

Newsletter – 8 September 2022

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Tēnā koutou katoa St Michael's Catholic School Community,

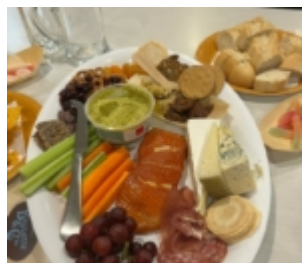
***Malo e lelei!* | Welcome to Tongan Language Week.**

***Ma'u ha aho lelei* | Have a nice day.**

This week we especially think of our Pacific neighbour, Tonga. Tongan is a Polynesian language that belongs in the **same language family as the languages of NZ Māori, Samoan, Hawai'i and Tahiti.**

Wow what a fantastic evening was had by all who attended the Spring Quiz Night last week. It was wonderful to be able to gather socially and am sure we all learnt something new too!

Thank you to **Deahna Barrington** and **Emma Houghton** who organised this superb event on behalf of the PTA. Thank you also to the Quiz Night Sponsors – **Baguette & Co** AND **Marsic Fish Shop** for their support.





Cross Country Prize Giving Assembly – Tuesday 13 September 2.10pm

We look forward to celebrating our school cross country 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters at an extra assembly on Tuesday in the hall. All are welcome!

Cans for Christmas! Collection on Friday 16 September – bring cans = wear mufti!

On **Friday 16 September**, we will be having a mufti day for a can drive to support St Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring cans to contribute (instead of gold coins).

Some of the most appreciated and useful cans include **spaghetti, fruit, baked beans, tuna, salmon, soups, canned vegetables i.e.: corn.**

Welcome to New Families and Students

We would like to welcome the following new families who have joined us this term: the **Oliveros** family (New family) and the **Pagtalunan** family (Existing family).

Joint School Parish Mass – Sunday 25 September 10am

To celebrate the feast day of St Michael, the School and Parish are gathering for Mass followed by after-Mass socials in the school hall. We are privileged to be able to finally gather together post-covid!

The Parish is kindly organising the catering – **please RSVP the total number of attendees from your family to Venus Itoh – or 027 545 3363**

Health and Safety – Beatrice Road driveway access

It is imperative that emergency vehicles are able to get down the Beatrice Road driveway into school should the need arise. Please be mindful of this when parking on Beatrice Road and outside the church and refrain from driving down and leaving any cars unattended in front of the chain at the bottom of the driveway. Thank you for helping keep our students safe.

SMCS Policies – This Term we are reviewing Student Wellbeing and Safety and Staff Wellbeing and Safety.

1. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click Search for your school.
3. Start typing the school name and then select from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the community username and password:

Username: smcs

Password: mackillop

Instructions for reviewers:

1. Read the Student Wellbeing and Safety and Staff Wellbeing and Safety Policies.
2. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
3. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the dropdown list.
4. Enter your name (optional).
5. Submit your ratings and comment.

Health and Safety and Ventilation

COVID-19 is still around so it is important that Health and Safety guidelines are followed:

- Wear a mask when on site and especially if you enter our school building
- If a child is sick they need to stay at home
- Year 4 up are strongly recommended to wear masks indoors
- Sanitise / wash your hands regularly

Ministry of Education – Winter wellness guide for Tamariki

The Ministry of Education has updated the winter wellness guidance for parents, caregivers and whānau to reflect the following points:

- If a child has been unwell with a respiratory illness other than COVID-19, they can return to school 24 hours after they have significantly improved and are behaving/eating normally.
- Following vomiting or diarrhoea, a child should be symptom free for 48 hours before they can return.
- If they still have a runny nose or dry cough without any other symptoms such as a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, then they are unlikely to be infectious and can be considered well enough to attend school.

Encountering CHRIST

St Michael's Parish Website – Mass times – Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm; Monday – Friday 7am & 12noon; Saturday 8am.

School Masses – Every Thursday at 9:15am

15/09/22 – **Rooms 3 & 10**; 22/09/22 – **Rooms 1 & 9**; 29/09/22 – **Rooms 4 & 7**. A School Parish Mass is planned for Sunday 25 September 10.00am – all welcome.

Notices from the Newsletter:

Social Justice Week 2022 runs from September 4-10 and focuses on the topic of racism.

WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI. KOTAHI ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I TE KARAITI / SAY NO TO RACISM. WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.

Prayer for Peace

He Īnoi mō te Rangimārie

God of peace, E te Atua o te rangimārie,

We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.
Instead of hatred, let there be love.
Shelter your children and protect us.

Guide us and keep us from harm,
so, we can build a world of love
and live our lives in peace.
Help us to help others and to love them just as they are.

May your reign come on Earth.

Āmene.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

COLOSSIANS 3:15

Reflection | Te Huritao:

- Think about the places in our world where peace is needed. Pause for a moment and pray a silent prayer for these places and the people who live there.
- What can you do to build a world of peace and love? (Let's start in our class, home and school; then move to our neighbourhood, country, and world.)

Source: Adapted prayer by CAFOD



Manaaki ki te Atua,

Georgina van Schaijik

Principal (Acting) Tumuaki

Presiding Board Chair News

School Board Elections 2022

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote for the parent representatives for the SMCS Board of Trustees.

*Voting closed at 4pm on Wednesday 7th September with the **vote count to take place on Tuesday 13th September**. We will publish the results of the election in next week's school newsletter. Good luck to all the nominees.*

The new board will take office on Wednesday 14th September with the first Board meeting scheduled for the 26th of September.

PTA News

Upcoming events

- **16th Sept** – Closing date for Calendar art orders.
- **23rd Sept** – Grandparents day.
- **26th-30th Sept** – Book week and Book fair .

Calendar Art

This week, you should have seen the notice on Class Dojo and also hopefully received a flyer about Calendar Art. All of the students have been working on cool art during the past few weeks, which will be made into fantastic items for sale. We have **diaries, calendars, mouse mats, greetings cards** and **sketch (plain paper books)** all personalised with your child's art. These make great presents for friends and family.

If you have other children not at school who would like to feel involved then it's also possible to upload a photo of your choice to be made into any of the above.

Please check out www.kidsartwork.co.nz and navigate to your child's room where you should find their name and order directly from the company. We receive a percentage of each sale, which will be put towards resources at the school. **Closing date for orders is 16th Sept.** In case of any problems, please contact us via [\[email protected\]](#).

Pizza Fridays

Thank you to **Room 8 Parents** for their help with pizzas this week. Your support is really appreciated.

Food donations at Thursday class Masses

Please feel free to donate non-perishable food at any time to the basket outside Genevieve's office, but especially if it is your room's turn for Mass as the items in the basket are taken up at the offertory by the children before being sent to Monte Cecilia alongside donations given by the Parish and are then distributed to needy families.

Grandparents day – Friday 23 Sept 2022

We're getting closer to our annual Grandparents day. Please save the date and inform your grandparents.

Order of events for the day:

- Mass 9am – 10am
- Classroom visits 10 – 10.30am
- Morning tea in the hall provided by the PTA 10.30 – 11.15 (for grandparents only)
- Concert 11.30 – 12.30

The PTA will be arranging a special morning tea (for Grandparents only) in the hall. We need volunteers to help on the day from 9am – 12.30. Please contact [\[email protected\]](#) if you are able to assist.

We also ask the community to contribute to the morning tea by providing a plate of homemade sweet baking. (The PTA will provide savoury items). Please note that baking should be bite sized finger food.

Baking should be delivered to the school hall on the morning on 23rd September.

2022 Yummy sticker collection coming to an end week 9 Friday 23rd September

Please bring in your labels or sheets and place them in the PTA box outside the PTA cupboard by Mrs McKeown's office. Don't worry if the sheet is not completely full, just write in a big number how many there are.



Let's hope we can beat last year's total and get over **\$700** worth of sports equipment.

[Yummy Sticker Collection Sheet](#) *(click to print)*

Second hand School Uniform shop – donations welcome

CHANGE TO SUMMER UNIFORM NEARLY HERE!

The end of term is approaching fast and that means it's nearly time to change to the summer uniform.

If you have any uniform items to donate, (Summer or winter) we would be very grateful for them. We are especially running low on bigger sizes for older pupils. Please drop any donations into Genevieve at the office. Thank you

Please inform /advise what you intend to bring by completing the google doc here. This will help us to avoid too double ups.

Meet your PTA

Introducing two more members of our PTA

We all have different backgrounds and skills to bring along and all points of view are welcomed.

We are always keen to welcome new members so please have a chat with us if you see us around school to find out more, or just come along to a meeting.

Meet your PTA



DEAHNA BARRINGTON

Pastoral care Coordinator, quiz night organiser, moms movie night

Primary School Teacher and mum to two boys, Dee is one of the longest serving parents on our PTA and involved in nearly all aspects of it.

"The Mary Mackillop Values of 'Never see a need without doing something about it' resonates with me. I'm passionate about maintaining a sense of community and belonging for all families. Being so involved in the PTA has enabled me to form many quality friendships over the last 8 years."

SABRINA TIAN

Second-hand uniform Coordinator

Mum of one and Head of Marketing for a TV network, Sabrina joined SMCS family in 2018 and the PTA in 2019.

"One day, I saw the school newsletter, which said the uniform shop needed volunteers. As I work full time and in the city I wasn't sure if I could do it. Then God helped me. One day, my boss asked me if I want to work remotely. I was so happy and I emailed PTA straight away. They welcomed and kindly supported me through the whole transition period. I feel so grateful for the opportunity and support! "Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices." Hebrews 13:16."



JOIN US

Come to our next meeting on **19 September**, meet some wonderful people, find out about what we have planned for the rest of the year and help us bringing fresh ideas on how we can make St Michaels even better.

Next PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting will be **Monday 19th Sept 7pm** in the staffroom and on Zoom too.
Link will be published here nearer the date.

Thank you
Ree and Sarah

| Notices

NYT's upcoming Musical Production, *Wendy*!

NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE
PRODUCTION OF

ALVER & DOY'S

WENDY

THE PETER PAN MUSICAL

Starring **Aidan Cruz**

The National Youth Theatre is pleased to announce our upcoming production this December is **Wendy - The Peter Pan Musical**.

Honouring the original text of J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, but reimagined for a 21st century audience, Wendy takes centre stage as she charts a path in Neverland from youthful innocence to changing the world alongside the much-loved characters of Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, Captain Hook and the Lost Boys.

With a cast of 250 of New Zealand's leading young performers, this colourful and exhilarating production features 20 original songs, the revival of forgotten J.M Barrie characters including the Never Bird and the Mermaid plus flying, colourful costumes, mechanical creatures, and stunning lighting and digital effects.

Bring your class, syndicate (or even the whole school) along to see this spectacular musical extravaganza! NYT's School Matinee programme makes accessing this exciting and educational event very easy, and extremely affordable.

4 SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre
Aotea Centre

Thursday 1st December

9:45am & 12:15pm

Friday 2nd December

9:45am & 12:15pm

For more information or to make a booking,
please email schoolbookings@nyt.nz

TICKETS ONLY
\$8.50

FOR STUDENTS,
TEACHERS &
PARENT
HELPERS

FEEDBACK FROM RECENT SHOWS:



"WE JUST WANTED TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS ON A MOST WONDERFUL SHOW. IT WAS FABULOUS AND WE LOVED EVERY MOMENT. WHAT A WONDERFUL EFFORT THE CAST AND CREW HAVE PUT IN AFTER ALL THE DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY COVID. WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED FOR THEIR PERSEVERANCE."



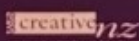
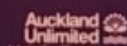
"CAN I JUST SAY, WOW! I WAS ABSOLUTELY BLOWN AWAY BY THE HIGH CALIBRE OF TALENT, COSTUMES, CHOREOGRAPHY AND OF COURSE - THE MUSIC! WHAT AN AWESOME PRODUCTION, YOU MUST BE SO PROUD!"

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YOUTH
THEATRE

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AUCKLAND LIVE



Auckland Netball – Summer Netball League and October school holiday Programme

Summer Netball League kicks off in two weeks – it's fun and can be as competitive as you like. Great for school or work teams and also perfect for year 6 students to learn how to play 7 aside for next year.

Secondly, the **October school holidays** are looming and registrations for these have opened. We have welcomed a new Programme Development Officer, Sammie Tanira who joins us from Kelly Club and has lots of great ideas. Trip Days are back (after a long break thanks to COVID) and our Multi Activity schedule is bursting with fun for all.

The flyer is divided into two main sections: a blue section on the left for the Summer Netball League and an orange section on the right for the October school holiday Programme.

Summer Netball
ST JOHNS | MT EDEN
JUNIORS | COLLEGE | MIXED | LADIES

The winter season has ended just when many teams have hit their stride... Don't put your netball shoes away! Keep your team together, enjoy the warmer summer evenings and keep your skills up.

Team and individual registrations welcome.
8 week league commencing 20 September (No play school holidays)
St Johns - Seniors - Tuesdays
Juniors - Thursdays
Mt Eden - Wednesdays*
*Both Senior & Junior grades

Registrations close: 14th September

Come join us these holidays!
ST JOHNS VENUE | ALL AGES

WELCOME SAMMIE!
Sammie has recently joined us bubbling with FUN & fresh ideas. No day is the same, there are activities galore & after a hiatus thanks to COVID, the popular **TRIP DAYS** are back!

WHAT'S ON...
Multi-Activity Mania
Netball Programme
Become an Umpire
Combination Programme

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!
aucklandnetball.co.nz

The flyer includes the Auckland Netball logo at the bottom left and three small photos on the right showing people playing netball and a group of children.