



OLA Connect

Our Lady of the Assumption School, Te Kura of Tūpaki Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Haere Mai, Talofa Lava, Maligayang pagdating, Malo e leilei, Hwan Yeong hamnida, Bienvenido, Fakaalofa lahi atu and Welcome.

Advent Prayer 2017

As we enter into Advent and the school year comes to a close we often speed up instead of slowing down. We need to slow down and make time to pray, to talk to and listen to God.

“Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 8: 19-20



Dear Parent/Caregivers

Wow many thanks to the PTA for a most amazing fair!!! All your hard work and planning paid off. Children and adults alike had a great evening!!



**The estimated profit from the fair is around \$16,000!!!
Final figures will be confirmed later.**



Guilty

We drop to the ground
There is a feeling inside
We've done something wrong.

2018 Teams

We have finalised our teachers into teams for the 2018 year and are very pleased to let you know that these are our teams for next year. Your child's placement class for 2018 will come home with the report on Monday 11th December.

Rutherford Team

Rm 1 Mrs Mary Shaw NE
Rm 11 Ms Rebekah O'Donnell Y1/2
Rm 12 Mr Patrick Shea Y1/2

Sheppard Team

Rm 8 Mrs Bridget Grant Y3/4
Rm 9 Term 1 TBC,
Term 2-4 Mrs Cushla Fitzsimmons
(Returning from maternity leave)
Rm 10 Mrs Karen Norton Y3/4

Batten Team

Rm 3 Mr Nick Grant Y5/6
Rm 4 Mrs Vicki Welsh Y5/6
Rm 5 Mrs Colleen O'Neill Y5/6

Hillary Hub

Mrs Amanda Campbell and Mrs Danielle Marston – Y7 and Y8

For the past two years the teachers in the Hillary Team have been working collaboratively together to provide the best learning opportunities for our Y7 and 8 students. This age group works together as one class with 2 teachers so that students can be worked with individually or in groups to meet their individual learning needs. This has proved to be a very successful way of learning for our students and our new environment further supports this style of learning.

Personnel

We are pleased to announce that **Ms Rachel Harris** has won a position at Hoon Hay School for 2018. We are very sad to see her go and thank her for all that she has done for our school in many ways. I especially want to note her commitment and enthusiasm to our Y7 and 8 students and to our Kapahaka group. We wish you all the best for 2018.

Thanks also to **Mrs Sarah-May Forrest**, who we recently told you has won a position at Sacred Heart School for 2018. Sarah-May has really added to the Y3 and 4 team and will be missed. We also note her amazing contribution in co-producing our school production this year.

We also farewell **Ms Kendall Ball** who has been with us for a number of years, both full time teaching and a variety of part time positions across many year levels. Kendall has taught in her classes with passion and professionalism and has always looked for new opportunities for our children and our school. One example is the way she has worked with students this year to really promote and use The Good Life, our school garden.

We look forward to working again with **Ms Rebekah O'Donnell (Carroll)** as she returns from her travels. I'm sure she will have many exciting stories to share.



Chromebooks – Year 4 Students



A reminder to year 4 parents who have already purchased their child a chromebook to bring them into school on **Monday 4th December** for our tech team to set them up on the school network.

Concert

On Tuesday the Franciscan Colleges Instrumental Program FCIP), which involves students from Padua College, Mt Alvernia College and St Anthony's Primary, visited our school. Our Senior Concert Band, Senior Strings Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble and Rock Band (about 80 students) took part in the performance.



Giving Tree

Once again we are collecting gifts for those families who find Christmas a real struggle. If you would like to donate a gift, we will be collecting these in the school office until Wednesday 6 December. Please wrap these and write the gender and age they would be best suited to. We understand that this may not be possible for all families but if you were able to, it would be gratefully appreciated. These will be collected by the St Vincent de Paul Society.



A very big welcome to
*Emmanuel, Elena and
Jimmy*
who joined Room 2 this term.

School Road Patrol



A big thank you to Constable Ross for coming in this week to train the road patrol children for 2018.

thankyou

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have helped in the school this year. Without the coaches, drivers, camp helpers, classroom assistants and many other roles our school could not take part in many of our activities and opportunities. We really appreciate all that you do for us!

Dental Care

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing emergency dental appointments on the **19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd December** available at the following clinics:

Hornby Community Dental Clinic
Northcote Community Dental Clinic
Woolston Community Dental Clinic
Aranui Community Dental Clinic



and from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic:

Tuesday, 9th January – Friday, 12th January 2018 (inclusive)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

New Year Clinic Openings

An emergency dental service will also be offered from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic and Northcote Community Dental Clinic on the following dates:

Monday, 15th January 2018 – 19th January 2018 (inclusive)

and

Monday, 22nd January 2018 – 26th January 2018 (inclusive)

You can phone and make an appointment for these clinics by ringing 0800 846 983.



We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and a relaxing holiday
God Bless
Janet and the Team at Our Lady of the Assumption School

Coming up section!

Week 7 Friday 1 st December	Mass 9 a.m. (Batten Team) Assembly 2:10 p.m. – Hall (Room 11)
Week 8 Wed 6 th December Wed 6 th December Friday 8 th December Friday 8 th December Friday 8 th December	Canterbury Zone Sports Year 8 Leavers Dinner Year 8 Retreat Assembly 2:20 p.m. – (Hall) Room 6 Prizegiving 6 p.m.- La Vida Conference Centre
Week 9 Wednesday 13 th December Thursday 14 th December Thursday 14 th December	Jellie Park – Yrs 3-8 Leavers' Mass 11:15 a.m. Last Day of School
Term 1 2018 Tuesday 30 th January	First Day of School 2018

Church Notices



This Christmas we will be holding the Children's Christmas Pageant at the Halswell Parish on Christmas Eve. The Mass will be at 8pm On Sunday 24th December.

We will be taking names of children who would like to be a part of this after Mass on Sunday 3rd and 10th December, or by contacting Petra on 021 1218842.

Following this we will be having a practice with the children after Mass on Sunday 17th December.

Community Notices



You're Invited
 Celebrate Villa Maria College's
100th birthday
 16 - 18 FEBRUARY 2018

Grand Opening Showcase & Reception
 Friday 16 February
Drama • Music • Food & Beverages

Villa's Great Day Out
 Saturday 17 February
*Historic Exhibition • College Tours
 Food • Market Stalls • Entertainment
 Devonshire Tea • Class Photos*

Blue Tie Ball
 Saturday 17 February
*3-Course Dinner • Beverages
 Entertainment • Dancing*

Special Mass and Morning Tea
 Sunday 18 February
*Join us for the Centennial Mass
 followed by morning tea*



Some events have limited tickets, so register today at
www.villamaria100.co.nz