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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.

Dear Parent/Caregivers

Baptism



Thank you to Acey, Logan and Teina for allowing us as a whole school to share in your Baptism. We were privileged to be a part of this special time in your lives as you were welcomed into our Catholic Faith Community.

Thank you!!



"The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to say a huge THANK YOU to you and your students for participating in the '40 Bags in 40 Days' Lent appeal. We had a phenomenal response from you all which resulted in breaking the record for the most donated items in one week for the Stanmore Road shop. You and the students' hard work has helped the shop and so many families throughout Christchurch over Easter, so thank you again. Blythe Ward

Clodagh Ward and Penny Marks Acting Youth Co-ordinator

Working Bee

Thanks to the three families (who were unaware that our working bee had been cancelled due to bad weather) and John Kubiak. Between them they have all the bark into the areas of the school where it was needed. A great effort that we really appreciate.

Great Kiwi Competition

A reminder that entry forms for the Great Kiwi Competition are **due in to the office by 18th May**. If you need a form please call into the office to collect one.

Competition subjects include English, Mathematics and Science. The cost is \$8.50 per subject. The competition is open to all year 5-8 students. Please click [here](#) for more information.



Christchurch Catholic Kāhui Ako – (Catholic Community of Learning)

VISION: *We are a Community of Learning in which our akonga encounter Christ and excel in their learning.*

Last year Our Lady of the Assumption School joined this Catholic Community which consists of 15 schools – all five Catholic secondary schools and 10 primary schools, with 5000 students and 300 teachers.

Our Ministry resourcing provides us with seven Across Community teachers and 35 Within-School teachers. These teachers are working across and within schools on special character, curriculum and student well-being initiatives. We are learning with these teachers and with outside facilitators to further student learning. Our within school teacher is Danielle Marston.

In 2018 Our Lady of the Assumption staff started our involvement with the Special Character focus, **Social Justice**. On January 26 we participated in the teacher only day organised by the Catholic Education Office, with guest speakers and Bishops from around New Zealand.

We are also part of the Science Achievement Challenge. We are working with *Kaha Education* to increase Science capabilities up to Year 10, using **Thinking with Evidence** to gather initial data. Our next step, in Term 2, is to provide our staff with professional learning in science.

The third area that we are involved with is student well-being and transitions to primary schools and from primary into secondary schools. The across school leaders are preparing for a range of initiatives to support schools once they have received the results from the **Me and My School** survey that all the students from Y4-Y10 across the community have completed. Me and My School offers a snapshot of the learning culture in each school, standardised data to track progress over time and a nationally referenced gender, ethnicity, and year level comparison. As well as looking at aspects of Wellbeing/Hauora, it will also provide data for each school and the Kāhui Ako about learning dispositions, student engagement and motivation.

The Ministry held a meeting for Principals on March 12 regarding the **Mental Health Support in Schools** initiative. The purpose was to share information regarding the background to the initiative, the intended purpose, next steps and implementation planning including timeframes. This support will be delivered to schools through Kāhui Ako, and whilst two have been selected for the initial trial, we can expect all Christchurch Kāhui Ako to be included in the next 15 months.

Road Safety

Our Batten Team students and outside facilitators from the council have been braving the bad weather recently and learning how to ride their bikes safely on the road. It is a wonderful opportunity provided by the council to ensure that this age group gains the skills to ride their bikes safely on our local roads.

A big thank you to the amazing team from Christchurch City Council who ran the programme in our school.



Canterbury Swimming Champs

A big congratulations to the following girls who placed in the Canterbury Swimming Champs last week:

Lili-Fox 1st Place – 25m Freestyle (Para)
 1st Place – 25m Backstroke (Para)

Keeley 3rd Place – 50m Freestyle
 3rd Place – 50m Butterfly



Winter Uniform

With the recent cold snap in the weather children are now wearing jackets to school. **Please ensure that your child's jacket is bottle green, black or navy, as this is part of our uniform.**



In Terms 2 and 3 we change into our winter uniform. Our full winter uniform is detailed below. All uniform items can be purchased from Mainland Uniforms.

WINTER UNIFORM (Terms 2 and 3)

Girls		Boys
Years 1-4	Years 5-8	
Green Gordon Tartan pinafore dress	Green Gordon Tartan kilt (or skirt)	Grey winter weight shorts
White long sleeved blouse		Grey long sleeved shirt
Dark green tie		
Bottle green 'V' neck cardigan or jersey		Bottle green 'V' neck jersey
Navy knee length socks or tights		Grey knee length socks
Black or brown regulation shoes		
Optional: Bottle green polar fleece top (not to replace school jersey/cardigan)		
Protective Winter Clothing ie. jackets, coats, scarves, headwear and gloves: Must be bottle green, black or navy. Polypropylene singlets may be worn as underwear but the colour must not be obviously visible beneath the school shirt or blouse.		



A big welcome to the following students who started in Room 1 recently:

Ella & Rose

Principal's Awards

A big congratulations to these students on receiving a Principal's Award last week.



PTA News

The PTA AGM was held this week. The PTA committee for 2018 is:

Chairperson: Nikki Pullar-Grob
Treasurer: Wendy Clarke
Secretary: Kirsty Sayer
Teacher Rep: Patrick Shea
Committee: Monique Anderson, Bec Bailey, Janine Duff, Mandy Shepherd-Smith, Deb Stowell, Kimberley Swinburn

The **Entertainment Book** is due to launch - Available early May. The NEW 2018 | 2019 Christchurch, Canterbury and Nelson Entertainment™ memberships sell for just \$70 and you'll receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers you can use until 1 June 2019.



Advance Notice – Anxiety Workshop

Many of you were not able to make our Anxiety in Children workshop so Ursula McCulloch has agreed to run it again in T2. The date will be **Wednesday the 6th of June 7 – 8.30 p.m.**

Advance Notice – John Parsons, Cybersafety

Parents and caregivers who attended last year's evening with John Parson's, national cybersafety expert, found the evening to be of great value and took away many key messages on how to keep your child cybersafe. The South West Cluster (a group of local schools to which we belong) is bringing John to your area in Term 2 to repeat this evening for all the schools involved. More details will come later but if you are interested **keep this date and time free: 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday 17th May.**

Heads up in the First week of Term 2

We are very lucky to have the students of **Catholic Cathedral College** bringing their roadshow to OLA. The roadshow is comprised of two groups. We will be visited by one of these groups. Each group is made up of a mixture of students from some, but not all, of the following groups - Theatresports, Choir, Kapa Haka, Pasifika or Filipino performance group. Following the performance, our Year 7 & 8 students will be involved in a workshop with the road show students.

Calendar

Week 11 Fri 13 th April Friday 13 th April	Cycle Safety – Batten Team Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Room 5) Last Day of Term
TERM 2 Week 1 Monday 30 th April	Term Two Begins
Week 2 Wednesday 9 th May	School Cross Country – Halswell Quarry (Postponement Date Friday 11 th May)
Week 3 Thursday 17 th May	Winter Sport Begins (Yrs 5-8)
Week 6 Monday 4 th June Wednesday 6 th June	Queen's Birthday – School Closed Anxiety Workshop -7p.m. – 8:30p.m.
Week 10 Monday 2 nd July Tuesday 3 rd July	Mid Year Interviews – 2p.m. – 8p.m. Mid Year Interviews – 2p.m. – 6p.m.

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

Church Notices

Hoon Hay	14/15 April 2018 Altar Serving	Halswell	
am Claudia & Simon Hooker	Children's Liturgy Cleaning Counters & Bankers Extraord'nary Min'sters	pm Maggie, Isabella & Becky Grant	
pm Jacob & Luke Rolston		am Jessica O'N, Greta S & Maddison McD	
Alison & Cynthia		Petra Dellaca	
As per roster		Help needed please	
Pat Maloney, Phillipa Shaw		Heather Alderton, Kevin Kavanagh	
am J Whitburn,, P Maloney, D Fald		pm L Hunter, S Payne, J Scott	
pm A Woolstencroft, L Hooker, L Young		am C Tier, S MacDonald, J Clarke	
As per roster		Pat Watson	
am B & E Peoples. pm M McCormick		pm Coll - pm Daniel Himsel am: Mark O'Neill	
		pm Paul & Mary Goodwin	
		am Pat Watson	
		pm	
am R Sinclair, M McIntyre		am	pm Maria Inwood & Daughter
pm R D'Souza		am	am Wendy Challies & Volunteer
Robyne Sinclair			
Combined Guitar Group	Lectors/Readers		
Tony Shaw	Cup of Tea		
am Ross Family pm – Help needed please	Music		
am Help needed pm – Help needed	Prayers of the faithful Procession of Gifts Projectionist Saturday Sacristan	Brian Baker	

Community Notices

Sporting Notices:

Halswell Wigram Rugby Football Club is a children's rugby club based in Halswell and Wigram. We are still looking for players for all age groups, most importantly Under 6's, Under 7's and Under 11's. Registrations are still open on our website www.halswellwigramrugby.com

SURFKIDS Children's Surfing April Holiday Programme. Learn the skills of surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8-14 years. For details call Aaron 0800 80 SURF or www.surfcoach.co.nz

After School Care Notices:

CASPA After School & Holiday Programme. Taking bookings for April school holidays. For information call 349 9260 or 027 352 1638 or visit their website info@caspa.org.nz

MASH April Holiday Programme – Bookings for April school holidays are now open. For further information please visit the website www.mashkids.co.nz or call 366 9408.

MASH Flipout April Holiday Programme – Located at Flipout, 230 Maces Rd. 8:30am – 5:30pm. Introductory offer of \$25 per day. Full access to all Flipout equipment. Limited spaces available. Visit www.mashkids.co.nz for full details or call 0800 420 520.

School Open Day Notices:

St Thomas of Canterbury College – Open morning, Tuesday 8th May, 8:30am – 11:30am. Meet the staff and students and see the College in action. Principal and Head Boy welcome 8:30am. Tour of the College plus activity stalls. Tea and coffee and an opportunity to chat with the senior leadership team. Parking available on the field across the school (sports field). Enrolment enquiries email eels@stc.school.nz or call the school on 348 7010.

St Bede's College – Open day, Thursday 10th May, 9am – 12 noon. Information Evening, Thursday 10th May, 7pm (parents only). Senior students will be available in the morning to provide guided tours of the school and senior and specialist staff will be on hand to assist with your enquiries. The evening session will provide further information about the College. For further information phone 375 0647 or visit their website www.stbedes.school.nz

Hillmorton High School – Open night on Thursday 24th May, 6:30pm – 8:80pm. Visit www.hillmorton.school.nz for more information or phone 338 5119.

St Margaret's College – Open Day, Friday 11 May 2018, 10:30am to 1:00pm. Principal's address 11:45am, featuring current principal Gillian Simpson and incoming principal Diana Patchett. For those looking at boarding options, we have an SMC Boarders' Sleepover on Friday 11 May 4:30pm to 10:00am on Saturday 12 May. Pre-registration for this is required by emailing lizzie.d@stmargarets.school.nz

Hagley Junior College – Open night on Tuesday 8th May, 4:30pm or 5:30pm, at the Hagley College Cafeteria. Due to demand two sessions will be held. Please arrive for either the 4:30pm start or the 5:50pm start. For further information call 379 3090 or visit www.hagley.school.nz

Other Community Notices:



TAKE A HIKE!

JOIN US FOR A WALK AROUND HALSWELL QUARRY & A PICNIC

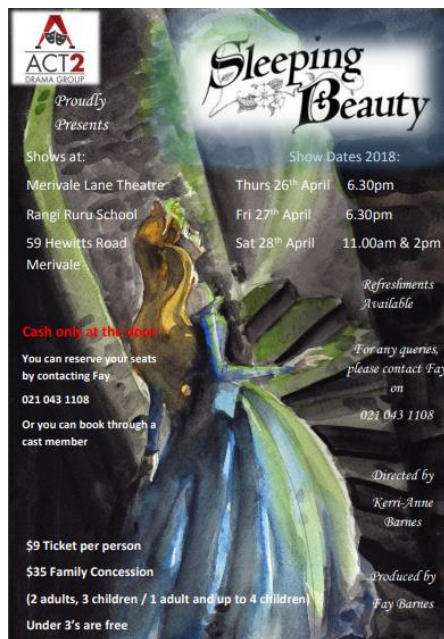
Sunday 22 April
10.00am-1.00pm

Free 

Head to Halswell Quarry with your friends, family or dog for a walk around the outer rim. There's heaps of activities for all ages to do along the way.

Bring a picnic and join us for food and games after the walk!

You don't have to be a Guiding member to take part, this is a social event and a chance for us all to get together and have fun.



ACT2
DRAMA GROUP

Proudly Presents

Sleeping Beauty

Shows at:

Merivale Lane Theatre	Thurs 26 th April	6.30pm
Rangituru School	Fri 27 th April	6.30pm
59 Hewitts Road Merivale	Sat 28 th April	11.00am & 2pm

Show Dates 2018:

Refreshments Available

Cash only at the door

You can reserve your seats by contacting Fay on 021 043 1108

Or you can book through a cast member

For any queries, please contact Fay on 021 043 1108

Directed by
Kerri-Anne Barnes

Produced by
Fay Barnes

\$9 Ticket per person

\$35 Family Concession (2 adults, 3 children / 1 adult and up to 4 children)

Under 3's are free