



"To live, learn and love with Jesus, being the best we can be"

Catholic Character

FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the trials that are coming and to stand before the Son of Man."



Tena koutou katoa. A kia noho te ariki ki a koutou.

This week we begin the Season of Advent, a time of preparing. We are reminded, in the midst of our busyness, to take some time to think about what the coming of Jesus means personally to us as individuals and as a family.

It is wonderful to have the Year 6 students safely back at school after their adventurous week at Camp.

Our Hongoeka Marae visit on Tuesday was a great experience and our students performed with great gusto and pride. As always the visit was very special. Particular thanks go to Hannah Greenham's grandparents, Gwen and Terry, for leading the korero and the karanga which we appreciated very much.

God bless, *Žita Smith* - Principal



Principal's Note

PREPARE
the way of the Lord
MAKE STRAIGHT
his paths.



PARISH ADVENT LITURGY

Sunday, 29th Nov. at 5p.m.
in our PARISH CHURCH

Light Supper to follow

ALL WELCOME

(Our Choir is singing!)

HONGOEKA MARAE TRIP



WHANAU DAY and THANK YOU MORNING TEA NEXT FRIDAY, 4th December

ALL school whanau invited (including grandparents, aunties, godparents, pre-schoolers, etc.)

9.15 - 10a.m.: Powhiri & Kapa Haka display

10 - 10.30a.m.: Thank You Morning Tea This is the staff's opportunity to say thank you to our parents and community for all the ways you have supported us this year. Please come and enjoy it!

10.45 - Noon: Cultural activities Whanau are invited to stay and see what the children are doing. This will be followed by a "show and tell."

12.30p.m.: Picnic Lunch Bring your own lunch and blanket for a picnic with your children in the school grounds.

Please don't forget to register online for helping at Carnival 2016. It's on our website under 'SURVEYS' - it will only take a minute and there are House Points up for grabs.

MINIBALL RESULTS

Tbirds - won 20 - 4 PoD Jessica Deed
Astros won 20 - 4 PoD Jesse Hurcomb
Eagles - 14 - 8 PoD Hazel Livesey
Rockets lost 0 - 7 PoD Connor Savea
Lazers won 4 - 0 PoD The WHOLE team
Stars lost 8 - 14 PoD Adam Murphy
 Go all the players and thanks to the supporters!

REMIX is on this Friday! Come along to the Parish hall at 7.00pm to have fun with faith. This is our last session for the year and we will be discussing the importance of Advent and preparing well for Christmas.

Kannika in Room 3 is missing her hat. It is named 'KS'. Does your child mistakenly have it?

Sausage Sizzle

**LAST DAY
TOMORROW**

Only \$1.50



Sparks of God - Week 6, Term 4



Back: William Baker, Matthew Dodds, Carter Lynch, Jesse Hurcomb

Front: Lachlan Baker, Alfie Croasdale, Hannah Greenham, Luis Meo

Parents & Friends AGM

Next Wednesday, 2nd December at 7.30p.m. in the Staffroom. EVERYBODY welcome to attend. We would love to see some new faces too! If you have any questions, please contact Jodie Hickey-Smith on hickeysmith@xtra.co.nz or 021-450396.

RUGBY STADIUM RAFFLE

Come on rugby fans! Get your tickets from the Office - only \$1 each and all proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul. To be drawn next Friday, 4th December.



Bishop Viard College Junior Carol Concert Night

Tuesday 8th December/6.30-7.30pm/Bishop Viard College Hall
 Come along and join in the fun as we celebrate Christmas and the Nativity story.
 Door entry- Koha (gold coin donation)
 There will be Christmas themed goods for sale made by our amazing students through their project based learning.
 We look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations! **Olivia and Hannah Aunoa** (past pupils of St. Theresa's and sisters of Kaleb) are representing New Zealand in the U16 team competing at the Flag Football World Cup in Australia. What an achievement - we wish them all the best.



It's nearly summer and what better plans to have than choosing what books you are going to read whilst chilling in the sun!

Permission slips and information are heading home. Signed permission slips need to be back to school by

Friday, 4th December. No slip, no books!

There is a great photo reading competition taking place this year, so get into the 2015/16 Summer Reading Challenge!

Watch for the information coming home this week.

See Mrs. Hunt for further details!



Jars, jars, jars!

That's what we need. Please save and send along any jars you have to the Office. We will be making good use of them, in more ways than one!

Please keep an eye out for the notice about the Mystery Jars - it's all so mysterious!

Class of the Week - Room 9

During the last few weeks Room 9 has been very busy. We have been on many adventures. One of them was our overnight trip at Wellington Zoo where we were woken up by the gibbons and lions. We learnt different ways the animals survive in the wild and we got to see behind the scenes late at night. We have also been on many 'Healthy Harbour' trips. We went to Motukaraka Point and Taupo Stream where we learnt about biodiversity. On Thursday we are going to the Aquatic Centre to learn how to snorkel, in preparation for our next trip where we will snorkel at Hongoeka Bay. We are hoping to see octopus and small sharks - if we are lucky! This is just a small sample of what we are doing and we would like to thank the parents for their help because without them we wouldn't have these amazing experiences.



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