

Newsletter – 16 June 2022

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Tēnā koutou katoa St Michael's Catholic School Community,

“Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou”

Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing.

Last week we began our three-year learning journey with the ERO (the Educational Review Office).

We look forward to working alongside ERO to ensure that our school continues to perform to a very high standard, and provides the best educational outcomes for our lovely children.

It has been an exciting week for our staff, with a number attending Spiritus Aotearoa NZ. This has been an opportunity to share understanding, knowledge, best practice, and contemporary approaches to evangelization and faith formation for tamariki and rangatahi in Catholic education settings. Attending staff members are looking forward to sharing their learning with the remainder of our team at an upcoming staff meeting.

Don't forget that the **Disney-themed School Disco** is fast approaching! Please check through the notice attached to pre-purchase tokens. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Welcome to New Families and Students

We would like to welcome the following new families who have joined us this Year: the **Yeung** Family.

School Mornings

A reminder that **classrooms are open from 8.30am** and children will be supervised until the 8.55am bell. We have noticed a number of students arriving particularly early (some before 8.00am) and ask that you be mindful that teachers are preparing lessons at this time and not available for supervision until classrooms open.

Year 5/6 Sports Exchange for the Senior School

Sports exchanges between other Remuera Schools will be held on the following dates: Tuesday 28 June, Tuesday 5 July. Term 3 – Tuesday 2 August, Tuesday 9 August & Tuesday 16 August.

* no offsite games on Tuesday 21 June

We need help to transport our students to these events at 1pm and pick up from the venue at 2.30pm. If you can assist please email Georgina van Schaijik [****]

SMCS Policies – This Term we are reviewing Healthcare and Behaviour Management

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 Healthcare and Behaviour Management 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

SMCS Winter Jackets



Elizabeth Michaels Uniforms have informed us that our new improved Jackets are now available for purchase.

Health and Safety

We are still having cases of COVID-19 in our school so it is important that you follow these Health and Safety guidelines:

- 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

Encountering CHRIST

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

Notices from the Newsletter: Alpha for couples – Marriage & Family Life invite you Tuesday August 2nd – Tuesday 11th Oct 2022 closing date for Registrations is 1st July 2022 Marriage & Family Life would like to personally invite dating, engaged and married couples to a very special Alpha course online via zoom. Please register at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz click on “Missionary Discipleship” and then hover over “Marriage & Family” and “our courses” and then click on “Alpha for Couples” this will take you to the online registration form.

The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa NZ have issued a statement in solidarity with the victims of the massacre of parishioners at St Francis Xavier Church in Owo, Nigeria, during Mass on Pentecost Sunday. View online link: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nigeria-massacre/>

School Masses – Thursday at 9:15am

23/06/22 – **Rooms 2 & 8**; 30/6/22 – **Rooms 1 & 9**; 07/07/22 – **Rooms 4 & 7**. A School Parish Mass is planned for Sunday 25 September 10.00am – all welcome!

Prayer intention for the month of June



Pope Francis has announced that his prayer intention for the month of June is families. The pope describes the family as “the place where we learn to live with one another, to live with young people and those who are older.” The choice is fitting, since families from around the world will gather in Rome later this month.

“Let us pray for Christian families around the world; may each and every family embody and experience unconditional love, and advance in holiness in their daily lives. Amen.” Pope Francis.

**Manaaki ki te Atua,
Ann McKeown
Principal Tumuaki**

| Presiding Board Chair News

School Board Elections Information 2022

Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election **for 5 School Board vacancies.**

This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15th July 2022.**

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon. Election day is Wednesday 7th September.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

| Education Review Office (ERO)

The Education Review Office (ERO) has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time. Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO will:

- work with all schools in an ongoing way rather than as a one-off event
- connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey
- work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners

As a result, each school will:

- have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school
- have a different experience depending on needs, strengths, and their school's specific evaluation focus
- be on a three-year evaluation cycle

What will public reporting on ERO's website look like?

As schools' transition into the approach, ERO will work with schools to publish a one-off **Profile Report**. This will focus on the strategic goals schools have in place to improve learner outcomes and what the school is seeking to achieve through the evaluation.

Within a three year cycle all schools will then have a **Te Ara Huarau | School Evaluation Report**. This report includes information about the school's improvement journey, what the school has achieved for learners and their future priorities.

All schools will receive a **Board Assurance with Regulatory and Legislative Requirements Report** about their board's attestation to meeting those requirements. **Provision for International Students** and **Hostel Reports** will be published where applicable.

Other reporting

Progress Reports – These reports are not published on ERO's website. Progress reports will provide specific information for specific audiences such as your board, the community or the Ministry of Education.

For more information, click on the link below:

<https://ero.govt.nz/how-ero-reviews/Te-Ara-Huarau> *(click to view)*

| SMCS Upcoming Event

St Michael's Talent Extravaganza!



This year we are excited to announce the St Michael's Talent Extravaganza. This is an opportunity for the SMCS children to show the community their amazing talents. **It will be held in the school hall at 4.00pm on Friday the 19th of August** (Week 4, Term 3).

Some examples of talents: singing, dancing, magic, comedy routines, dramatic skits, juggling, yo-yo tricks, mime, gymnastics, reciting poetry, playing an instrument... the list goes on!

Auditions will be held lunchtime Tuesday the 2nd and Wednesday the 3rd of August (Week 2, Term 3). The sign up sheet will be available in Room 5 with Miss Brown, come see her before or after school.

We are currently on the hunt for a couple of 'experts' who would be willing to donate their time as a guest judge, so if you know someone who is 'NZ famous' please contact Miss Brown, thanks!

If you have any further questions, please contact Miss Lauren Brown either in her class (Room 5) or via ****

This year we have a focus for the funds raised from our **Disney Disco** – we are proud to announce that with your fundraising efforts we have been able to supply St Michael's with a set of **Sphero Robotic Balls**. These classroom tools are used to **support the teaching of coding and digital skills** in a fun and engaging way. Children write code which directs the robotic ball where to move and can be used with children who are just beginning to write code and those who are more experienced. Thank you for supporting our fundraising projects.

DISNEY Disco – Thursday 23rd June 5 – 7pm

Our **disco** is next week – on **Thursday 23 June** – and if you haven't yet got tickets, pre-ordered food or got tokens to spend on the night, there is still time. These can be bought on the Kindo App. **Sale closes at 10am Monday 20 June.**



Things to take note

- Parents can BYO alcohol. We will have non-alcoholic options available for purchase on the night.
- Envelopes with tickets and tokens will be available for collection **from 2:30pm on Tuesday, 21 June, from the school office.**
- Get in touch with Gio at [\[email protected\]](#) if you can spare 30 min (or more) to help during the disco. **We are in need of 3-4 'runners' in the kitchen, replenishing food/drink stocks, tidy up etc.**

Price list

- Tickets **\$5 for one child** or **\$10 per family**
- Pre-order pizza slice **\$2 (\$3 GF)** or burgers **\$5 (\$6 GF)**
- Water/Kids Juice **\$2**

- Ginger beer/Kima kola/Yuzu lemonade **\$3**
- Candy floss **\$3**
- Mini cupcake **\$2**
- Lolly bag **\$2**
- Temporary tattoo **\$2**
- Face paint **\$3**
- Glow in the dark Merchandise **\$1-\$4**
- Photobooth **\$2 per print out** (per person)

If you don't already have the Kindo App on your phone, we suggest you download it before the night. This will be helpful if you need to top up tickets for the stalls/food/drinks – and also down the track for other school events.

For more information see www.kindo.co.nz. The App can be downloaded from Google Play, or the App store (Apple).

Donations: If you are unable to come along to the Disco this year, but still want to support the fundraising efforts – we have a solution for you!

On the Kindo App, you have the ability to specify # of children you are buying tickets for. You can purchase tickets here, and write 'donations' in the field next to this. We will know that you are intending the purchase price to go towards our fundraising efforts.

Please remember – all tickets & tokens purchased are non-refundable.

CO-CHAIR Roles are available from Beginning of Term 3

It has been our absolute pleasure serving the SMCS Community through our time in the Co-chair roles over the past 18 months. However, we have both recognised the need to step down at this stage so that we can best focus on our own families, and current work commitments.

In order to do so, Sarah and I have officially handed in our resignations effective at the end of Term Two (Friday, 10th July).

The Co-Chair role is a fabulous opportunity for someone (ideally two people) who have approximately 4-5 hour available each week, would like to be more involved in the SMCS Community, and have the time & energy to coordinate the amazing PTA team.

We have a PTA Co-Chair job description, and are happy to run through it with anyone interested.

Please email the PTA ([\[email protected\]](#)) or give Ree a call (0276 523 014) if you would like to find out more.

Thanks, and take care.

Ree, Sarah and the PTA

SMCS Basketball 3-on-3 Tournament

Hi Parents. It's been a great few weeks of SMCS basketball and we are glad to see a lot of kids enjoying our weekly sessions.

To cap off term 2, we are planning to have a **3-on-3 basketball tournament** for the last 3 weeks of term 2.

We will have this tournament on **Wednesdays from 4:30pm onwards**, starting on **22 June** (and the other dates are **29 June**, and **06 July**).

At this stage we are gauging interest and checking if your child wishes to participate. There will be no cost for this and we need to have confirmation this week to check numbers and also draft the teams. We will have 2 divisions: Years 3/4 and Years 5/6.

Please email me at **** to confirm if your child will be able to participate. Indicate the name and year of your child.

Regards

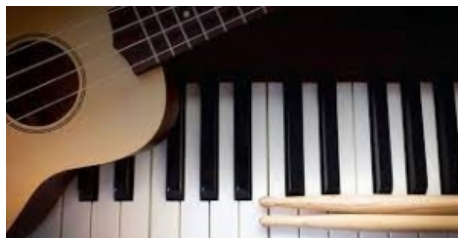
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| Notices

Noel Leeming – Friends and Family Deals

Noel Leeming – Kura Whanau Friends & Family Flyer *(click to view/print)*

Lewis Eady Musical Jam



Lewis Eady Musical Jam Information *(click to view/print)*

Lewis Eady Musical Jam Registration *(Online form)*