

School Photo Day next Tuesday 📷



Celebrating Tongan Language Week

Mālō 'etau lava – Greetings

This week we celebrate the Tongan language and are proudly flying the Tongan flag in support. Later this afternoon we are being treated to a performance by several of our students fully supported by their whanau – it will be fun!

It was great to see many of you supporting the Marist Cup games last Friday over at Roncalli College. My thanks to Chelsea Greenall (Sports Co-ordinator) for organising, and to Chris Rooney, Deb Crawford and Gina Simpson for coaching the teams. The games were hard fought as always and when the dust had settled, St Joseph's won the combined netball, and Sacred Heart won the combined rugby (by one try!). Based on the overall results across all four games, this means the Marist Cup is St Joseph's until we meet again – congratulations to them.

With our second round of parent conferences tonight, I hope that you are finding value in speaking with your child's teacher. Please remember that you are welcome to make an appointment to talk to them at other times as needed, which you can arrange via email or in person.

Attendance – our final result from Term 2 was that 74% of our ākonga regularly attended classes. Being at school regularly, is strongly linked to student achievement and I'm pleased to say that as at today, we still have 10 students who have 100% attendance! That said, there are some unpleasant bugs 'doing the rounds' and if a child is unwell, they should stay home. Thanks for your help with both sides of this issue.

Nofo ā – stay well

Dave

Missionary Childhood Association Prayer:

Dear Lord, together we pray for the children of the world. May they live without fear of violence and war, without hunger or thirst, without sickness and poverty. May they experience the joy of faith, the hope of the "Good News" of Jesus and the love that comes from knowing the Lord's great love for each one of us. May they grow in faith so that we all walk together as Your children, in peace and love. Send us Your Holy Spirit to inspire us to work together for a different world, a better world for all. Amen.

Faith Facts: MISSIO – A Catholic Mission.

MISSIO is the Pope's international Mission Agency in New Zealand. Through a network of religious and lay missionaries, it operates in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, and the Americas, supporting children, communities, and future Church leaders across education, healthcare, and spiritual care. It is part of an international organisation that partners with communities, helping them to flourish by supporting grassroots projects, including healthcare, education, and spiritual care. Missio is directly under the patronage of the Vatican's Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples. It also represents and supports the four Pontifical Missions Societies: Propagation of the Faith, St Peter the Apostle, Holy Childhood Society, and Missionary Union.



Missions Day – Friday 21st August:

Sacred Heart will be supporting the Holy Childhood Missions with a **non-uniform and wacky hair day** (gold coin donations) this Friday, 21st August. We're looking forward to seeing all the interesting hairdos! The Holy Childhood Missions support projects for needy children across the world.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

The Confirmation Programme begins on Sunday, 6th September with a meeting in the Parish Centre (behind Sacred Heart Basilica). All those from Year 8 and above are eligible to be confirmed. Paper forms are available in St Thomas' Church foyer and Sacred Heart side porch. Enrolments need to be in before Friday 28th August. The young people will be confirmed on Sunday 1st November at the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica.

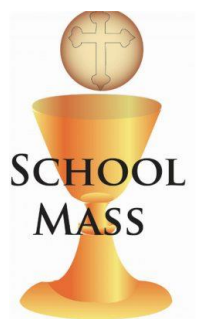
Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

21st August: Rooms 8 & 2 will attend Mass.

28th August: Rooms 10, 9 & 1 will attend Mass.

School Mass:

We will be celebrating Mass with our Parish on Sunday, **13th September**, at 9am at the Basilica. **All students are expected to attend School Mass.** The children will need to be seated by 8.50am. Class teachers will be on hand to help the children find their seats. The children should come to Mass in smart casual wear. There will be morning tea in the Parish Centre after Mass.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Is a welcoming journey of faith for adults who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church and, if they choose, become Catholic. Whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time, coming from another Christian tradition, or simply seeking a deeper relationship with God, you are warmly invited to join us. The RCIA programme begins in September. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more, please contact: Pauline Berry 020 4083 0140

pastoralassistant@holymfamilytimaru.org.nz

Important Dates

19 August	Parent Conferences 3.30pm – 6.30pm
19 August	Board of Trustees Meeting
21 August	Non-uniform Day (in support of the Missions)
25 August	School Photo Day
11 Sept	SCG School Disco
13 Sept	Whole School Mass 9am in the Basilica
25 Sept	Term 3 Ends
12 Oct	Term 4 Starts
12 Oct	Top Teams
26 Oct	Labour Day (School Closed)
30 Oct	Year 4 Camp (TBC)
15 Dec	Last Day for 2026



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THE WIZARD of Oz

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Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg
Background Music by
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Dance and Vocal Arrangements
by **Peter Howard**
Orchestration by **Larry Wilcox**
Adapted by **John Kane** for the
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Based upon the Classic
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for the Young Performers' Edition
Developed by **iTheatrics**
Under the supervision of
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Celebrating Student Success



Congratulations to our students who achieved great results at the recent Celtic Prizegiving:



Most Improved Player: Noah Foster – Yr 3 White

Most Improved Player: Bronson Monaghan – Yr 6 Red

Most Improved Player: Tom Strachan – Yr 7 Red

Celtic Prizegiving Awards

Conduct Cup:

Tyler Winter-Davis

Leadership Cup:

Beauden Rooney

Player of the Year:

Mason Bucknell



Hockey Success – congratulations to Sadie MVP, William Simpson Most Improved Player, Corban Rooney MVP



Well done to Mason Bucknell for his success at the recent South Island ATV Motorcross Championships

Tongan Language Week: 16 - 22 Aug.

Polokalama Uike Lea fakatonga 🇳🇵

Sun 16: Pō Lotu (Opening 5pm)
 Mon 17 - Fri 21 Schools' Celebration.

Fri 21st Aug at Caroline Bay Hall

12:00: Doors Open
 12:30 Prog start

- Schools Performances
- Food Stalls

3:30 - Program finishes
All are Welcome!





CREATIVE CORNER'S

Masquerade Ball

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026
FROM 7PM | HECTOR BLACK'S

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AUCTION | NIBBLES | DANCING | LIVE MUSIC

DRESS CODE: FORMAL | BAND: BRANGIE

TICKETS: \$50

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OF CREATIVE CORNER

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
FROM CREATIVE CORNER





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6th - 27th September

Starting

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