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Newsletter – Term 2 Week 4, 26 May 2022

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou e te Whānau,

We are so lucky with the settled weather this term with so many glorious sunny days, this is enabling us to make the most of being outside. We really have had a wonderful Autumn this year.

A reminder that school is closed next Friday 3 June due to our Teacher Only Day and on Monday 6 June for Queen's Birthday. We hope you all get to enjoy this long weekend and if travelling stay safe on the roads.

We are continuing to operate at Orange Level with our school adaptations. We are regularly reviewing our decisions based on what is happening in the school at any given time with our focus always on keeping our tamariki and staff safe and the school operating in a considered manner.

The Ministry of Education has advised that schools in Canterbury are now seeing higher numbers of teachers getting Covid and this is having an impact on teaching staff and putting some schools under pressure if they are unable to find suitable relievers. We are trying our best to avoid this situation as we are very mindful that if our teaching staff are away then it would put undue pressure on our school whānau if we had to revert to Distance Learning for some of our classrooms for a short period of time. Everyday I'm very grateful for how well we have been able to manage the situation and keep the school functioning well. It is not of course without its challenges and one of our biggest ones is the lack of face to face communication with our whānau. We look forward to when we can move freely again and get back to normal. We are planning some events to reunite us when it is safe to do so. We thank you for your continued support.

I sent out last week reminders about Car Park Safety. For those who may have missed it I have put it in this week's newsletter.

A reminder that we are now back to celebrating Whole School Assemblies. These will be held in the Church at 12:00pm each fortnight on Friday in the odd weeks of the term ie: 1,3,5,7 & 9. Parents are very welcome to join us and we politely ask that you sit at the back of the Church and are encouraged to wear masks.

Kia manaaki te Atua ia koutou
Collette Sandilands
Principal



Important Calendar Dates Term 2

Date	Event
3 Jun	Teacher Only Day - School closed (<i>Friday</i>)
6 Jun	Queen's Birthday - NZ Stat Holiday (<i>Monday</i>)
24 Jun	Matariki - NZ Stat Holiday (<i>Friday</i>)
3 Jul	Whole School Mass at 9:00am -
6 Jul	Board of Trustees Meeting
8 Jul	Last Day Term 2 - Mid Year Reports
10 Jul	Confirmation Mass

Car Park safety continues to be an ongoing issue for us and we are currently working with our Parish, Community Police and the City Council to find a permanent solution to this problem. While we work through this process we remind parents of the following key points.

- Adults bringing children to school by car are expected to walk them from the car onto the school property/school gate and collect them after school from inside the gate.
- The main school entrance is monitored at the end of each school day until 3.15 pm after which children who have not been collected are taken to the school office.
- Vehicles enter from Craven Street and **must reverse into car parks** allowing safe exits.
- Children are to walk to school via the raised area then the crossing.
- No cars to cross during arrivals and departures.
- The centre of the main parking area is **TO BE FREE OF PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES**.
- Children walking to Craven Street or biking home are to wheel bikes through the carpark, or walk on the school playground side of the fence.
- Vehicles exit onto Main South Rd via the North/East side of church (furthest from the school gates).

School Information & Notices

We recently welcomed **Ryan and Alex** to Room 4.
We hope you both enjoy your time at Our Lady of Victories.



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School Cross Country results

Event:	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 8 Boys	Matthew	Cody	Nico
Year 8 Girls	Marian	Mai	Angela
Year 7 Boys	Skylee	Marco	
Year 7 Girls	Lucy	Sophia	Isla H
Year 6 Boys	Hugo	Ryan P	Rylie/Robin
Year 6 Girls	Jessica	Vy	Isabelle
Year 5 Boys	Connor S	Rowan	Louie
Year 5 Girls	Katniss	Alice	Rafiela
Year 4 Boys	Chase	Jonah	Eli C
Year 4 Girls	Serena G	Maggie	Amiya
Year 3 Boys	Daniel S	Mesui	Chris S
Year 3 Girls	Eloise	Sophie D	Sarah R-G
Year 2 Boys	Mikael	Joey	Kaiser
Year 2 Girls	Joanna / Teresa	Maarit	Isla F
Year 1 Boys	Matteo	Reuben	Abel
Year 1 Girls	Julie	Chandria	Vai A

Congratulations to all our students in **GREEN** House for winning the most points awarded in the House Competition!



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West Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the West Zone Cross Country which was held on Thursday, 19th May at Nga Puna Wai. Great results! Well done everyone!

Year 4 Boys Chase Moar-Tomoana - 3rd Jonah Leo'o - 4th	Year 4 Girls Serena Geroge - 19th Maggie Cunningham - 29th
Year 5 Boys Connor Surrey - 3rd Rowan Thaliyath - 29th	Year 5 Girls Katniss Bernal - 12th Alice Brunton - 15th
Year 6 Boys Hugo Sales - 9th	Year 6 Girls Vy Huynh - 19th
Year 7 Boys Skylee Penafiel - 7th	Year 7 Girls Lucy Mason - 3rd Sophia George - 6th
Year 8 Boys Matthew Surrey - 4th Cody McGarth - 7th	

Sharing of Learning

Nine of our Year 7 & 8 students who have been selected for PALS Leaders for 2022 attended a **Physical activity Leaders Workshop** recently provided by Sport Canterbury. This was held on the old Shirley Intermediate School site. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities.



Assembly

So wonderful for the whole school to be able to gather again for Assemblies and celebrate all the good things happening in the school!



Class Awards

Room 4:	Lylah C	Abel A	
Room 5:	Aiden M;	Julie C	
Junior 1:	Keyon M;	Magdalene S	
Room 9:	Ziane A;	Joanna J	
Room 10:	Rachel R-G	Sarah R-G	
Room 6:	Markus G;	Dhiya D;	Jonah L
Room 7:	Chase M;	Eli T	
Room 8:	David B;	Mignonette B	
Senior 1:	Sofia S;	Lachlan J	
Senior 2:	Kerby E;	Lucy M	
Principal:	Taylor T	Aaron G	

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The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord is observed on 29th May.

It is observed 40 days after Easter Sunday. These 40 days go back to the passage we can find in the Acts of the Apostles, written by Luke: "For forty days after his death he appeared to them many times in ways that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3). The Ascension then marks the end of Jesus' special appearances - but it did not mean his appearance were over for good



Pentecost Sunday is on Sunday 5th June

Pentecost is the Feast where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to guide and sustain the Church after the death, resurrection and ascension to Heaven of Jesus.

Pentecost is hugely significant to us as members of the Church because:

- Without the presence of the Spirit Jesus' mission could not have continued and the Church would not have been born. |
- The Spirit poured out gifts on people that enabled them to live as Jesus lived and build his kingdom here on earth.
- The coming of the Spirit fulfilled Jesus' promise to be with his followers always.

[Pentecost in 2 Minutes](#)