


Newsletter – 9 March 2023

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Tēnā koutou katoa St Michael's Catholic School Community,

“He waka eke noa”.

A canoe which we are all in with no exception

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our swimming sports day on Friday. This was our first whole school swimming sports for a few years. Thank you to **Charlotte Bagnall** for organising this great event and to **all the wonderful helpers**, some of whom will be leaving us at the end of this year.

On Sunday **26 March** at **10.00am** there is a **Welcome to St Michael's School & Parish 2023 Mass**. This Mass is compulsory for all our students. Students wear their school uniform and meet in the Parish Centre at 9:40am. After Mass we are all invited to Morning Tea in the school Hall. Please put this date in your calendar. **Helpers** are needed to serve morning tea and clean up after.

St Patrick's Day 17 March

Friday 17th March is St Patrick's Day. To celebrate, children can wear green to school that day.

SMCS Netball Coordinator Needed

We are in desperate need of a Netball Coordinator. For details about this position please read the notice in the Sports Section.

SMCS Policies – all our policies are on SchoolDocs , please follow the next four steps.

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**

This term we are reviewing **Student Attendance, Enrolment and Uniform / Dress Code**. Please click on current review and then click on and read the policies. Next you click on under review and complete the survey. Your feedback would be appreciated.

Teacher Only Days

The Ministry of Education has introduced a Curriculum Refresh and has dedicated four days for teachers to attend professional development on this.

The first day is **Monday 24th April**. We have chosen this day to align with the other schools in our area, to ensure the least amount of disruption for families.

Beatrice Road Reminder – Drop off only in the mornings

Please only use Beatrice Road in the mornings if you are dropping your child off, but remaining in the car! If your child needs to be walked to their classroom, we ask that you please park on Bassett Rd. If you could let anyone else who drops your children off to school know, that would be greatly appreciated.

Encountering CHRIST

Excerpt from ‘The Catholic Education of School-Age Children’ (NZ Bishops, 2014)

The encounter with Christ and a growing knowledge and understanding of his teaching naturally lead to a “new life characterised by all that is beautiful, good, and true; a life of Christian witness nurtured and strengthened within the community of our Lord’s disciples, the Church”. This progression from encounter, to growth in knowledge and to Christian witness is the framework of the disciple’s journey.

Rosary Group Meet Every Friday at 1:15pm to 1:30pm at the Reflective Area (Church if raining)

We will be starting up our Rosary group each Friday. At each session we will say a decade of the Rosary and pray for special intentions. Either myself or Louise Spora (Acting DRS) will be present with a member of the St. Michael’s Parish who will lead the session. Please encourage your child to attend.

Religious Education Term 1 Overview

Weeks 1 & 2 – Charism of our school and Introduction to Prayer

Week 3 – Liturgical Year – Ash Wednesday and Lent

Weeks 4 & 5 – Caritas – Lent in Schools 2023 Unit – “I am the light of the World”

Weeks 5 to 9 – The Jesus Strand

Week 10 – Liturgical Year – Holy Week and Easter

During the Jesus Strand, across the school children learn about different aspects of the Life of Jesus, including the different ways he showed His love for us, the sacrifice he made for us at the time of His crucifixion and His teaching on how to live as members of Christ’s family in God’s love.

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

School Masses – Every Thursday at 9:15am

16/03/23 – **Rooms 2 & 7**; 23/03/23 – **Rooms 4 & 5**; Sunday 26/03/23- 10.00am

Welcome to St Michael’s School & Parish 2023 30/03/23 – **Senior School Rooms 7 to 10**; 06/04/23 – Holy Thursday – **Washing of the Feet Liturgy** 2:15pm in the Church.

St Frances of Rome Feast Day 9th March

“Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Frances of Rome as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the virtue she showed in caring for the poor and the sick around her. St. Frances of Rome, you suffered a lot during your life from anxiety, illness, famine, and war. Despite your own sufferings, you looked for ways to serve God through service to your suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. (<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-frances-of-rome>).

Manaaki ki te Atua,

Ann McKeown
Principal Tumuaki

Auckland Catholic Diocese



Receptionist/Administrator Vacancy – Catholic Social Services, Ponsonby

Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (3 days) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families.

The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services.

For further details please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, staff vacancies.

Student Voice – Sports Leaders

SMCS Swimming Sports

Last Friday the SMCS Swimming sports took place at Sacred Heart College. Even though the House Leaders did not have much time to get their chants organised there was lots of noise and I'm pretty sure Cluny was the loudest. We all had a great day!

When I looked over at the Junior school, the children were all having lots of fun. The Senior school took the swimming competition a bit more seriously. Kids dived in, goggles came off, and by the end of the day everyone was exhausted!! Thanks so much to all the **parents** that helped out on the day, the **timekeepers**, the **teachers**, the **recorders**, **Sasha's grandad** who took everything over in the trailer, **Sasha** for interpreting for us into Russian, the **supporters**, the **cheer leaders** and especially **Miss Bagnall** who made everything run smoothly.

By: Conor Williams – Sports Leader

SMCS Swimming Sports

“CLAP!!!”

The race had begun, everyone was shouting, I was shouting so loud with all the other kids. **“LET’S GO EVERYBODY LET’S GO”**

The sportsmanship was amazing, everybody was not just shouting for their house, they were shouting for all the swimmers and I just thought that was fantastic. We were so lucky for it to be such a sunny day so we could play in the nice weather in between some of our races.

Overall I think we all had a great day. Thank you to **Miss Bagnall** for organising the event and thank you to the **parent helpers** who helped with all the races and gazebo's.

By: Oliver Benson – Sports Leader

SMCS Swimming Sports

The Sun was shining bright as it was going to be a wonderful day with St Michael's Catholic school swimming sport carnival of 2023. The event took place on Friday 3rd of March at Sacred Heart College. It was awesome to see everyone participating and giving it a go, also cheering on their friends and showing the school spirit.

Overall my favorite part had to be everyone cheering for their houses or friends as they were enthusiastic and looked like they had a great time. A big thank you to the **parents** who helped with everything and the **teachers** who helped prepare. In my opinion it was a very successful first event of the New Year.

By: Emily Fitzgerald – Sports Leader

SMCS Swimming Sports

It was so exciting to have the first whole school sporting event for 2023 at Sacred Heart College pools. Also it was so amazing to see everyone in the pools after such a long time and it was great to hear all the cheering while people raced. I hope that all the juniors, since this was their first time swimming at swimming sports, had a blast and I hope year six enjoyed their last ever swimming sports for SMCS!

I would like to thank all the **teachers** and **parent helpers** for making this event the best one there has been! I'm really looking forward to the next whole school sports event.

By: MacKenzie Porteous – Sports Leader

Join us and help us plan our year!

Our next PTA meeting is at **7pm on Monday 13 March** in the staff room or via **zoom**, please see the Zoom meeting details:

Join Zoom Meeting – [click here](#)

- **Topic:** PTA Meeting
- **Time:** Mar 13, 2023 **07:00** PM Auckland, Wellington
- **Meeting ID:** 292 606 6797
- **Passcode:** PTA2023





Sunday, 26 March at 10am for a joint event “welcome to St Michaels School & Parish 2023”

We need around **25 volunteers** on the day. We have enough volunteers for set up but still need help from **11am-12pm** (serving) or **12-2pm** (packing down). **Can help?** Email us on **** with your preferred slot. We will also be having a fundraiser for this day so please remember to bring cash and support our fundraising event!

For catering purposes please **click on the link below to fill in the RSVP form** and if you're able to volunteer.

RSVP – St Michael's Catholic School and Parish event 2023

◆ Welcome to St Michael's School & Parish 2023 event

SUNDAY 26 MARCH
10AM

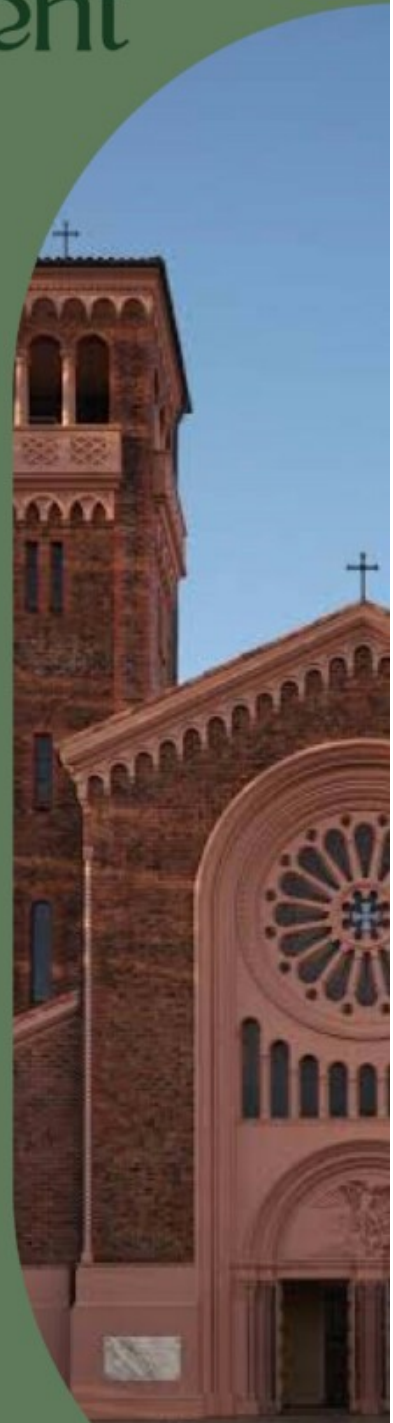
School mass followed by
savoury & sweet treats, tea &
coffee in the Mary Mackillop
Hall.

“Behold, how good and
how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell
together in unity”

Psalm 133:1

*In a position to help on the day? Many
hands make lighter work.*

EMAIL US AT PTASMCS@GMAIL.COM



Returns this week Friday 10 March. Thank you to **Room 9 & 1** for helping this week!

A reminder of the last few weeks of term are:

- 17th March **Room 6**
- 24th March **Room 5**
- 31st March **Room 4**

Take care,
Gio and Sam

| Sports News

2023 SMCS Netball Coordinator Role

Passionate about Netball? Why not be our next SMCS Netball Coordinator?

Tasks include:

- Calling for 2023 Registrations
- Collating the contact information
- Making up the Teams
- Registering the Teams with Auckland Netball (allocation of team bag, coordinating with team managers and coaches about fees, prizegiving etc).

There is also help on hand from our previous SMCS Netball Coordinator, Laura Thomson who is happy to talk you through the login process and set up. We would love to hear from you at [\[email protected\]](#)

*****Registrations for 2023*****

- Registrations for **Teams** are now open at St Johns Netball and **close by 5th April 2023.**
- Registrations of **Players in Team lists close on 5 May 2023.**
- New Schools and clubs **must register via the Sporty platform.** Please contact [\[email protected\]](#) to receive your login.

St Michael's Football 2023 Season

One more week to register for this season (by 17 March). Please have a read of the attached document for all information about this season.

[Football at St Michael's 2023](#) (click to print/view)

Any questions, please contact **Kirsten Hickey** on [\[email protected\]](#)

Rippa Rugby

Come Try Rippa Rugby on **Sunday 19th March** on Shore Road, for 5 & 6 year old, girls & boys. Email **Sylvie** at [\[email protected\]](#) so she can put a St Michaels's team together.



Register Now!
GIRLS & BOYS RUGBY
grammarjuniors.co.nz
Age 4-13 years registrations now open!

Rugby is great for developing fitness, team play and ball skills... and Grammar Juniors is one of the leading junior rugby clubs in the central Auckland area. Situated at Shorn Road Reserve, we are fortunate to have some of the best fields in Auckland as our home grounds.

Grammar Juniors has a very proactive committee of parents, great coaches and our teams perform well in the competitions within their grades.

Grammar Juniors offers Rugby for girls and boys aged 4-13 years and plays non-tackle rugby for girls and boys aged 4-11 years.

Register online: grammarjuniors.co.nz
Or for more information email: grammarjuniorsrugby@gmail.com

BAYLEYS **WINGER**

Thanks to our friends at redhedge.co.nz

Senior Girls Mentoring and Pilates class

- Monday 3.15-4.15 in the school hall
- Limit of 16 girls per class

Laura Massey is a **qualified drama teacher, pilates instructor** and **certified youth mentor**. She is inviting any year 4, 5 and 6 girls to join her in a weekly movement class with a blend of drama, pilates and mentoring where the class will focus on a personal wellness topic each week, **\$130 per term**.

Please email [\[email protected\]](#) to book your place for term 2 or ask any questions.

Ellerslie Football Club Registration 2023



REGISTER NOW
ELLERSLIE AFC
FUN FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE

Join our Tāmaki League
Under 6s - Under 9s
All games at Michaels Ave Reserve
Saturday 6 May - Saturday 23 September
Playing shirts provided! All Girls & Boys welcome
Play with your school friends or a great opportunity to meet new people make friends!

Visit our website or email registrations@ellersliefootball.org.nz
www.ellersliefootball.org.nz