

Newsletter – 19 May 2022

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Tēnā koutou katoa St Michael's Catholic School Community,

“He Kōtuinga mahi iti, he hua pai-ā rau”

Small ripples create big waves.

External Special Catholic Character Review

This week we have had our External Special Catholic Character Review which seemed to run smoothly. We began the review with a Liturgy and then a number of classes were observed doing prayer and Religious Education lessons. I was so proud of our students' respectful behaviour over this time and thank the teachers for their extra efforts in the lead up to the reviewers visiting.

Student Achievement

PAT – Progressive Achievement Testing (Year 4-6)

- Students were assessed in Mathematics; Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary and have done well compared to the national norms.
- An outlier for our students was evident in Year 4 Reading Comprehension. This is not unexpected due to the lengthy time in the previous two years when these students would have been remote learning. Teachers are addressing this outlier by targeted teaching of reading strategies and closely monitoring progress.

Whole School Progress Data

- The progress data tables and analysis has identified students who have not made sufficient progress within the year from Term 1, 2021 to Term 1, 2022 in Reading and Writing. These students will be a focus for teachers' GAP analysis going forward.
- Although identified as having made insufficient progress over a year period, some of these students are already exceeding the expected level for their year level, and as such are being extended further through differentiated tasks within their classrooms to ensure their continued progress and enthusiasm for learning.

Bodrum Kitchen

Bodrum Kitchen will no longer be doing lunches on **Tuesdays from 24 May going forward**. They will continue to do Thursday lunches.

Bullying-Free New Zealand Week – 16 to 20 May – Pink Shirt Day on Friday 20 May

Our top priority is the safety and well-being of all students. We know that all students deserve to learn in a place where they feel safe. We teach fortnightly lessons on KiVa (anti bullying programme) and we take issues of bullying very seriously. We encourage parents and students to report incidents of bullying as soon as it happens to the classroom teacher or to the senior management team.

Welcome to New Families and Students

We would like to welcome the following existing families who have joined us this Year: the **Waalkens** Family and the **Hale** Family.

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.

School Masses – Every Thursday at 9:15am

26/05/22 – **Feast of the Ascension – Whole School all welcome**; 02/06/22 – **Rooms 3 & 10**; 09/06/22 – **Rooms 9 & 6**; 16/06/22 – **Rooms 2 & 8**; 23/06/22 – **Rooms 1 & 9**; 30/06/22 – **Rooms 4 & 7**; 07/07/22 – **Rooms 5 & 6**; **There will be a School/Parish Mass (TBC).**

Free NZ Catholic Digital Edition May 8-21 *(click to view)*

Some headlines for this issue: NZ canon lawyer calls for more laity in Church governance. Dame Lyndsay Freer retires from Church media role. Cardinal Dew quizzed on radio at Easter. Northland author of book on priests suffers devastating property fire.

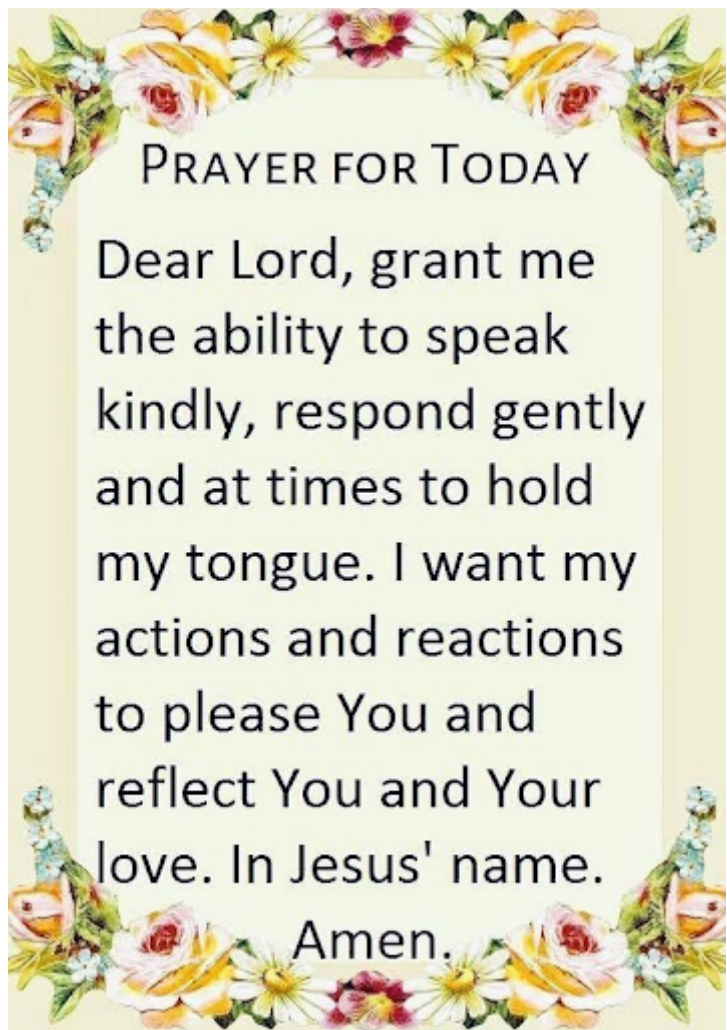
CDA Connect Mission Map – Issue 14 May 2022

Click on this Link to read the latest news about the Synod Update.

Manaaki ki te Atua,

Ann McKeown
Principal Tumuaki

| **Presiding Board Chair News**



School Board Elections 2022

The next trisennial school Board of Trustees (BoT) elections are to be held in September this year and we encourage you to think about running for the Board.

The BoT is made up of elected parent representatives, proprietor representatives, Ann as principal, and a teacher representative. As a school community it makes us stronger when we have a cross section of views and experiences at a governance level. While being on the Board can be challenging it is also rewarding as you draw on your personal experiences while considering the wider good and direction the school is heading. September is only 6 months away so now is the time to start considering how you can contribute.

Feel free to contact any of the current BoT members, if you would like to know more you can email **Jon Williams** [(#)]

PTA News

****Working Bee – 28th May** Volunteers needed please!!**

“Many hands make light work”. We are having a **Working Bee** on **Saturday 28th May from 2pm to 4pm**. So bring your tools and members of your family and come along for as much of the time as you are able.

We are planning to provide a sausage sizzle towards the end of the afternoon by way of thanks so please contact us on **** to give us numbers of adults and children for catering purposes.

Scholastic Books – last chance to order from this issue

Last week your child should have brought home the **latest issue** of the **scholastic book club brochure**. Orders will be closing this coming **Friday 20th May** so get your orders in via the school loop app.

Every time we parents order from Scholastic, the school gains rewards points for the teaching staff to use later in the year for resources for their class rooms as well as our children gaining access to a wide range of age appropriate books at home, so keep those orders coming in!

Pizza Fridays

Thank you to **Room 2 Parents** for helping with Pizza this week.

Thank you to you all for your continuing support of Pizza Fridays. The children love it, we really appreciate it, and it raises funds for resources for School.

We really rely on having 2 volunteers from each room to make this a success and allow it to continue to happen.

If you have a more regular amount of time spare please consider joining Sylvie’s pizza team. This would mean a commitment of approximately **1 hour on a Friday per month** to oversee the process and help the parents from that week’s class. Thank you.

School reading books – Please help

We have recently approved additional funds to school to help to replace lost readers as so many have gone missing in the past year.

Please have a good look around your homes and if you find any books please send them back to school (no questions asked! the teachers will just be glad to have them returned) so that money that we all raise as a community can be put towards new resources rather than replacement of existing ones.

Deahna has put boxes for returned books, one is outside the **junior bookroom** and another in the **foyer** outside Genevieve’s office. Thank you!

2nd Hand School Uniform shop

The next date that the 2nd hand school uniform shop will be open in is the **3rd June**.

Stock is picking up a bit but we would still be grateful for any donations especially for the 8-10 age range which we are a little short of.

Fit Mums fitness class

Calling all fit mamas!!

If you'd like to join a small group of friendly Mums and get fit, come along. We have a fitness class running at a cozy home gym on Ladies Mile road every **Mon and Weds at 9am for approximately 45 mins**. Its a fantastic work out that you can take at your own pace.

There's room for 10 people per session at a cost of **\$12** each time using a special discount code. Please see website for details and book online to secure your place.

www.cmfitness.co.nz

Contact **Monique 021 141 9119** or **Sarah 021 022 1134** to be added to the WhatsApp group and to find out the discount code!

Next PTA meeting

Next PTA meeting date **Monday – 13th Jun at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome to join. We now are holding the meetings both in person and as a zoom option.

Take care all

Ree, Sarah and the PTA

| **Catholic Diocese of Auckland**

Staff Vacancy

Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator

The Diocese is seeking a Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator to ensure that Diocese's commitment to the vision and spirit of Vatican II is upheld.

This is a full-time role which involves co-ordinating the work of the Liturgy team, developing strategies to promote liturgical resources and expertise available to the Diocese, providing formation, training, advice, and guidance in all aspects of the Liturgy in the diocese (including creating resources and presenting workshops), and editing the quarterly Liturgy magazine.

Applicants must have experience of parish liturgical ministry and an understanding of the principles of the liturgy of the Catholic Church along with a relevant Theological degree and be willing to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. ***Applications close 3 June 2022.***

Please visit our website **www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz** – Diocesan Services – Staff Vacancies for the full position description and how to apply.