

Dear Parents/Caregivers

2017 Term 4 Week 5 November 15

Welcome to our new students in Room 10 - Olive Morrison, Jackson Allen, and Jude Sutton.



GARDEN TO TABLE for Years 5 / 6 Term 4:
Weeks, 7, Room 8 and 6. Week 6, 8 Room 7

ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM4
Weeks 6, 8

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2018

These positions are available for all students to apply for if they are going to be in Year 5 or 6 in 2018.

If you think you have the skills and attributes to be part of either the LIBRARY TEAM, LITURGY TEAM or STUDENT HEALTH TEAM.

Please write a letter addressed to either Ms Mahoney/Library, Mrs Jones/Liturgy Team or Mrs Milne /Student Health Team.

In your letter include your reason for applying, why you are interested in this position and the attributes you have that would make you a suitable team member. (Applications can be placed in Postman Pat).

If you are currently working in a team and would like to continue in that team, or no longer wish to be a member please let the teacher in charge know.

Students are only able to be in one leadership team, but that doesn't mean you can't apply for more than one position if you are interested.

Applications will close next Wednesday 22 November and then depending on numbers of applicants interviews will be held. All candidates successful and unsuccessful will be notified in writing.

MS MAHONEY MRS JONES MRS MILNE

SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR 2018:

The senior management team are making plans for 2018.

One of the real concerns for parents, always is, the class make up for 2018. If your child has a particular need that we should be aware of, please put this in writing, send to me and mark the envelope confidential.

(Please do not ask for particular teachers as this will not be considered).

There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday the 29th of November at 6.30pm to share the proposed organization of the school for 2018. This will be particularly important for parents of Year 2 – 4 students.

At this meeting we will share the structure of the school not which class your child will be in. The staff will make those decisions along with any supporting information that you share with us.

TERM EVENTS:

Week 6: Kids for Kids. Year 4-6 Athletics (Wed). New parent meeting (Wed) Welcome new children assembly Friday 2.15pm

Week 7: Parent Leavers mass and graduation dinner Friday 1st

Week 8: Year 6 to Muriwai (Mon). Reports home (Wed). Teacher parent time Thurs 7th 3.30- 5.30 (More info later)

Advent Walking School Bus.

Week 9: Mass and prize giving Thurs 14th at St Benedict's at 6.00pm (All Year 1-6 to attend)

Last day Friday the 15th. School ending at 1.00pm.

PTA:

The last PTA meeting for the year will be on Monday the 20th at 7.30pm. Come along and meet these enthusiastic and energetic parents. As it is the end of the year you won't need to worry about getting a job. There will be a special mystery prize draw.

Proclaiming the Word.

Congratulations to all our Year 6 semi-finalist for their polished presentations at Proclaiming the Word in the church last Monday. They included: Kayla, Alisha, Michayla, Ruby, Niko, Bianca, Kate, Lucy and Lakita-Rose (absent) Father John was very impressed with the very high standard this year. We are especially proud of our winner for 2017 Michayla.

Congratulations to Kate Bailey whose Hip Hop team competed in the world championships in Amsterdam and came fifth.

Congratulations also to our students who competed in the Australasian English and Mathematics competition.

Mathematics: Distinction -Abigail Varghese, Tessa Edmonds. Elijah Blackall. Credit – Zac Gabelich, Grace green, Ethan Sharp, Sophia Robinson, Noah Sutton, James Leetberg, Natalia Greig, Alisha Lawrence and Sebastian Luke. Merit –Rosa Whitehead.

English: Distinction –Sophia Robinson. Credit – Rosa Whitehead, Aleysha Adams, Zoe White, Elijah Blackall, Charlotte Gatehouse, Tessa Edmonds, Zoe Bailey, Leo Brophy, Siena Lee, Ethan Sharp and Lucy Shaw. Merit- Kayla Schluter

NETSAFE COMMUNITY MEETING: NINE Takeaways

1. **It's about behavior and not the tech** – DC is grounded in behavior. The only thing that is different is the environment
2. **Find out 'what's on top' for young people** – have conversations. It's easy to make assumptions about what young people are doing online, but often what they are thinking about is very different to what we are worrying about.
3. **It's a whole community approach** – everyone in the community needs to have a shared understanding about DC and online safety, and how they can support young people online. The responsibility does not lie solely with schools. Students, whanau and the community have a huge role to play.
4. **Tech solutions have limited impact** – especially as our young people grow. Filters and firewalls are great at school and at home, but we have to make sure our young people have skills and strategies to deal with life online when they are in different environments with different levels of protection
5. **We need to be proactive** – not just picking up the pieces. We need to make sure young people have the attitudes, skills, strategies and resilience to cope when things go wrong
6. **Teach them the basics** – it's about being nice and respectful towards one another. It's not rocket science, it's just about being a good citizen whether online or offline
7. **Be the change you want to see** – lead by example and be a good role model. If you want your kids to engage, put down your phone.
8. **Stay connected** – have conversations...even if you don't get much of a response. The fact that you have shown an interest will open up doors for them to come back to you at a later date, perhaps when things have turned to custard. Have the same kinds of conversations that you would have with a young person who has just come home from a day out with their friends – who have you been hanging out with? Where did you go? Do you think you would go back? etc.
9. **Engage support services** – you don't have to be the expert. If you don't understand, hop on and try it. If you are not sure what to do when things go wrong, connect with someone to help, whether it is school, a neighbor or Netsafe.
10. **Contact Netsafe – ANYTIME.** It could be to report an incident on behalf of a young person or just to ask advice. 0508NETSAFE

Blessed Francis I love gentle cats, bright flowers and magnificent whales. I know you loved them too. You adored not just beautiful but ugly animals too. You talked to the flowers in the fields. You watched the whales in the ocean. Saint Francis I love the way you shine light through my heart. I really adore you. So does Saint Francis School. Amen. Lola Brown.

Blessed Francis thank you for caring for the creepy crocodiles and monstrous komodo dragons. I like Brother Fire just like you do when Brother Fire sparkles in the night. Amen. Oliver Knight.

Loving Brother thank you for our sparkly sun and the oyster grey small wolves. I know you love the mint green ferns and cyan blue water. I know you talk a lot with people. And people love fire, fish and trees, bright stars and the Moon. Amen. Ivan Ching.

Loving Francis thank you for blessing the animals like fast dogs, amazing fish and sneaky birds. Thank you for forgiving mean people. Generous Francis I hope I follow you. Dear Francis help me not to fight. Amen. Noah Sadgrove.

Kids For Kids

Remember to order your tickets for Kids for Kids at Ticketek for our performance on the evening of Tuesday 21st November at Trust Stadium Arena. Thank you to all parents and children for the prompt return of permission slips for the rehearsal. Children will need to be at school by 8:15am on the morning of 21st November to catch the bus at 8:30 for our rehearsal. Children will need to be in full school uniform with morning tea and a sealable drink bottle, we will return to school by lunchtime. Many thanks Matua and Mrs Jones

SKIDS: Greetings to you all,

- Skids Holiday programme is back for one more round this year. We're planning on opening from the 18th of December to 22nd of December.
- Bookings are now available so do not forget to save a spot for your child. We can only make this possible if there is minimum number of bookings by the 30th of November.

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Thank you to the PTA who organised the amazing FOOD and WINE festival last Saturday and to all the parents and teachers who supported their efforts. This was such a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school family. We are so blessed in so many ways.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL. Marianne Booth Principal