Learning this holiday season! <https://caritas.org.nz/caritas-gifts>
- ◆ **The Big Read and The Little Read** – boost your summer reading. Win great prizes. 0 - 12 years old. Sign up at your local library from 1 December. More information at [library.huttcity.govt.nz](http://library.huttcity.govt.nz)
- ◆ **The St Vincent de Paul group at Sacred Heart Church** is putting **Christmas food parcels** together for the people they know might benefit from a bit of extra support - especially at this time of the year. They would really appreciate it if you could donate a





Does anyone own this lost little animal?



non-perishable Christmas themed food item for their Christmas food parcels. Your child can place your food donation in the basket at school (in the foyer) or the basket in the church foyer. Some suggested items are: Christmas treats, mini Christmas cake or pudding, chocolates, tinned fruit, jelly, custard powder, crackers, biscuits, dried fruit and nuts etc... Please add your item to the basket by Mon 14 December. Thanks

## Celebrating Our Students

Our school is part of Te Kahui Waiako. It consists of 4 Catholic primaries and our 2 local colleges. On Thursday we got all the Y8's together as part of their transition to college. It was a great morning of meeting new people and bonding over a Master Chef challenge.



We had another great school disco. Thanks to everyone who helped organise it, and to everyone who came and had such a good time. Aren't these two wonderful on one of the stalls?

Thank you to everyone who supported the sausage sizzle last Friday, we were able to make a much-appreciated donation to the family of Jessica Savariar.



Our amazing students who qualified for the Interzone Athletics.

**Congratulations** to Danijela Craw, Te Raukura Leafe, Benjamin Lewer, Sia Vaka and Eva Markkula-Leafe who have now qualified for the Regional Athletics.



Schrödinger's Books in Petone - Snowflakes in the window by Sacred Heart students! The customers are very impressed! What a beautiful book shop to visit!

## HEADS UP!

- \* **End of Year Mass –**  
Thursday 10 December  
9.30am. All welcome.
- \* **School Picnic –**  
Thursday 10 December  
11am. Students will  
travel by bus.
- \* **School Prize Giving  
Liturgy –** Monday 14  
December 6.30pm.  
All students expected to  
attend in school  
uniform.
- \* **Last day of Term –**  
Tuesday 15 December  
Please note early finish  
- **1.00pm.**



**Uniform Shop**  
**2021**  
**new opening days**  
**Tuesdays**  
2.45 – 3.15 pm  
**Wednesdays**  
8.45 – 9.15am

Uniform must be paid for  
at the time of purchase, or  
within 2 days if making an  
online payment.

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make more friends. We had a lot of fun and got to make new things. **Maggie**

Last week the Year 8 girls were given the opportunity to visit Sacred Heart College. We got to participate in 2 different techs, digital and sewing.

We all got a chance to meet new people and



### UNIFORM SHOP

Next week will be the last week for the Uniform Shop this year.



We would like to acknowledge Anita's years of running the Uniform Shop for us. Anita has gone above and beyond what is expected of her to keep our students looking great in their uniforms.

Thank you so much Anita on behalf of all the students, parents, and staff.

Louise Thomson will be taking over the shop in 2021. Thank you, Louise, for volunteering. In 2021 there will also be a change in shop days.

**TUESDAYS 2.45 – 3.15pm WEDNESDAYS 8.45 – 9.15am**

## Sacred Heart Petone's (FAMOUS) Art Auction - TOMORROW

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Sacred Heart School hall

5pm - 6.30pm – parent art viewing, silent art auction, wine & cheese, \$5 entry incl. glass of wine and your child's beautiful artwork to keep

## Board of Trustees

Kia ora koutou,

The Board met for the last time this year on Wednesday, 25 November. We welcomed Helen Mollo and thank her for joining us. We would also like to acknowledge and thank FOSH for all their fundraising efforts this year, and for the installation of the new sunshade on Tui deck.

We received reports from our SENCO, our Reading Recovery teacher and the ESOL tutor. We all received End of Year Data. All these reports were very interesting and showed the excellent support our students receive and the strong progress they have made.

The school privacy policy has been updated in line with the new Privacy Act. Should you wish to view the revised policy, you can ask Liz or Janet for a copy. It will also be on the new school website which is due to launch at the end of this month.

Thank you also to Maree, Jacqui, Liz and the entire school community for your support of the Anthony family over the last week.

And finally, thank you and congratulations to Liz and all the staff for all your hard work teaching and looking after our children over what has been a highly unusual and challenging year.

We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas,

Genevieve Hanify

