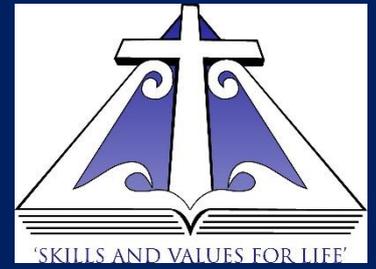


RE NEWSLETTER TERM 3, 2021

‘Our Mission School, provides a genuine and ongoing encounter with Christ;
strives for excellence in education and hauora for all.’

‘He kura manaakitanga, he kura whakapono ki Hehu Karaiti, kahikitia te
mātauranga, me te hauora o te tangata.’



Dear Parents and Whānau,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful holiday break, filled with lots of family fun. In today's RE Newsletter, I will outline areas of Religious Education and Catholic Character we will be focussing on this term.

RE Curriculum

This term each class will be covering learning from two strands of the NZ Religious Education curriculum; 'God' and 'Sacrament'. During the God Strand, we will be emphasising that God the Creator is holy and the source of all life, grace and holiness. People are created in the image and likeness of God and are called to believe in God, to adore God and share in God's wonderful creation.

You could ask your child;

- *Why do you think we believe 'God is Love'?
 - *How are you being a guardian or caretaker of God's creations?
 - * What do you think are some of God's best creations?
- (You could even go on a nature walk!)



You can help your child with their RE by;

- * Telling your child how you are being a caretaker of God's creation.
- * Sharing the creation story from the Bible and creation stories from other cultures.
- * Being grateful and talking about the gifts God has given you and your family.
- * Talking about different images of God in The Bible helping you describe what God is 'like'... God like a heavenly Father... A strong rock... An eagle who spreads its wings to catch you... ... A shepherd who knows his flock and cares for his sheep etc.

Children's Sunday Masses

The challenge has been given! We have two Children's Masses this term, and as Mike said on Production night, it would be amazing to see the same response to our Mass as we did to Production. Let's lift the Church with our praise and worship, by coming together in song and prayer.

All children are asked to sit with either our school family (in the choir area) or with your own family. Our first Mass is this Sunday 1st August. The second is a very special celebration of not only St Joseph the foster father, but all the fathers and father figures in our family, on Sunday 5th September (Father's Day). Maybe this would be a great day to book a brunch for after Mass, and take Dad for a special Father's Day surprise!



Baptism for Older Children (7 years and older)

If your child has expressed an interest in being Baptised, our parish's Baptism preparation programme for children 7 years and older is scheduled to begin on Sunday 15 August. The course runs for three weeks following the parent's introductory session. Enrolment forms are available at the School Office. To enrol or for further information please contact Michelle Butler: 7573682 or youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz.

These children will then be eligible to begin our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (Eucharist) 2022 Sacrament programme next year.

St Vincent de Paul - Young Vinnies Programme

Thank you to all who supported our Young Vinnies with their Mufti Mania fundraising efforts at the end of term. As a community, we raised \$638. By donating, each of you have made it possible for Caritas to respond to the needs of Kristus Raja School in West Papua.



Catholic Schools' Day

This year we will be celebrating Catholic Schools' Day on 29th September (final week of term). We will be uniting with our fellow Catholic Schools (nationally and locally) to showcase who we are, in our communities. The theme is "Tūrangaawaewae - Catholic Schools, a place to stand". Please note this date down now and I look forward to updating you via our School Newsletter later in the term.

CSD21 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY
WEDNESDAY 29 SEPT 2021



TŪRANGAWAEWAE

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - A PLACE TO STAND

God bless you all,
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