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NEWSLETTER – Term 1, Friday 25th February 2022

Week 4

From the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai,

We are already four weeks down and the school is well and truly settled into the academic year. As a Principal I have the privilege of being able to spend time in each classroom at a variety of times during a day. I do love seeing how focused and happy our children are in their learning and the strong relationships that exist across the school. The growth in our school is certainly felt in the lunch-hour and the children love exploring our grounds and all of the treasures that exist around the school.

Many of you will realise we do not have a caretaker so beyond our lawns we rely on parents to help tidy things up and odd jobs. A huge thank you to Colin and Petrina, along with the parents who mucked in on Sunday for our working bee and it is great to see things looking a lot tidier around the school.

An early reminder that we have a **Teacher Only Day** booked in for **Monday the 21st of March**. This day affords our staff the ability to meet and plan for our curriculum and our plan for this day is to once again work alongside an external professional development provider; Core Education, that has been supporting us over the last couple of years in this role.

Hopefully you have had an opportunity to digest some of the correspondence that has been sent out around the current Covid-19 outbreak. We have tried our best to keep you informed without overwhelming your inbox and it really is a waiting game. As always my door is always open if you have any questions or anxieties around the school's approach to the situation. I can assure you that we have planned for a number of scenarios and we will do our best to keep you well informed of any changes related to the school's exposure. Have a restful weekend.

Ngā mihi

Nathan Burford | *Tumuaki - Principal*

Key Dates

2nd March - 9:15am – Ash Wednesday **St Cecilia Mass** (parents welcome)

4th March - Year 1-4 School **Swimming Sports - 9.30am**

4th March – Year 5-8 School **Swimming Sports – 1.30pm**

10th March - 9:15am - **St Francis**

17th March - 9:15am - **St Patricks Mass** (parents welcome)

21st March - **Teacher Only Day** (school closed)

22nd March - **School Photos**

22nd March - 11:30am **St Patricks Assembly** (only one parent sorry due to covid restrictions)

24th March - 9:15am **St Cecilia Mass** (parents welcome)

29th March - 11:30am - **St Cecilia Assembly** (only one parent sorry due to covid restrictions)

31st March - 9:15am - **St Francis Mass** (parents welcome)

5th April - 11:30am - **St Francis Assembly** (only one parent sorry due to covid restrictions)

6-8th April - **St Cecilia Camp** - Wainui

7th April - 9:15am - **St Patricks Mass** (parents welcome)

14th April - 9:15am - No School Mass

14th April - Last Day of Term

St Cecilia this week



Mary hard at work, believe it or not she actually was.



Emergency Planning and Preparation (Review)

This policy is up for review this term. Nathan has put this in the newsletter to allow parents to review, alert staff to review and encourage Board members to review.

Instructions for Reviewers

Website: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Choose Our Lady Star of the Sea

Username: ourladystar

Password: beach (lowercase)

1. Follow the link to each policy
2. Read the policy (Home Learning).
3. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
4. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
5. Enter your name (optional).

Attendance Dues - Parish

“Welcome to Our Lady Star of the Sea School for 2022. Thanks to those parents who have already paid their Term 1 Attendance Dues.

Do you know that these can be paid in instalments, or you can set up an automatic payment to account 03 1592 0207535 22. Please use your name and invoice number as references.

The old account 03 1592 0602156 22 will close at the beginning of March. If you have an AP set up for this account, please contact me accounts@christchurcheast.org.nz or 027 7517652.

Angela McPherson, Finance Administrator, Catholic Parish of Christchurch East”

Musical Instruments for sale at Sumner School

Sumner School have flutes, clarinets and a saxophone for sale? They are all in good condition, and have just been serviced. Please contact Deborah admin@sumner.school.nz for further information.

Catholic Scout Group

A Catholic-sponsored scout group has now been established in Christchurch. More boys and girls are welcome join St George’s Scout Group as a Kea, Cub or Scout. The group is meeting at Christ The King Church Hall, 90 Greers Road, Burnside on Tuesdays between 5.00 and 6.30pm. Contact: Edmund le Grelle on stgeorges.chch@group.scouts.nz or 021 2619369.

What Now - TV opportunities for students

Exciting news - **What Now** is BACK for 2022 with our **first episode on Sunday 6th March**. We have a new time slot of **8:30am til 9:30am** this year and it's all going down with *Stella* and *Erin* EVERY Sunday, **TVNZ 2**. With a whopping 40 episodes over the year, we get 40 opportunities to showcase some awesome tamariki on our screens. Each Sunday morning is packed full of fun and we want to share it with as many friends and whānau as possible - so this is where you come in!

We are looking for some young folk to come into studio, play some games, show off their talents, WIN some prizes and have the best Sunday morning of their lives!

Spread the news that *What Now* will be back on air soon and encourage others to fill out a form on our website (whatnow.tv), so that if we have opportunities on the show - we know how to get in touch with them!

Look forward to hearing from you,

Stella Maris

What Now

Presenter / Researcher

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Te Arawa, Whakatōhea, Te Whanau-ā-Apanui, Hauraki

2022 Carlton Redcliffs Junior Hockey Registrations are now open

Please register your child through the club

website: <https://www.carltonredcliffs.com/events/>

Key dates for 2022 are:

Have a go and team allocation sessions – 20th and 27th March

Team practices begin 4th April

Saturday competition begins 7th May

For 2022 we are offering a Just Hockey starter pack (stick, shin pads, mouth guard & ball) valued over \$50, and \$100 off subs for any new junior joining the club, who is a starting hockey for the first time (first year only).

