



Newsletter – 6th August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

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To Mary

Mary, Mother of God,
You are the woman who is always there.

You celebrate with us the Bethlehems and Nazareths
of our daily family living.

You stand by us in our Calvarys and are with us at
Pentecost.

Whatever our need or wherever we are,
Mother of all seasons you are there.

The images we have of you will change with our life's
journey.

You are the warmth of home and hearth.

You are the fertile full moon embracing land and tide.

You are the little secret thing, the kauri seedling rooted in
earth

and growing upwards, outwards, to the Queendom of
Heaven.

You are the Ark of the New Covenant.

You are the chalice which holds the wine of life.

Ko te koha koe. Ko te koha koe.

You are the silent space of prayer in our lives.

You are the yes to God, our yes to growth,
our yes to the birthing of Christ in the world.

And however we see you or fail to see you,
you are always there.

Amen



What a great start to Term 3! We have had achievements in Interschool Dance NZ, 16 students qualifying for Canterbury Cross Country and team visits around the city.

Our Batten Team visited the city to view the integration of Ngāi Tūahuriri / Ngāi Tahu's Cultural Narratives into the rebuilding of significant sites. They visited Tākaro ā poi (Margaret Mahy Playground), Hine-Pāka (Bus Exchange), Te Omeka (Justice and Emergency Services Precinct) and Tūranga (Central Library).



The Sheppard Team visited the Museum as part of their learning about Geology. They learnt all about the 3 major types of rocks - sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic.

It is fantastic to see our students making the most of the opportunities in different areas of school and their open mind set to new learning. We are proud of their efforts and of their attitude to learning.

Teacher Only Day – Term 3

A reminder that we will be having a **Teacher Only Day in Term 3 on Friday 14th August.**



Zone Cross Country

It was a very misty cold day down at Halswell Quarry, but this did not stop our fantastic 24 cross country runners from doing their very best. Thank you to all the parents who provided transport and helped the children during the event. The following children have qualified to attend the Canterbury Cross Country on Wednesday 12th August:

- Year 6 Boys - Joshua
- Year 7 Boys - Oscar, Luke & Bryn
- Year 8 Boys - Saul
- Year 5 Girls - Maclane, Tandia & Jessica
- Year 6 Girls - Pera, Amelia & Xanthe
- Year 7 Girls - Magdalene & Greta
- Year 8 Girls - Brynne, Hannah R & Meg



Interschool Dance NZ



Last week we had several students participating in the Interschool Dance NZ Made regional competition at the Christchurch Town Hall. A huge thank you to Mrs McDonald for all her amazing organisation, which reflected in the following results:

1st Overall (Year 7/8)

Samantha, Maddison & Greta (Hillary Hub).

2nd Place for Duo & Trios (Year 7-13)

Samantha, Maddison & Greta (Hillary Hub)

1st Overall (Year 3-6)

Saskia (Rm 4) & Carys (Rm 9)

(collaboration team with Fendalton School)

CONGRATULATIONS!

We also had 14 students take part in the Dancer Development Programme, where they participated in various dance workshops and performed in the finale of the Dance NZ Made Showcase.



School Photo Orders

School photos are now all live on the Photoshots website. The order envelopes were sent home with your eldest child on Monday 3rd August.

- Families can access photos now by clicking [here](#) then click the button 'Event Gallery Login' in the top right.
- Photos appear in several sub galleries, for ease of viewing/loading, under **OLA 2020** in red to the right.
- Our OLA password access is: 20oLa20
- **Note** capitals must be correct (copy & paste the password).
- As the galleries do contain a number of photos, it is advised that parents give these a few minutes to load and to use a strong internet connection (rather than say a phone).
- This is a **view only gallery – there is no online ordering.**
- Parents are asked to use the envelope provided by school to order
- All **instructions, prices, sizes and payment details** are provided on the order envelope.
- Orders are due back into the school office by **9am on Mon 17th August.**

2020 Kiwi Spelling Bee

Registration for the 2020 Kiwi Spelling Bee is now open. The closing date for registration is Friday 14th August. Please click [here](#) for the registration form. For details about the spelling bee please click [here](#).

Seeking Knowledge – Living Our Faith

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that our mid-year interviews will be held on Monday 24th August between 2:15p.m. and 7:30p.m. and Tuesday 25th August between 2:15p.m. and 5:30p.m. Bookings will open tomorrow morning. To make a booking please click [here](#).

School will finish at 2p.m. on both these days. If you cannot collect your child until 3p.m. please email the office (admin@ola.school.nz) to let us know and we will supervise these children at school.

Enrolments



If you have a pre-schooler wishing to start school next year, please ensure you have completed an enrolment form and lodged it with the school office. If you are unsure if you have already completed an enrolment form, please contact the office and we can check for you.

Helping Hands



Our Helping Hands Programme is currently experiencing high demand across our parish community. This programme provides meals and baking to our school and parish community when there is a need for some extra support for our families. This is a confidential outreach programme and is managed through our principal Janet Cummings. Now in its “10th” year, this programme plays an important part as an essential service and is a huge part of the Special Character of our school. This programme happens because our parent community have cooked and baked thousands of dinners over the last decade. We now need more members. If you would like to be part of future proofing this school programme either email HH@ola.school.nz or contact Carolyn or Kim in the school office.

Over the last school holidays a number of parents spent one afternoon cooking and baking a quantity of meals to stock our school freezer. Ingredients were purchased by the HELPING HANDS funds, including a \$500 New World voucher we had been gifted. Doing a Helping Hands Cook Together means that our school freezer is well stocked for our principal and staff to see a need and then be able to service that need at very short notice. Coordinating it this way is how we will stock our Helping Hands freezer for the foreseeable future. This allows us to cook together and give our time but at no cost to any family. Helping Hands will provide the ingredients. We will run a couple of fundraisers during the year to finance this programme. Alternatively, if you would like to donate to this programme please contact Janet. At the end of this term we will post two dates for cooking for Term 4 and ask for volunteers to give 3 hours of their time over the holiday period to cook meals/baking and so ensure this programme continues to support all of our families now and in the future.



Covid-19 - Welfare

To ensure that families have access to the help and support they need due to Covid-19, we have listed below some useful sites to visit:

NZ Government – Covid-19 Financial Support

<https://covid19.govt.nz/business-work-and-money/financial-support/financial-support-for-individuals-and-whanau/>

Canterbury Food Bank

<https://canterburyfoodbank.org/>

St Vincent de Paul

<https://www.svdpchch.co.nz/how-can-we-help-you.html>

Citizens Advice Bureau

<https://www.cab.org.nz/>



For assistance with Attendance Dues please click [here](#).

Welcome to School

We welcome **Cooper H** and **Cooper M** to Room 2.



Principal's Award Winners



Term 3 Week 1:

Liliana (Rm 3), Brooke (Rm 5),
Grady (Rm 4),
Abby & Chloe (Hillary Hub),
Tommy (Rm 12), Phu (Rm 10),
Devon (Rm 8), Neal (Rm 1),
Eden (Rm 11), Athena (Rm 9) &
Felicity (Rm 2) not pictured.



PTA News

It's time to renew your Entertainment Membership. Click [here](#) to renew or purchase a new book. Money raised goes towards purchasing new library books.



Disco

Friday 28 August 2020, School Hall - DJ Dale. Google form will be sent out to preorder Disco Packs \$5. Glow Sticks/Chips/Drinks available to purchase on the night.

Junior 5.30-7.00pm

Senior 7.30-9.00pm

Phonebooks

Mark the date in your calendar - Delivery date Saturday, 12 September 2020. Casual clothes day for all children of families involved in the delivery of phonebooks.

Mid Winter Breakfast

Thank you for supporting our Mid Winter Breakfast last term, your gold coin donation raised \$523.10 for Caritas.

Calendar

Sometimes event dates and times can change at the last minute. Please check our online calendar on our [website](#) for the most up to date information.

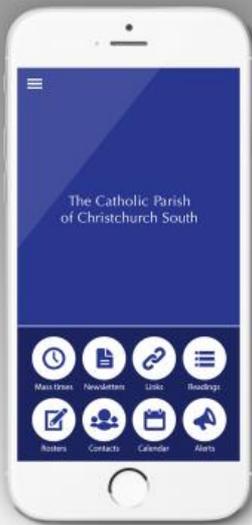
Week 3 Thursday 6 th August Friday 7 th August	Senior Winter Sport (12:30p.m. – 3:00p.m.) Assembly (School Hall 2:15p.m. – Room 8)
Week 4 Thursday 13 th August Friday 14 th August	Senior Winter Sport (12:30p.m. – 3:00p.m.) Teacher Only Day
Week 5 Thursday 20 th August Friday 21 st August	Senior Winter Sport (12:30p.m. – 3:00p.m.) Sheppard Team Mass (OLA Church 9:15a.m.) Assembly (School Hall 2:15p.m. – Room 3)
Week 6 Monday 24 th August Tuesday 25 th August Thursday 27 th August Friday 28 th August	Parent Interviews (2:00p.m. – 8p.m.) Parent Interviews (2:00p.m. – 6p.m.) Final Game of Senior Winter Sport (12:30p.m. – 3:00p.m.) Assembly (School Hall 2:15p.m. – Room 10)
Week 7 Friday 4 th September	Batten Team Mass (OLA Church 9:15a.m.) Assembly (School Hall 2:15p.m. – Room 4)

<p>Week 8 Monday 7th September</p> <p>Tuesday 8th September</p> <p>Friday 9th September</p>	<p>Values Assembly (School Hall 11:00a.m.)</p> <p>PTA Meeting (Staffroom – 7:00p.m.)</p> <p>BOT Meeting (5:30p.m.)</p> <p>Assembly (School Hall 2:15p.m. – Room 12)</p>
<p>Week 9 Thursday 17th September</p> <p>Friday 18th September</p>	<p>Football Tournament (School Field – All Day)</p> <p>Rutherford Team Mass (OLA Church 9:15a.m.)</p> <p>Assembly (School Hall 2:15p.m. – Room 11)</p>
<p>Week 10 Tue - Fri</p> <p>Wednesday 23rd September</p> <p>Friday 25th September</p>	<p>Cycle Safety – Batten Team</p> <p>SW Zone Kapa Haka Festival (12:15p.m. – 3:00p.m.)</p> <p>Assembly (School Hall 2:15p.m. – Hillary Hub)</p> <p>Final day of Term 3</p>

God Bless Janet and the Team at Our Lady of the Assumption School

Church Notices

Please click [here](#) to view the Catholic Parish of Christchurch South website.



The Catholic Parish of Christchurch South now has a Church App!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and **Search 'ChurchAppsNZ'** to download the app onto your device. Then search 'The Catholic Parish of Christchurch South' to find your church app.


Churchapps.co.nz

Community Notices

McDonald's Youth Duathlon

Sunday 20th September 2020

South Hagley Park

Click [here](#) to enter.



Tower Junction Mega Centre (beside Wet & Forget),
14A/4 Troup Drive, Addington, Ph. 022 188 1726

Opening Hours

Mon 8.30am - 5.00pm

Tue 8.30am - 5.00pm

Wed 8.30am - 5.00pm

Thu 8.30am - 5.00pm

Fri 8.30am - 5.00pm

Sat 9.00am - 2.00pm

Sun - Closed



CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thursday 3 September 2020, 7.00am - 8.30am

The Canterbury Club, 129 Cambridge Terrace

Cost: \$40

An opportunity for men to gather and encourage each other to become an active force within in the church.



Register online: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/catholic-mens-breakfast-series-tickets-63318683888>



Subsidies for neighbourhood events held between 23 October 2020 and 31 March 2021

'Summer with your neighbours' is about bringing people together. It's an opportunity to organise a small get-together or local gathering to get to know your neighbours.

The Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board is making **small subsidies** available towards neighbourhood gatherings in its Board area.

Apply online at: ccc.govt.nz/GetTogether

Or request a hard-copy application form by phoning CCC Call Centre 941 8999.

Applications for subsidies close on 6th September 2020

Please Note:

1. Subsidy reimbursements are paid after the gathering, on presentation and approval of receipts.
2. Subsidies are **not available** for alcohol, fireworks, or paid entertainment.
3. If your gathering is to be held in a public space such as a local park or reserve, you will need to contact Council Bookings on 941 8888 to check availability and make a booking for your chosen venue.