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NEWSLETTER – Term 1, Friday 5th March 2021

From the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai,

It has been a funny old week under Covid alert Level 2, with school at Star of the Sea more or less running as usual. I do feel for our Auckland schools and their tamariki with the chopping and changing of levels and online learning. I have many friends teaching abroad and am well aware of the unsettled nature of their existence as teachers and feel very blessed to be able to operate with children onsite and with a relatively normal school day in Canterbury.

Last night we had our first PTA meeting for the year and an amazing turnout of parents all eager to support the school community both in a pastoral sense as well as fundraising. There are a number of initiatives planned and we look forward to many updates from this group. This meeting was followed by our Lip Sync. launch and planning. We enjoyed watching highlights from the 2019 event and I can honestly say I now view many of our parents in a new light! Hairy legged dads in tight dresses strutting around a stage is unfortunately a sight that can't be unseen!

Our 'Walk or Wheels' day was a huge success and something that the children gained a great deal of joy from. A big thank you to the teachers and in particular Adele for coordinating this day. As I am typing this newsletter the sun is shining and children are arriving to school dressed in their house colours and very excited for the afternoons swimming sports. A great deal of planning and preparation has gone into this day and I would like to thank Sophie and Petrina for their hard work behind the scenes to make it happen. A reminder that Teacher Only Day is on Monday and I again thank you for the respectful way you as a parent community have allowed us to work together on this day as a staff to plan for the betterment of our school. Hopefully you will get the opportunity to treat it as a long weekend together as a family.

Ngā mihi

Nathan Burford | *Tumuaki - Principal*

Through Faith We Shine

Upcoming Events

Friday 5th March – World Day of Prayer (St Patrick's)

Monday 8th March - Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Tuesday 9th March – BOT Meeting

Sunday 14th March 9am – Whole School Mass – Uniform to be worn

Tuesday 16th March – St Patrick's Orana Park Trip

Friday 19th March – Movie Night Fundraiser

Friday 2nd to Tuesday 6th April - Easter Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 7th April – Year 5 & 6 Cycle Safety

Thursday 8th April – Year 6 only Cycle Safety

Monday 12th April – Photolife (School Photos)

Tuesday 13th April – BOT Meeting

Friday 16th April - Last Day of Term 1

Monday 3rd May - First Day of Term 2

Term Dates 2021

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

Uniform – Term 1 Hats

Hats are to be worn every day during morning tea and lunch time, please make sure your child brings their named hat each day.

CCC Walk or Wheels Day

Thanks to everyone who walked, cycled, scootered or skateboarded to school on Wednesday.



Uniforms – New Items

A reminder that you can purchase the uniform from either The Warehouse at Eastgate or Mainland Uniforms at the Peterborough Street branch. If the item you want is not available you can order it from customer services.

Sun hats, beanies, sports tops & sports shorts can be purchased from the office.

School App

If you have not already downloaded the School App then I would recommend you do, as it is our main way of communication and it allows you to send absentee messages to the office as well. Please make sure you have updated the settings if your child has changed classrooms this year so you can receive the correct messages.



Mass

This Sunday is the First Family Mass day of the school year – which will potentially be under level 2 guidelines, where we need to pre-register our attendance to mass.

Online Registrations for Masses this weekend are open now on the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch Website via the following link:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/CatholicDioceseOfChristchurch/SundayMassRegistration2>

Even though we **MAY** move to COVID-19 Alert Level 1 at 6am on Sunday, the parish asks that you register for one of this weekend's Masses, in case we remain at Alert Level 2 on Sunday.

By the way - when we are level 2 or higher the parish puts on additional masses to accommodate those that miss their usual mass time due to the 100 people restriction. Please know that there is a Saturday night mass this weekend at Our Lady Star of the Sea - at 6pm.

Netball Trials

Sumner/Redcliffs Netball Club are holding their trials this Sunday. Please pass the word around to anyone you know would be interested.

At Sumner School
SUNDAY 7 MARCH

Year 6 - 9.30 – 10.30

Year 7 - 11.00 – 12.00

Year 8 - 12.30 – 1.30

Year 9 & Up (adults included) - 1.30 onwards

Register for trials

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/srnc/Registration-for-2020-season/2020-Registration-Form>

