

Cross Country / Fun Run Tuesday 26th May

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau

There's lots happening around school with a few extras being healthy food choices, sign language classes, football skills, resthome visits, and new House Group chants being developed. I've also seen ākonga (students) running laps as we have the annual school cross-country / fun run coming up on Tuesday 26th at the Botanical Gardens. This is a fun event to spectate at and we welcome supporters – more details are further in this newsletter.


Please also keep in mind that King's Birthday Monday is a public holiday and school is closed. As previously advised, we are also closed on Monday 22nd June as our teachers work with other schools and an outside expert to continue learning about the revised Mathematics curriculum.

Behind the scenes, our teachers are working hard on developing a new parent report format that is inline with the latest Ministry of Education guidelines, and these will be in your hands nearer the end of the Term. There is a huge amount of curriculum change happening currently and we are grateful that our Minister announced that they will extend the implementation timeline a little. The previous plan was for 6 more areas to be implemented next year which would have been very difficult indeed. You may also have seen that the current NZCEA system of qualifications is being replaced with the New Zealand Certificate of Education. This change will come in over the next couple of years and will be what your children use at secondary school.

At this halfway point in the Term, we have 92% of our ākonga at school regularly with our Year 8s and Year 6s leading the way. Boys are doing slightly better than girls overall.

And, we still have 106 students on perfect attendance this Term!

Ngā mihi
Dave



EPro8 Fun
yesterday





Prayer:



Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.
Let your wisdom and right judgement guide our decisions.

Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.

Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation.

Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in our words and actions. Amen.

Faith Facts:

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the 50th and final day of the Easter season. When the risen Jesus had been with his friends the Apostles, he had promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the beginning of the Church. The Holy Spirit empowered the Apostles. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began sharing the Good News of Jesus.

We celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, 24th May.

From the Parish Newsletter:

FR TANG will present a new series of talks on aspects of our Catholic Faith. Starting this Thursday 21st May at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre, Craigie Avenue. All welcome to come along and learn more about our faith.

BAPTISM PREPARATION meeting for parents for the under 7yr olds will be held in the Parish Centre at Sacred Heart Tuesday 26th May at 7.00pm.

Pentecost Sunday Celebration – You Are Invited “The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world” (Wis 1:7)

The Parish Council warmly invites all parishioners to celebrate Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, in a multicultural way. This celebration will be held at the **Holy Family Parish Centre this Sunday 24 May 2026, from 12:30 to 2:00 pm.**

Everyone is welcome to bring a plate; however, we already have cultural representatives from the Filipino, Indian, Samoan, Tongan, and Vietnamese communities. If you or someone you know would like to organise and represent your nationality and culture, please contact **Aureo J.**, one of our Parish Council members, at **027 641 0498** or email blitzaureo2@gmail.com You may also contact our parish secretary, Helen S.

We warmly invite you to participate, we would love to experience and taste your food and culture. We thank God for your faith and the richness of your unique traditions. Together, we celebrate diversity in unity.

Friday 5th June - Non-uniform Day for SVP Food Bank

Our annual non-uniform day for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will take place on **Friday the 5th of June.**

On that day the children can come to school in ‘casual clothes’ and bring with them donations of non-perishable food items (tinned goods, breakfast cereals, pasta, rice, ...) or toiletries (soap, toilet rolls, toothpaste, ...), for the SVP Food Bank.

St Vincent de Paul Society helps people in need in our local area by way of food, household items, advocacy and friendship.



The picture above, shows some good examples of what you could donate for the non-uniform day.

Sacred Heart Competitive Cross Country & Whole School Fun-Run – Tuesday 26th May

The Council may be doing maintenance at the main entranceway to the Botanical Gardens, please park outside the gardens and walk in.

- All students will walk with their teachers to the Band Rotunda at the Botanic Gardens.
- The Competitive Cross Country will begin at 1.30pm.
- The Fun Run will begin at approx. 1.40pm.
- Students can dress up in house colours / or wear an item of clothing from their house colour. Come to school dressed like this.
- Students must wear suitable running shoes / sneakers. They should also bring something warm to wear after the race, and a drink bottle.
- **At the end of the events** – parents need to collect their children from the Botanic Gardens. (approx 2:30pm).

(Postponement day Tuesday 3rd of June).

Our EPro8 Challenge Teams at Bluestone yesterday



2026 Key Dates

20 May	May BOT Meeting 5.15pm
26 May	Cross Country
1 June	Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)
2 June	Cross Country (postponement date)
5 June	SVP non-uniform day
7 June	First Communion 9am Basilica
12 June	Sacred Heart Feast Day
22 June	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
24 June	June BOT Meeting 5.15pm
3 July	Last day of Term 2
Term 2	20 April – 3 July
Term 3	20 July - 25 September
Term 4	12 October - 15 December



Congratulations Grace

Congratulations to Grace who was awarded Player of the Day in her Football Team last weekend 😊

Found Items

We have a swimming bag with goggles, togs and towel in the Office.

We also have a School Jacket with no name on it, from the end of last Term – is your child missing theirs?





YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Multicultural Lunch Gathering

The Parish Council warmly invites you to a
Multicultural Lunch Gathering
to celebrate fellowship, diversity,
and community togetherness.



DATE:
24 May 2026



TIME:
12:30 pm



VENUE:
Holy Family Parish Centre
("Basilica" Parish Centre)



We look forward to sharing food,
culture, and friendship with everyone
in our parish community.

All are welcome!





Mark the dates in your calendar now...Alpha is starting again on Tuesday 16th June at 6:30pm at the Parish Centre at Sacred Heart Basilica for 12 weeks. You will have the chance to catch up with old friends or maybe make new ones. Bring along family members or maybe workmates and friends who have shown an interest in your faith. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. We start with a delicious meal, followed by a short video and discussion in small groups. It's fun and very informal. It's your chance to ask the big questions about life in a supportive and safe environment. Everyone is welcome. No charge, no pressure, no follow-up! RSVP by text or phone to Paula on 027 5382595 by 8th June, for catering purposes.

The Alpha programme begins on Tuesday 16th June at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre behind the Sacred Heart Basilica.

We are hoping to reach out to parents of children who are attending our catholic schools, people who are no longer attending Mass and those who might feel that they might be open to beginning a relationship with Jesus or in need of a refresh in their faith journey.



Alpha is for everyone 😊

Please click this link for the Alpha introduction video:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/184913169>



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Treating yourself and your whānau

How to apply scabies cream or lotion

- Treat everyone in the house at the same time before bed, even if not itchy.
- Apply permethrin cream or lotion over all your skin. If you can't get help applying cream to your back, talk to your healthcare provider about other treatment options.
- Use enough cream or lotion to cover skin fully. Ensure enough cream or lotion for everyone in the house, and for the repeat treatment in 7 days.
 - Each treatment for an adult-sized person needs one or two bottles if they are larger.
 - Children 5-12 years; half to one bottle.
 - Children 2-5 years; quarter of a bottle.
 - For a child under 2 years; less than a quarter of a bottle.

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED - DAY 1

- Apply cream or lotion all over your skin, avoiding your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Start with your face, scalp, ears and neck, then your chest, arms and legs, including armpits, belly button, feet, toes and toenails.
- Get help to cover hard-to-reach areas like your back.
- Wash your hands, apply cream or lotion to your genital skin and between the buttocks, wash your hands again and then reapply to hands, wrists, between your fingers and under nails. Reapply if hands washed overnight.
- Leave cream overnight for 8 to 12 hours.



THE NEXT DAY

- Wash cream off. Put on clean clothes not worn for 4 days.
- Treat clothing and household items used in the last 4 days.
- See overleaf - Treat household items to stop scabies coming back.



7 DAYS LATER

- Repeat treatment exactly as Day 1 to kill newly hatched eggs and make sure scabies doesn't come back.
- Re-treat clothes and household items.



10 TO 14 DAYS LATER

- Check all household members for new itchy spots or rash.
- If new spots appear, seek advice from your healthcare provider.

Other information

If you are unable to apply cream or lotion as described, talk to your healthcare provider about other treatment like tablets. For more information, visit [info.health.nz/scabies](https://www.health.govt.nz/scabies).

Treat household items and stop scabies coming back

Scabies mites and eggs can live off the body for several days. After each personal treatment, clean clothing, bedding and household items to stop scabies coming back.

DAY 1:

Personal treatment for everyone at home. Apply cream or lotion to all your skin and leave overnight.

Follow your healthcare provider's instructions if you are taking tablets.
See overleaf - Treating yourself and your whānau.

THE NEXT DAY

After personal treatment, treat sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers, towels, facecloths, soft toys and clothing used in the last 4 days.

Choose one of the following methods to kill the mites and their eggs.



Hot wash cycle over 50°C for more than 10 minutes



Put dry items in the dryer on HOT for at least 10 minutes



Freeze for at least 5 hours (could be overnight)



Seal in a plastic bag for 4 days

DAYS 2 TO 5:

Clean carpets, soft furnishings and car seats (adult and child). Vacuum each day for 4 days.



Car seats



Give removable coverings a hot wash



Vacuum clean or wipe surfaces



Children's car seats can be sealed in a plastic bag for 4 days

DAYS 8 TO 10:

After your second personal treatment on day 7, repeat the treatment of clothing and household items exactly as before.



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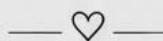
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TIME:

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