

Newsletter – 26 May 2022

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Tēnā koutou katoa St Michael's Catholic School Community,

“E hara tā kutoa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini”

My strength is not as individual, but as a collective

The above whakatauki (proverb) is relevant to schools as we strive to work in partnership with whanau. You are all invited to help in the **Working Bee on Saturday 28 May, 2pm to 4pm**. This is a time to meet new people and work together to enhance our school environment.

Today Fr Tony Dunn celebrated Mass with the whole school community for the Feast of The Ascension. It was a beautiful Liturgy and I would like to thank Georgina for the planning and organisation of this Mass.

Welcome to New Families and Students

We would like to welcome the following new family who has joined us this Year: the **Cachay** Family.

No Meditation – Monday 30 May

We have a visitor leading in-class Maths No-Problem! Professional Development for teachers on Monday. Any new students will be blessed at Meditation in Week 7.

Year 5/6 Sports Exchange for the Senior School

Sports exchanges between other Remuera Schools will be held on the following dates:
Tuesday 31 May, Tuesday 7 June, Tuesday 14 June, Tuesday 28 June
Tuesday 5 July. Term 3 – Tuesday 2 August, Tuesday 9 August & Tuesday 16 August.

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
.ol.nz

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa – Samoan Language Week – 29 May – 04 June

This year marks 12 years since Samoa Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand. 2022 is also a significant year for the Samoan community, being the 60th anniversary of Samoa Independence.

Westpac's Rescue Chopper Appeal Mufti Day (red + yellow) – Friday 3 June

The annual Westpac Chopper Appeal raises awareness and funds for New Zealand's rescue helicopter charitable trusts. The funds raised enable our rescue helicopters to continue helping people in need. Be it airlifting new mums in labour to hospital, or saving

adventurers from life-threatening incidents, your contributions help keep Kiwis safe, whoever they are, whatever they're doing.

**Please wear red and yellow mufti on Friday
and bring a gold coin donation if you are able!**



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: Prayer Vigil and Concert for the Ukraine at St Patrick's Cathedral 4 pm Saturday 28 May The Choirs from Carmel and Rosmini Colleges with special guests The Handel Quire, will offer music for the people of the Ukraine. There will be prayer reflection and guest speakers.

School Masses – Every Thursday at 9:15am

02/06/22 – **Rooms 3 & 10**; 09/06/22 – **Rooms 9 & 6**; 16/06/22 – **Rooms 2 & 8**; 23/06/22 – **Rooms 1 & 9**; 30/6/22 – **Rooms 4 & 7**; 07/07/22 – **Rooms 5 & 6**; There will be a **School/Parish Mass (TBC)**.

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, Right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me.



**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

There seems to be another wave of Covid going through the school community at the moment. As before, don't struggle on at home by yourselves, please contact us if you are stuck for a food and/or medicine delivery. Either email Deahna on [(#)] or [(#)] and we will help you out.

This coming weekend – **Working Bee – Sat 28th May**

Thanks to all who have responded already. We look forward to seeing you at the **Working Bee this coming Saturday (28th May) from 2pm to 4pm**. All volunteers are welcome, so bring your tools and members of your family and come along for as much or as little time as you are able.

We are planning to provide a sausage sizzle towards the end of the afternoon (4 -5pm) by way of thanks so please contact us on [(#)] to give us numbers of adults and children for catering purposes.

School Disco – Thursday 23 June at 5pm – 7pm

We're really excited to tell you that we have a date for the ever-popular School disco. It is **Thursday 23rd June 5pm – 7pm** (Thursday before the new Matariki long weekend).

The students have voted for a '**Disney**' theme. ***Inspired by the magical world of Disney, bring your favourite character to life at our school disco.***

We will be sending a flyer home very soon with more details, but just to give you a heads up, we are hoping to use the My Kindo app to pre-purchase tickets and tokens.

As in other years, we would really appreciate it if anyone may be in a position to donate anything, sponsor any part of the event and of course, we will be needing lots of volunteers on the night please!!

Please contact Giovanna on [\[email protected\]](#) or [\[email protected\]](#) if you are able to help in any way.

Pizza Fridays

Thank you to **Room 1 Parents** for helping with Pizza this week. A reminder to please make purchases through the My Kindo app by **9am each Friday**.

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.

Yummy fruit sticker collecting

An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away...and can get the children some cool sports equipment for play times!

2022 Yummy Sticker Promotion -Sports Gear

- Once again the promotion is running for Terms 2 and 3.
- Each sticker is worth 1 point and each bag tag is worth 10 points.
- Please place completed sheets into the PTA box (outside the PTA cupboard in the senior school) or give them directly to Mrs Barrington.



Last year SMCS collected enough points to translate to over **\$750** of playground and sports gear.

Link to the collection sheet- [Yummy Sticker Collection Sheet](#) (*click to print*)

School reading books amnesty

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!

Volunteering – situations vacant!

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

2nd Hand School Uniform shop

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

Fit Mums fitness class

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**. It's 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!

PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting date will be on **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.

Lewis Eady Musical Jam

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

Lewis Eady Musical Jam Registration (*Online form*)

