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### **NEWSLETTER – Term 4, Friday 30 October 2020**

#### **From the Principal**

Nau mai, haere mai,

Hopefully you were able to enjoy some of the good weather that we had over the long weekend to either explore Canterbury or head away further afield. The majority of my weekend was spent taxiing teenagers around to their various social, work and sporting endeavours. The weather has certainly been a mixed bag for us in Canterbury, but I'm happy to report that it behaved for us during our school photos on Wednesday morning. The overcast conditions proved ideal for our outside photos and I look forward to seeing these when they roll in. I am always amazed at how school photographers manage to settle a group of excitable and fidgety children and for the most part end up with everyone smiling and looking at the camera. I think we may have even had a few soft toys hidden on laps that may feature in the final shot!

Wednesday night was a special evening for the school and proud moment for myself as the Principal attending the Aupaki Music Festival. It gave me a genuine feeling of Star of the Sea Community and I loved seeing the majority of our families in attendance. We were most definitely the most vocal and supportive when it came to our turn to perform. Many of the larger schools presented with very polished musicians, choirs and orchestras, but none were able to front up with their full school in attendance to sing. A huge thank you to Matua Sonny and our teachers for preparing the school in what was quite a restricted time frame. I would also like to thank you as a parent community for helping get your children to the venue and staying up for what was a late night for many of our younger children.

The Board of Trustees held our first meeting for Term 4 this week and were able to confirm our Term dates for 2021. We have followed the lead from the majority of our Aupaki Schools in setting these dates. Please note that they have also approved a Teacher Only Day on Monday March 8th

*Term 1 - Wednesday 3rd February to Friday 16th April*

*Term 2 - Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July*

*Term 3 - Monday 26th July to Friday 1st October*

*Term 4 - Monday 18th October to Wednesday 15th December*

**Ngā mihi**

**Nathan Burford | *Tumuaki - Principal***

## Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd Nov 9:15am	Values Assembly
Tues 3rd Nov	Athletics Day Years 5-8
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Working Bee
Tues Nov 10th	SE Zones Athletics Years 5-8
Thurs 12th Nov	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
Fri 13th Nov	Show Day (School Closed)
Monday 16th Nov 9:15am	Values Assembly
Tues 17th Nov 6pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wed 18th Nov	Athletics Day Years 0-4

Sun 29th Nov 11am	Whole School Mass followed by sausage sizzle ( <i>uniform worn, all families encouraged to attend</i> )
Monday 30th Nov 9:15am	Values Assembly
Wed 2nd - Fri 4th Dec	St Cecilia Camp at Living Springs
Tues 8th Dec 6pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri 11th Dec	Reports sent home
Wed 16th Dec 11am	Final School Assembly
Wed 16th Dec 12:30	School finishes for the year

## WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP!!!

### Classroom Help – St Cecilia’s (Can be a parent from any class)

If anyone is able to come in and help on Friday’s 9-10am it would be much appreciated. Please email Mr Burford ([principal@ourladystar.school.nz](mailto:principal@ourladystar.school.nz)).

### Parent Help – Senior Athletics Day – 03/11/20

Sophie would love some parent help to monitor an event station or help organise setting up at 9am etc. If you can help please email Sophie on [sports@ourladystar.school.nz](mailto:sports@ourladystar.school.nz).

### A reminder for our Working Bee

We are having a working bee on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, more details to follow but if you can spare a couple of hours to help that would be great.



### Lots of fun at SOS



## Aupaki Music Festival

The children did a beautiful job singing on Wednesday night at the music festival, well done. And thanks to the teachers who did a great job getting them ready for the night.



## Through Faith We Shine



### First Communion

This weekend Niamh Savage and David Draganescu will be doing their First Communion, good luck to you both and we hope it all goes really well.

## Women's Event – 26 November – The Canterbury Club



*“Faith, Family and Femininity”*  
A TALK FOR WOMEN BY **MAREE HALL**

**THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER**  
5:30-7:00pm Drinks and canapes, talk and networking  
**THE CANTERBURY CLUB**  
129 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch

 **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FORUM**

BOOK EARLY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE. To buy your ticket visit:  
[www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/catholic-womens-evening-tickets-124183206313](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/catholic-womens-evening-tickets-124183206313)  
or contact Olivia on 03 366 9869 or email [ostopforth@cdoc.nz](mailto:ostopforth@cdoc.nz)

**TICKETS \$40 EACH**

Please find below information regarding an upcoming event for Women organised by the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

**You are warmly invited to attend or pass this on to people you think may be interested.**

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November there will be a talk for women of all ages, with networking, drinks and canapes at the Canterbury Club.

The speaker, Maree Hall, is not only a talented singer, wife, and mother of four but also the younger sister of Bishop Paul Martin SM. Maree will share how faith has inspired her life and family.

**When: 5:30 pm – 7 pm Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Where: Canterbury Club, 129 Cambridge Terrace**

Tickets are limited so book soon.

All are warmly welcome so please share with your friends and family.

We hope to see you there,

### **Year 1 – 2 Netball Programme**

When: Mondays 3.15-4.15pm

Starting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Finishing: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December (9 weeks not including Labour Day)

Where: Sumner School Netball Courts

Cost: \$4.00 per week



Come along to 9 weeks of fun: large ball, balance, movement and ball skills with a festival/fancy dress day on the last week.

Register at: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/116219> or

Contact Sara Norton at [jnnetball@cnc.org.nz](mailto:jnnetball@cnc.org.nz) or 0279194474

### **Pebbles Preschool Birthday Celebration**

**Pebbles 10th Birthday Party and Montessori Open Day:**

**When:** Wednesday, 11th November 3:30 - 5:30pm

**Where:** 4 Campbell Street, Sumner

**Featuring:** ELGREGOE MAGIC SHOW (4:30PM), BOUNCY CASTLE, MONTESSORI TOUR (4.00PM)