

Loud Shirt Day this Friday!

Kia ora koutou e te whanau

The new Term has started well with most of the children relaxed and ready for the opportunities that come with the final quarter of the year. Our Year 8s now have only a few short weeks before they move to their next adventure at high school and those of you with 5 year olds will get to the same place faster than you probably think!

Those of you who have checked Hero will already have the key dates for the Term and we have repeated them again in this panui / newsletter. If Hero isn't working for you, please pop in or call Rachel in the Office who will sort things out. And talking of communication – if you have changed your address/phone number recently, please ensure we know and we'll update our database.

Sadly, the planned teacher strike for Thursday 23rd October is still on as the Government has not re-entered negotiations nor added anything to their offer. This means school will be closed that day. No one here is happy about the flow on effects to you nor the associated loss of pay. Let's hope the Government decides to come back to the table before the day. We will let you know immediately through Hero if there is a change.

On Thursday, we are supporting the National Shakeout Day with an earthquake drill. The instruction used will be, "drop, cover, hold", otherwise known as "make a turtle". You can help by getting your child(ren) to show you what to do at home.

Don't forget the Loud Shirt Day on Friday (details in this newsletter) and the famous Roncalli Fair on Sunday from 10am – perhaps you'd like some invisible fish or a delicious home baked cake! 😊

Ngā mihi

Dave



Last Tuesday, the whole school met on the wahi ako to pray a decade of the Rosary for peace in our world. This was led by Mrs Plant and Room 13.

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

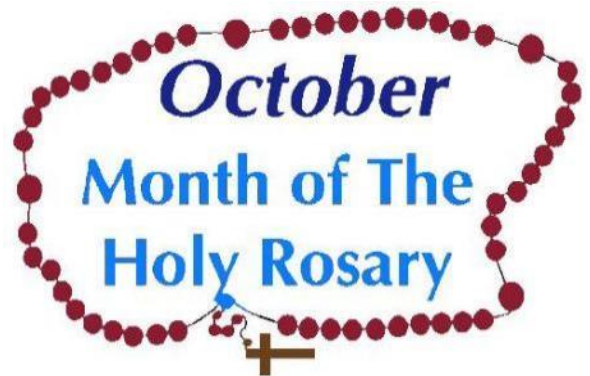
Holy Mary, mother of God,
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Awe, e Maria, e ki ana koe i te keratia kei a
koe te Ariki. E whakapaingia ana koe i roto
i nga wahine, a e whakapaingia ana hoki a
Hehu, te hua o tou kopu. E Hata Maria, e
te Matua Wahine o te Atua, inoi koe mo
matou, mo te hunga hara aiane, a, a te haora
o to matou matenga rawa. Amene.

Faith Facts:

October: The Month of the Rosary.

In the Catholic Church, the month of the October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary helps us to think about the life of Jesus, his passion, death, resurrection and glory as we meditate on the cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries. The Rosary also honours and contemplates Mary too, since she followed in the footsteps of Jesus the most closely. "The Prayer of the Rosary is perfect because of the promises it offers, the lessons it teaches, the graces it obtains, and the victories it achieves." Pope Benedict XV.



Confirmation Preparation Programme:

Important dates for our Confirmation candidates –

- Meeting on Sunday 19th October at St. Thomas' – 7-8pm.
- Meeting on Sunday 2nd November at St. Thomas' – 7-8pm.
- Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 8th November, at 6pm Mass.

Religious Education Programme:

This term we focus on the 'Kia Noho Hāhi – Being Church' theme of our Religious Education Programme, "Tō Tātou Whakapono – Our Faith":

Rooms 10, 9, 8, 5 and 4:	I Belong – How do I belong?
Rooms 3 and 2:	My Spiritual Journey – Where am I going?
Rooms 1 and 13:	Living like Jesus – What is my relationship with others?
Rooms 12 and 11:	People of Hope – What is going to happen in my life?

Information about the Programme can be found at: www.totatouwhakapono.nz

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Whole School Assemblies:

Friday 17th October: Room 12 will lead.
Friday 31st October: Room 11 will lead.

Our Assemblies take place in Celtic Hall from 2.30pm.

Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

17 th October:	Rooms 10, 9 and 1 will attend Mass.
24 th October:	Rooms 4 and 12 will attend Mass.
31 st October:	Rooms 3 and 13 will attend Mass.

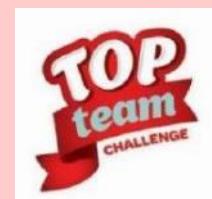
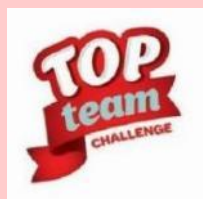


Important Dates

16 October	National Shake Out Day
17 October	Loud Shirt Day
19 October	Roncalli College Fair
23 October	NZEI Strike Day (school closed for instruction)
27 October	Labour Day Holiday (school closed for instruction)
3-5 November	Year 7 Camp
7 November	Sacred Heart School Athletics
10 November	9.15am Junior Athletics (at school – Year 0-3)
2 December	School Mass
9 December	Year 8 Dinner
11 December	Prizegiving
12 December	Fun Day (last day for 2025)

Top Teams Year 4 – 8 students

On Wednesday 22nd of October from 9.30am – 11am we will be having our annual Top Teams games. This involves all Year 4–8 students. Students will come to school in their House Colours and will need to bring a towel (as they will probably get wet) Students will need to bring their uniform to school to change into after Top Teams.



We require 5 or 6 parents to help us run some of the stations –
if you are available for the morning of fun, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Sacred Heart School Athletics Sports – Friday 7th November

Our annual Athletic Sports will run on Friday 7th of November for **Year 4-8 students**. Please see the important information below.

Where: Aorangi Athletics Track – Morgans Road.
Who: Year 4 – 8.
Transport: Parents to drop children to the **track** at 8.45am.
Parents to collect children from the track at 2.30pm.

Bring: Students are to wear their uniform, a warm jacket, school sunhat, sports shoes, sunscreen, food and a drink bottle – (Please ensure all items are named).



Parent Helpers Needed

Please [Click Here](#) to complete our online form, if you are able to assist with helping run an activity during our Senior Athletics day.

Your help will be required from 8:45am until 2.30pm at the Morgans Road Athletics Track 😊



School Photo Orders

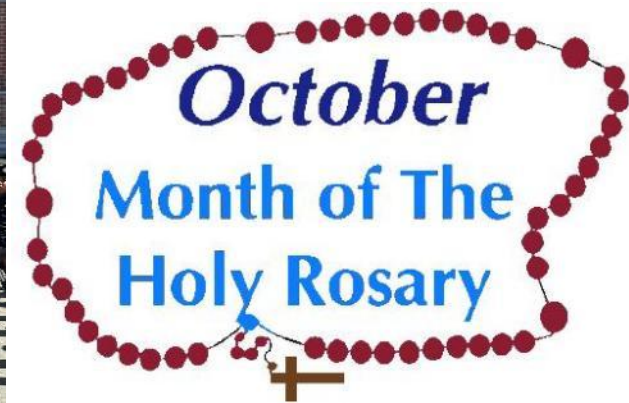
School photo order envelopes were sent home with students last week. If you are wanting to place an order, please complete them and return them to the School Office by Wednesday 22nd of October.

Student Lateness & Absences

With the beginning of a new Term, it is a timely reminder to address student absences and lateness. We have had a number of students arriving at school after the bell (some as late as 9.40am).

Our school bell rings at 8.55am for the beginning of the school day. If your child arrives after this time, it is important that you notify the Office of your child's late arrival, as attendance data is recorded daily and sent to the Ministry of Education both for the morning and afternoon roles. This is important to ensure students safety. We appreciate your efforts in making sure this is done.

We have had a number of students not being collected until after 3.30pm. A reminder that the school bell rings for the end of the day at 3.00pm. A teacher is on duty each day until 3.15pm, we ask that parents collect their children promptly. Thankyou.



**Friday the
17th of
October 2025**



Loud
Shirt
Day



Why your support matters:

Loud Shirt Day is the boldest, brightest, most feel-good fundraiser across New Zealand and Australia – and it's all for a seriously good cause. Each year, workplaces, schools, families and friends throw on their loudest shirts to raise funds and awareness for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Receiving Cochlear Implants is just the beginning of a person's journey to accessing sound; they need ongoing specialist support for the rest of their lives.

Funds raised help provide life-changing services like speech therapy, audiology, early intervention and family support – giving kids with hearing loss the tools they need to thrive.

Cochlear Implants have given Mrs Gibb's son Albie the ultimate gift of hearing. His Whānau are so grateful for this and the wonderful care and on-going support he receives.

Lets get loud for Albie and for others that need Cochlear Implants to help them in the hearing world.

Scan the QR code below to make a donation and support this amazing cause.



**Dress in your
brightest,
funkiest outfit
in support!**





Our school grounds are looking amazing! Huge thanks to Jimbo for all his hard work over the holiday period 😊



**Congratulations to
Luke Cairns, who
placed First in the
Year 1-3, Ursula
Moray Creative
Writing Competition
recently!**



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