

Newsletter – 2 February 2023

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Tēnā koutou katoa St Michael's Catholic School Community,

He aha te mea nui o te āo? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people!

Happy New Year to you all. I am so happy to be able to open our school and have all our whānau and tamariki back. I hope you all took time to rest and relax over the break. My prayers go out to all those people who have been affected by the floods. Please let me know if we can support you in any way (furniture, stationery, uniform, meals etc).

I was delighted to have all our family together over Christmas. It was great spending time with our 4 children and our 9 grandchildren.



New Fencing and Gates

We are very grateful for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for organising and paying for our school to be fenced. This gives us great comfort to know that we can keep our children safe. If the gates are closed some of the smaller children might need help to open them. Please ensure that **gates are closed** behind you after entering or exiting the school grounds.

Classes and Staff for 2023

Room 1: Isabella Anderson (Year 0/1); **Room 2:** Catherine Westwood (AP) /Christine King (Year 1/2); **Room 3:** Charlotte Bagnall (Year 0/1); **Room 4:** John Hazel (Year 2/3); **Room 5:** Lauren Brown/Sarah Burrows (Year 3); **Room 6:** Rozy Cowie (Relieving)/Jo Petrie (Year 1/2); **Room 7:** Emma Cotterell (Year 4/5); **Room 8:** Rebekah Capon/Kate Smit; **Room 9:** Louise Spora (DRS)/Rozy Cowie (Year 5/6); **Room 10:** Philippa Barling (AP & SENCO)/Kate Smit (Year 4); **Reading Recovery:** Anna Harvey. **Secretary:** Genevieve van Coller; **Caretaker:** Peter Laver; **Learning Assistants:** Teriza Cordtz (Librarian); Helen Totua, Tracey Torrens, Maria Ambrosio, Katie Johnson and Ingrid Giertz.

Building Community Picnic and Shared Learning Evening on Wednesday 8 February 2023

We will have a picnic together from 5:15pm to 5.55pm. Please bring a picnic blanket and food for your family. At 6pm and 6:30pm there will be two identical sessions where teachers will share information that is specific for their Year groups. E.g. learning expectations, learning targets, timetables, homework, and new initiatives.

Children can attend the sessions with you or they may continue playing (we will have teachers supervising). The meeting rooms are as follows: **Room 1** for Students in Rooms 1 & 3; **Room 2** for Students in Room 2 & 6; **Room 4** for Students in Rooms 4 & 5; **Room 10** for Students in Rooms 7 & 10; and **Room 8** for Students in Room 8 & 9.

Sunhats Are Compulsory For Terms 1 and 4 (Caps have been phased out)

The Cancer Society of New Zealand recommends all students and staff wear hats that provide good shade to the face, back of the neck and ears when outdoors. This year all students are to wear the school uniform sunhat. Students are in school when ultraviolet radiation levels are at their peak. Caps do not provide the necessary protection from the sun.



Encountering CHRIST

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

For centuries the Catholic Church has been an education provider, faithful to the task entrusted to her by her Founder to be "Mother and Teacher" .

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

School Masses – Every Thursday at 9:15am

09/02/23 – **Rooms 1 & 9**; 16/02/23 – **Rooms 6 & 10**; 22/02/23 – **Ash Wednesday**; 02/03/23 – **Commissioning Mass** – All welcome; 09/03/23 – **Rooms 3 & 8**; 16/03/23 – **Rooms 2 & 7**; 23/03/23 – **Rooms 4 & 5**; 30/03/23 – **Senior School Rooms 7 – 10**;

Prayer for those affected by the Floods

“Compassionate God, source of all comfort, We pray for the people whose lives have been devastated by rain and flood. Bring them comfort, we pray in your name, Amen.”

Manaaki ki te Atua,

Ann McKeown
Principal Tumuaki

| PTA News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I think I really have reached the limit of when I can say that!! How great to be able to come back to school after all after the slight false start. We really hope that you have had a fantastic holiday, despite the miserable weather at times.

Pastoral care

We are aware of at least one family in our school community who have been badly affected by the recent floods. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have also been affected by the floods (or indeed by anything else that life may throw at you throughout the year) and would like some help, please contact **Charlotte Bagnall** on [\[email protected\]](#) or **Mrs McKeown** on [\[email protected\]](#) who will have a chat with you to find out what help you need and refer you to our PTA pastoral team.

My Kindo lunch providers and more!

We use **My Kindo** for ordering school lunches (Sushi on a Weds and Subway on a Thursday) and also for buying uniform items at the school uniform shop. We also successfully used it for the school disco last year.

For Parents **new to the school** please see below for details on downloading. It's a really user-friendly app to use. Simply fill in your child's details and top your account up. There are various options available to top up your account please see below.

For **existing parents** who already have the app, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHANGE THE ROOM NUMBER FOR YOUR CHILD/REN!!**

myKindo App

- **myKindo app** is also available to download for both android and iPhone.
- **Need assistance?** Our Kindo helpdesk is open 8am to 4pm weekdays.
- **Freephone:** 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) **Email:** [\[email protected\]](#)
- Online support: support.mykindo.co.nz

Payment

There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the **'top up account'** icon.

- POLi No fees. Instant transfer. ****RECOMMENDED****
- Credit/Debit Card 50 cent charge + 2.5% fee. Instant transfer.
- Visa / MasterCard / American Express and China UnionPay available.
- Bank Transfer No fees. Allow 2 days for processing.

We will be offering **Sushi** and **Subway** starting from next **Weds 8th February**.

We are sorry to say that we are in the process of finding a new provider for Pizzas at present so please **send a packed lunch with your child on Fridays** until we get this organised, hopefully in the very near future.

Pizza and Ice block Fridays are very popular with the children, they bring in a fantastic regular income stream to enable us to help to pay for some of the great things that we help to fund around the school and also means an easy lunch option for busy parents **BUT....We really need 3 Volunteers to help Sylvie with the Pizza service which will involve overseeing the parent helpers from each classroom.**

This would mean a commitment of just **one Friday each person, per month between about 12-1.30pm**. We really need to get firm volunteers to help with this please or unfortunately we will not be able to restart the pizza service. We also need **one person to volunteer to run the order report and send it to the pizza company**. This just requires some knowledge of excel and only takes 10mins to do, anytime between 9am and 11am, when the cut off is for ordering. It can be done from anywhere!

Thank you.

Second Hand School Uniform Shop

The next shop opening will be **Friday 3rd February at 2.30pm to 3.15pm**.

To make the uniform shop a success we rely on parents volunteering a bit of their time to help us run the shop, so if you have any spare time at school pick up, pop by, say 'Hi' and please lend us a hand to keep raising funds for our children.

DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE!! We are very short of many sizes of stock in the shop so if you have any uniform items to donate, please send them in to the school office as soon as possible. Payment is via the **My Kindo app**. Thank you!

Class Reps

We'd also like to say a big **'Thank you'** to all of our new Class rep Volunteers. Some classes only have one rep, if yours is one of those and you would be keen to help out, then please let your class rep know, they will probably be glad of a buddy!

PTA this coming year – Many hands make light work

As we continue to rebuild our school community after the last few years of upheaval, we appeal to everyone to please get involved where you can. We will be needing help with many adhoc activities this coming year, as well as the regular recurring roles mentioned above, to make them a success, this also helps us to build a strong community spirit.

More details of upcoming activities will be outlined after our first PTA meeting.

Next PTA Meeting

Next PTA meeting and AGM – election of New officers is next Tuesday, **7th February at 7pm in the School Staff room** and also via zoom if you are unable to attend in person.

Please email us on **** if you would like to be sent the zoom link to join us. We'd love to have your company whether you are an old hand or brand new to the school! New people with different perspectives and ideas to help improve aspects of the school for the students and wider school community are always welcome.

We look forward to seeing you around.

Ree and Sarah x

| Notices

SMCS says a big “Thank You” to our sponsors for supporting St Michaels Catholic school – Skool loop APP.

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- Auckland Family Medical Centre
- CBD Panel beaters
- Wilson McKay Barristers & Solicitors

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St Peter's College – OPEN DAY (Now Accepting Y7 Enrollments)

Open Day – St Peters College *(click to view/print)*

Kohimarama Yacht Club



LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

WHO
9-17 year olds who are water confident

WHEN
10 Sessions
Sundays starting 26th February 2023
Final session 16th April 2023

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\$495 - covers club membership, coaching, and charter boat

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