



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Warmest Greetings to you all.



Last week we celebrated **Niuean Language Week**. Special thanks to the generous parents who provided the display for the foyer area of our school office. Congratulations to our small group of Niuean students. **Fakaalofa lahi atu!**

Testing Week

Most of the children have now completed their formal testing which was carried out last week. There are still a few catch-ups happening at present. Next week members of our staff will join with teachers from our other cluster schools to spend a day moderating our writing results to ensure consistency across all our schools. Once marking is completed, teachers then make a decision or Overall Teacher Judgement (**OTJ**) as to whether the child meets the **National Standard** in a particular subject or not. The actual test or writing sample is only part of the judgement the child receives. All their work through the years is considered and used as evidence to back up assessment results.

Health Consultation coming up 17th November at 6.30pm

We are required by the **Ministry of Education** to consult with our school community every two years about how we deliver the **Health Curriculum**. This can be through survey or parent meeting. This year we are inviting all parents to school on the evening of 17th November to learn about what we do and be given the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification about our Health programme. Please put the date in your diaries so at least one parent or caregiver from each family is present.

Welcome

Special welcome to new student **Sela** (Room 5) who has joined us from **Favona Primary** in Mangere. Also congratulations to **Sean** (Room 4) and his family on the arrival of his new baby brother over the weekend.

All Saints' Day



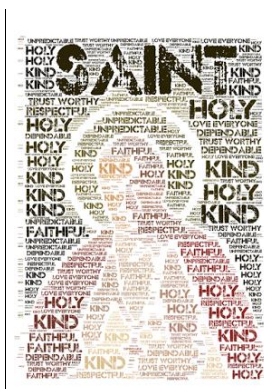
Our R.E Focus is presently – **The Communion of Saints**. Yesterday all classes attended Mass with the parish to celebrate **All Saints Day**. Each class has been learning about the saints during their RE lessons. They then chose a class saint to learn more about. One or two class members told the rest of the school about their saint after communion during mass in the church. **Father Felise** finished by telling everybody about his special saint, the founder of his congregation, the Redemptorists, **ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI**.

Their Redemptorists' mission is to be an order of Preachers and to travel the world to spread God's word. They do not usually work in parishes as they presently do in Glen Innes.

Today is **All Souls' Day**. Each class has had the chance to visit the church and add the names of loved ones who have died to the Parish prayer list, to be remembered during masses at this time.



The Room 7 students have been creating some 'Wordles' to show their learning about the Saints this week. They have used all the words they could find to describe their favourite saint and the attributes they showed others in their lives.



Old Boys and Girls in the News



It is always great to hear about our past students doing well in their lives. This photo was published on the Sacred Heart College website showing **Ipu Laga'aia** after he was invited back to SHC to speak at their Arts Prizegiving.

Arts Ties

An Arts Tie is a prestigious award that is given to Senior students who have been involved in the Arts at the highest level over several years. It is an honour to receive an Arts Tie, and the boys who gain these understand this.

Robertanna and Petra

We were very excited to hear that both **Petra** and **Robertanna** won prizes at the recent Baradene College Performing Arts Prizegiving. Both have excelled at performance music and been recognised for their talent and ability. Well done to both of you, and also your parents, who have supported you for so long.



Robertanna and Petra

Proud Parents Ofa and Jeannie

Proud Parents Wayne and Ella

Room 7 Writing

A few weeks ago we had a 'real' fire drill which showed our emergency evacuation procedures worked well. "... somebody burnt the toast" which created lots of smoke in the staffroom. Courtney took the opportunity to write about her experience of the situation.

Monday Morning, this morning I arrived to school late. Everyone was outside. I did not know what was happening. I walked and straight away I smelled fire and the bell rang continuously. I knew straight away that when the bell rings like that it means FIRE DRILL. This morning wasn't a drill. It was REAL. I felt scared and horrified so I hung my bag and ran outside to the back of the school where everyone was sitting and waiting. My teacher called out the roll to make sure everyone was safe. After a while Mrs Bell came to tell us that it is now safe to get back to the classroom. Thanks goodness and it wasn't serious.
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Term 4 2016

| November 2016 | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Dental van leaves</i> |
| 7 Week 5 <i>RE: Advent Writing Moderation Glenbrae School</i> | 8 | 9 <i>Manaiakalani Film Festival – Sylvia Park</i> | 10 | 11 |
| 14 Week 6 <i>Dental Van returns for the week</i> | 15 <i>Kids4Kids Show Kiwisport SNAG Golf</i> | 16 | 17 <i>Parent Evening Health Consultation 6.30pm</i> | 18 <i>Room 3 Class Mass</i> |
| 21 Week 7 | 22 | 23 <i>Year 7/8 Camp to Piha</i> | 24 <i>Year 7/8 Camp to Piha Tamaki Boards' Forum</i> | 25 <i>Year 7/8 Camp to Piha</i> |
| 28 Week 8 <i>BOT Meeting 7.00pm</i> | 29 | 30 | | |
| December 2016 | | | | |
| | | | 1 <i>Selwyn College Testing</i> | 2 <i>Helpers'15697 Morning Tea</i> <i>Uke Festival Saturday 3rd December</i> |
| 5 Week 9 <i>RE: Christmas</i> | 6 | 7 <i>Year 5/6 Sailing</i> | 8 <i>Room 1 Xmas Outing</i> | 9 <i>Graduation Mass</i> |
| 12 Week 10 <i>Year 8 Graduation Dinner</i> | 13 <i>Prizegiving followed by school/family BBQ picnic</i> | 14 <i>Last Day School finishes at 12.30pm</i> | <i>Christmas Holidays School starts Thursday 2nd February, 2017</i> | |

Manaiakalani Film Festival

Just a reminder that next week on Wednesday 9th November, the whole school will be travelling to **Sylvia Park** to go to the **Annual Manaiakalani Film Festival**. We have entered 4 movies this year, with two being selected for the evening show. They will be visible on the website the next day.

School Communication

Over the next few weeks we will be sending home information about some important events coming up. We have children attending the Ukulele Festival in town, the Kids4Kids Show at Manukau, Sailing activities on the Waitemata Harbour, Camp at Piha as well as other trips. Please make sure you return permission slips as soon as possible to help the teachers with their planning.