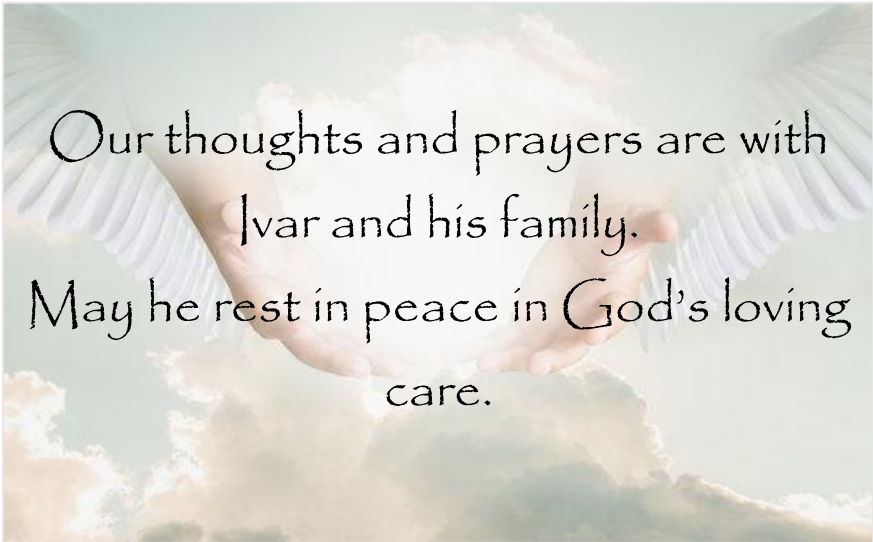


School Photos coming home today 😊

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau e hoa ma / Greetings family and friends

It has been a big week at school with the tragedy affecting everyone in one way or another. Our thoughts and prayers remain fully with the Kroon and Crowther whanau in what is an impossibly sad situation. I woke up this morning and reflected on how incredibly grateful I am that I am part of a faith-based school community, and that we have God to lean on. Some things are more than we can handle by ourselves, but nothing is impossible for God (Luke 18:27). As I wrote in an earlier email, if you, your child, or someone you know is lost or struggling at the moment, please reach out – as a school we will help if possible, or put you in touch with someone who can.

*God bless you
Dave*



Our thoughts and prayers are with
Ivar and his family.
May he rest in peace in God's loving
care.

Advent Prayer:

God of hope,
At the stable and beyond:
Be with us on our Advent journey.
Be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together;
Be with us in our worship and in our praying together;
Be with us on our Advent journey
To the stable and beyond,
Our God of hope.

What is Advent?

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas Day. The final days of Advent focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent begins this Sunday, 30th November.



Whole School Mass:

Our Parish and School Mass will take place next Monday, 1st December – 9.30am at the Basilica. At the end of Mass, our New Entrant children whose families are new to Sacred Heart will receive their Children's Bibles. Please join us for Mass if you can.

Christmas Around the World Liturgy:

On Friday 5th December at 1.45pm at the Basilica we will be finding out about Christmas traditions around the world and sharing the story of the Nativity, with the help of Room 8 and students from across the school. Please join us if you can.

Whole School Assembly:

Friday 28th November: Room 2 will lead.

Our Assemblies take place in Celtic Hall from 2.30pm.

Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

28th November: Rooms 4 and 12 will attend Mass

Camp Raffle Cards for Students Year 4-7

2026 Camp Raffle cards and money are due back into the Office next Wednesday. If you would like extra cards to sell, please see the Office.

All funds raised will come off your child's 2026 school camp cost. If you require more cards, please see the Office.

This is a great way to offset your children's camp cost!



Basketball Singlets:

All basketball singlets are due back into the school office. If your child has played in a team at any stage this year, please ensure their singlet has been returned before Friday 5th of December.

Student Road Safety

We have had several apparent "near misses" with students on their way to and from school. This is a timely reminder to remind your child(ren) of being vigilant when walking, biking or scootering to school. Cars do not always STOP. If your child comes to school on their own, please ensure they take caution with Road Safety

Important Dates

26 November	Board Meeting 5.15pm
2 December	Whole School Mass
9 December	Year 8 Dinner
11 December	Prizegiving 1.30pm in the Basilica
12 December	Fun Day (last day for 2025)



Tuckshop Closing:

The last day for Tuckshop orders for 2025 will be Friday 28th of November. No orders will be available after this date. Subway will still be available on a Friday.

Congratulations Caitlyn – South Canterbury Primary Schools AWD Athletics Champs

Well done to Caitlyn – pictured to the right with her 3 certificates from the South Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics yesterday 😊



Important Dates to Note

(You can also keep up to date in Hero by selecting the Calendar.)

1 December	School Mass 9.30am in the Basilica
3 December	Raffle tickets & money due to the Office
8 December	Christmas raffle drawn – winners will be notified
9 December	Year 8 Dinner
11 December	Prizegiving 1.30pm in the Basilica
12 December	Fun Day (last day for 2025)

Prizegiving

- Our school Prizegiving will be held in the Basilica on Thursday 11th December.
- Prizegiving will start at 1.30pm, all parents and whanau are welcome to come along and asked to be seated by 1.20pm.
- Once Prizegiving is finished, all students will return to school with teachers. Students can be collected from class once released by their teacher.

Fun Day – Last Day of School

Classes are doing a range of activities for the last day of school. Teachers will communicate details for your child through the HERO system.

2026 Classes

We will send 2026 class lists with Stationery lists at the end of Term. Unfortunately, our new teachers are not available before the Term ends, so unable to hold our usual “meet your teacher” afternoon.

South Canterbury Athletics Results

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the South Canterbury Primary School Athletics on Tuesday. See below for the results from our students:

U9 Boys	Shotput	2 nd place	Bronson Monaghan
U11 Girls	100m Sprint Final	3 rd place	Stevie Faulkner
11+ Boys	Discus	3 rd place	Richie Brown
U12 Boys	100m Sprint Final	1 st place	Mozart Quindor
AWD	Caitlyn Couch	100m Sprint 1 st place, 50m Sprint 2 nd place, Shotput 3 rd place	



A huge thank you to Liz and Mitre 10 for providing the opportunity for a group of students to learn about and create their own tub garden. Mitre 10 generously provided each student with a tub and plants. Massive thanks also to Deb Crawford for encouraging and nurturing the students passion for gardening!

New Uniform Supplier

We have some exciting news!

Our uniform is no longer available from the School Office or The Warehouse. Our School Uniform can now be purchased all under one roof.

As of Monday the 1st of December, all Sacred Heart Uniform items will be available for purchase from the NZ Uniform shop, 151a Hilton Highway, Washdyke.

Opening Hours; Monday - Friday 9am-5pm & Saturday 9am-1pm.

You will also have the option of purchasing online and having the items delivered directly to your home – more info to come.



Trisilla, Alexa and Andria attended a tapa art class run by the Tongan Society and Aigantighe Art Gallery. This class coincided with the celebration of an exhibition of Stone Kulimoe'anga Maka's (Tongan Artist) art currently on display at the gallery.

Nate and Wiremu checking out one of our spectacular purple cauliflower 😊

