



# 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.**

*Jesus, we ask for your help as we begin this new school year.*

*Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before us.*

*Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that the new school year brings.*

*Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers.*

*Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic in our learning and the courage to accept new opportunities.*

*Helps us to be attentive to one another and let us experience your presence in our new friends.*

*May we always fill every need that we see.*

**Jesus, inspire us to be our best this year.**



Dear Parent/Caregivers

## Welcome Back to School

We have really enjoyed being back to school with your lovely children. They have settled in so well and are refreshed and ready to learn!

A very warm welcome to our two new priests; [Fr Chris Orr](#) and [Fr Alister Castillo](#). We are delighted to have you here as part of our community and it was great to have you visit our classes on the first day of term. The children and staff really appreciated that you made the time to do so!

## Be the Best You Can.

Our theme this year is **Be the Best You Can** and we are linking this to all that we do in school, our learning and our values. The aim is for us all to be the best we can in whatever we do and each term we will link this theme with one of our values.

In **Term 1** our value is Faith and the focus is **be compassionate**

“Compassion is a feeling deep within ourselves —a “quivering of the heart” — and it is also a way of acting —being affected by the suffering of others and moving on their behalf.

Compassion is made up of two words. 'Co' meaning together and 'passion' meaning a strong feeling. When we see someone is in distress and we feel their pain as if it were our own, and strive to eliminate or lessen their pain, then this is compassion.”

- “<https://www.tcdsb.org>”

## Opening Mass 9.15 a.m. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

This year our opening school Mass is to be held outside in the Hub (weather permitting). Mass will be at 9.15 a.m. You are all very welcome to come and join us as we start our year with prayer. **Afterwards you are welcome to stay for a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a time to chat and catch up.**



A big welcome to these children who are starting at our school this year:

### Room 1

*Vincent, Penny, Freya, Marco, Finn, Pearl, Nicholas,  
Rafferty & Eva*

### Room 11

*Phu*

### Room 4

*Teina*

### Hillary Hub

*Vinh*

### Term 1 Learning

During Term 1 our learning is focussed on getting to know our new class community, science (investigating the physical and material world) and digital citizenship. In this digital age there are huge resources and benefits available to our students. We do however have a responsibility as parents, caregivers and teachers, to teach our children how to use these resources safely. As we do every year we teach a digital citizenship unit, applicable to the age group concerned in all classrooms. You may also like to visit this site which has some very useful information and tips for parents:

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/>

### Staff

We are very pleased to welcome to our staff this year Mr Anthony Koorey who will be teaching in Rm 9 and Mrs Amanda Correia who will be providing release time in Rms 10 and 4. Both of these staff are very experienced teachers who have worked in Catholic schools before.

Also new to our staff is Mrs Emma Maslen who has just been appointed as our Sports Coordinator. Congratulations Emma! Emma has a long history of being involved in sport herself and has also coached children in different sports. Welcome!

### Wheel and Walk Day – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

This year our school is again participating in the national wheel and walk day. This day is to highlight and support children walking or riding to school. Walking or riding to school is a great way to increase the physical activity of our children. All children who participate in this day will receive a sticker and go into the draw for a \$20 gift card. If you live some distance away your child can still participate as you can park your car further away from school than normal and walk with them as they wheel or walk the rest of the way to school. **Further details coming soon.**



## New Sports Uniform

Many thanks to Siobhan Bergin and Clodagh Ward who have organised the ordering and distributing of our new sports uniforms. It has been a tremendous effort and the new uniforms look very attractive and, as the children have told me, are comfortable and easy to wear. As you know we have a full transition period of one year before we change over completely to the new uniform. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

If you are wanting to try on the new sports uniform there will be a fitting session in Room 2 tomorrow, 8:30a.m.- 9a.m. and 3p.m. -3:30p.m.

Contact Siobhan ([hallssey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hallssey@xtra.co.nz)) or Clodagh ([clodaghward@usa.net](mailto:clodaghward@usa.net)) if you require further information.



### Meet the Team

This year we will be having 'Meet the Team' meetings on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. These are the perfect opportunity to learn about the learning and expectations for our children as they enter new year groups. Each team will run their meeting twice on the night once at 3.15 p.m. and once at 6.00 p.m.

<b>Rutherford Team</b> NE, Yrs 1 & 2 Rms 1, 11 and 12	Meeting in Room 1	3.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.
<b>Sheppard Team</b> Yrs 3 & 4 Rms 8, 9 and 10	Meeting in Room 10	3.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.
<b>Batten Team</b> Yrs 5 & 6 Rms 3, 4, 5	Meeting in Room 4	3.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.
<b>Hillary Team</b> Yrs 7 & 8 Hillary Hub	Meeting in the Hillary Hub	3.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.

### OLA School App

Did you know that we have an OLA School App that you can download free of charge? Just search for "Our Lady of the Assumption School" in the app store. The app will allow you to report your child's absence, receive messages, view the school calendar and newsletter and order lunch on line. If you need any assistance with downloading the app, please call into the school office.

### Term One Calendar

<b>Week 1</b> Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Welcome Back to School – Open Air Mass 9:15a.m. Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Hillary Hub)
<b>Week 2</b> Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Waitangi Day – School Closed Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Room 10)

<b>Week 3</b> Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Hillary Hub Technology begins Ash Wednesday Mass – 9:15a.m. Meet the Teams – 3:15p.m. & 6:00p.m. Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Room 3)
<b>Week 4</b> Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Room 12)
<b>Week 5</b> Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Swimming Sports – Wharenuui School Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Hillary Hub)
<b>Week 6</b> Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Batten Team Camp – Woodend Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Room 8)
<b>Week 7</b> Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Room 4)
<b>Week 8</b> Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> March Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Hillary Hub Camp – Glentui Zone Swimming Sports Walk or Wheel to School Day Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Room 11)
<b>Week 9</b> Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday – School Closed
<b>Week 10</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday – School Closed Easter Tuesday – School Closed Canterbury Swimming Champs – Selwyn Aquatic Centre Cycle Safety – Batten Team Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Room 9)
<b>Week 11</b> Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> April Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Cycle Safety – Batten Team Assembly 2:20p.m. – Hall (Room 5) Last Day of Term
<b>Term 2 Week 1</b> Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Two Begins

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

### Community Notices

Please see next page



# KIWIVOLLEY

## YEAR 7/8 SKILLS & GAMES

**Dates:** 21 February - 11 April (Wednesdays)  
**Time:** 3.45pm-5.15pm  
**Venues:** St Andrews College or Christchurch South  
**Cost:** \$50 per player\*



**Bring a friend  
- pay \$40 each**

**Learn the key volleyball skills and play lots of games against other keen volleyballers from around Christchurch.  
Register at [www.canterburyvolleyball.org](http://www.canterburyvolleyball.org)**

### Marist Albion Rugby Registration

## 2018 Junior Player Registrations are now open!

We welcome ALL new and returning players to register for the 2018 season using our online forms available on our club website [www.maristalbion.co.nz](http://www.maristalbion.co.nz).

**All new players MUST** attend one of our registration nights and provide us with proof of ID, copies of passports or birth certificates for verification and get weighed in. This is also a good opportunity to meet the committee and ask them any questions you may have about the upcoming season.

**SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 3-5PM**  
**MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 5-7PM**

**Venue:** Marist Albion RFC Clubrooms, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** (includes a team photo for each registered player)  
\$80 one player OR  
\$130 for 2 or more children from the same family.

For returning players, you will receive an invitation to re-register via email, please keep an eye on your inbox!



**REGISTRATIONS  
CLOSE WEDNESDAY  
28 FEBRUARY**

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT US AT [ADMIN@MARISTALBION.CO.NZ](mailto:ADMIN@MARISTALBION.CO.NZ) OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.