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Newsletter – Term 2 Week 6, 9 June 2022

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou e te Whānau,

We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and had a chance to connect with whānau and friends. We continue to be very blessed with mild weather and some days it is hard to know that we are in winter and heading for the shortest day!

Our tamariki have been making the most of the sunshine and we have been lucky to hold all our scheduled outdoor activities. The Cycle Safety programme has been enjoyed by our Year 6 students this week on the school grounds and the local area with excellent instructors from the City Council. Thursday Winter Sports are well under way at School (Y4-5) and at Hagley Park (Y6-8.) This provides our tamariki the opportunity to learn new skills, be part of a team and enjoy some local competition.

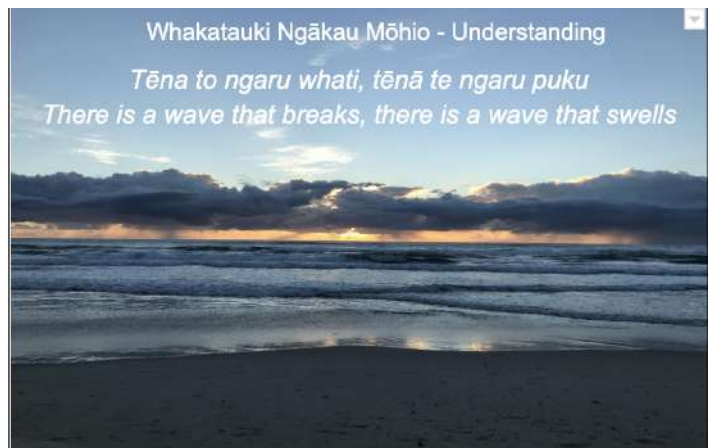
Congratulations to our new School Leaders: Head Boy: Kerby Emata and Head Girl: Erica Gonzales. They are both outstanding young people and great role models. A full list of all our school leaders are highlighted below. We are looking forward to seeing them all grow in their new roles and make the most of all the opportunities that present themselves.

Well done to Euan Agomaa Y8 & Marco Oliver Y7 who represented OLV at our local Rotary Speech competition. We are so proud of you both!

You will be aware from the news that some schools are experiencing issues keeping their school operating at full capacity due to high levels of staff sickness due to Covid and Influenza. For some schools this means distance learning for students for a period of time. Our school is trying hard to reduce the risk of that happening as we know that will have a detrimental impact on families and their work commitments. We have been donated a large supply of RATs tests so if your child is sick the school is very happy to supply you with some.

Our Orange Level Guidelines are set out below. Thank you for your ongoing support. We greatly appreciate your understanding as we work together to continue to keep everyone safe.

Kia manaaki te Atua ia koutou
Collette Sandilands
Principal



Whakatauki Ngākau Mōhio - Understanding

Tēna to ngaru whati, tēnā te ngaru puku

There is a wave that breaks, there is a wave that swells

Important Calendar Dates Term 2

Date	Event
17 Jun	12pm Whole School Assembly in Church
24 Jun	Matariki - NZ Stat Holiday (<i>Friday</i>) - <i>School Closed</i>
1 Jul	12pm Whole School Assembly in Church
6 Jul	Board of Trustees Meeting
8 Jul	Last Day Term 2 - Mid Year Reports
9 - 24 Jul	School Holidays
10 Jul	Confirmation Mass
25 Jul	First Day Term 3
3 Aug	Board of Trustees Elections - nominations close at 12 noon
7 Sept	Board of Trustees Election day

School Board Parent Election 2022

Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for 5 School Board vacancies. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by Friday 1 July 2022. We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those onto CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon

Election day is Wednesday 7th September, 2022

We look forward to your participation in this process.

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Operating at Orange Level

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.

Key things to note are:

- Parents are encouraged to drop off and pick up at the gate and masks strongly encouraged during drop off and pick up times.
- **Entry** through the **Main Gate** and **exit** through the **Side Gate only please**. This reduces congestion at the Main Gate.
- Students will be lined up in class groups by 3:00pm on the courtyard.
- All children to be picked up no later than 3:15pm.
- Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn indoors from Year 4 to Year 8 and optional for Junior students.
- Parents can come on site but we ask that if you want to meet with a teacher please make contact to arrange a suitable time. This again reduces the number of people gathering outside classrooms. Please continue to email them if you have any questions.
- Please do not come into classrooms unless you have a prior arrangement e.g: Students being settled into their class or pre-arranged school visits.
- If you need to come to the office then we ask that no more than one person/family is in the office at any given time and that you wait outside until the person before has finished in the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We greatly appreciate your understanding as we work together to continue to keep everyone safe.

Car Park Safety Reminder

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 Leaders



Head Girl and Head Boy 2022

Erica G and Kerby E



House Leaders

Lyons

Ivy V and Flounna M

McAuley

Mackenzie G and Sarah N

Cornelia

Cody M and Matthew S

Joyce

Marian M and Angela R



Young Vinnies

Marama M-T, John B, Euan A, Maggie P, Neil M, Ivy V, Mai H, Flounna M, Darren M, Ally G, Mick R, Sofia S, Kate C, Molly C, Isla H, Mikaela F, Ingrid H, Joshelle M and Alexa Z



PALS
(Physical Activity
Leaders)

Eleanor H, Nico F, Sophia G, Lucy M, Marco O, Kyle B, Skylee P,
Lewis B, Inigo P and Jacob B

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Librarians

Marama M-T, Georgia C, Kerby E, Matthew S, Eleanor H, Aaron G, Cody M, Flounna M, Ally G, Sofia S, Kate C, Molly C, Isla H, Xyrelle A, Suhana N, Angelino B, Skylee P, Lewis B and Ingrid H



Euan A (Year 8) and Marco O represented OLV at the Riccarton Rotary Club Speech Competition at Russley School Tuesday night. Congratulations to both participants.

A special mention to Marco who placed 2nd in the Year 7 competition.

The calibre across the district competition was outstanding.

Well done to both students who represented our school with pride and mana!

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Sharing of Learning

The **'Ono squad'** very much enjoyed learning all about Sculpture with Jane from *'Hear This'* on their recent trip to the Art Gallery.



A beautiful winter's day for Assembly last week!

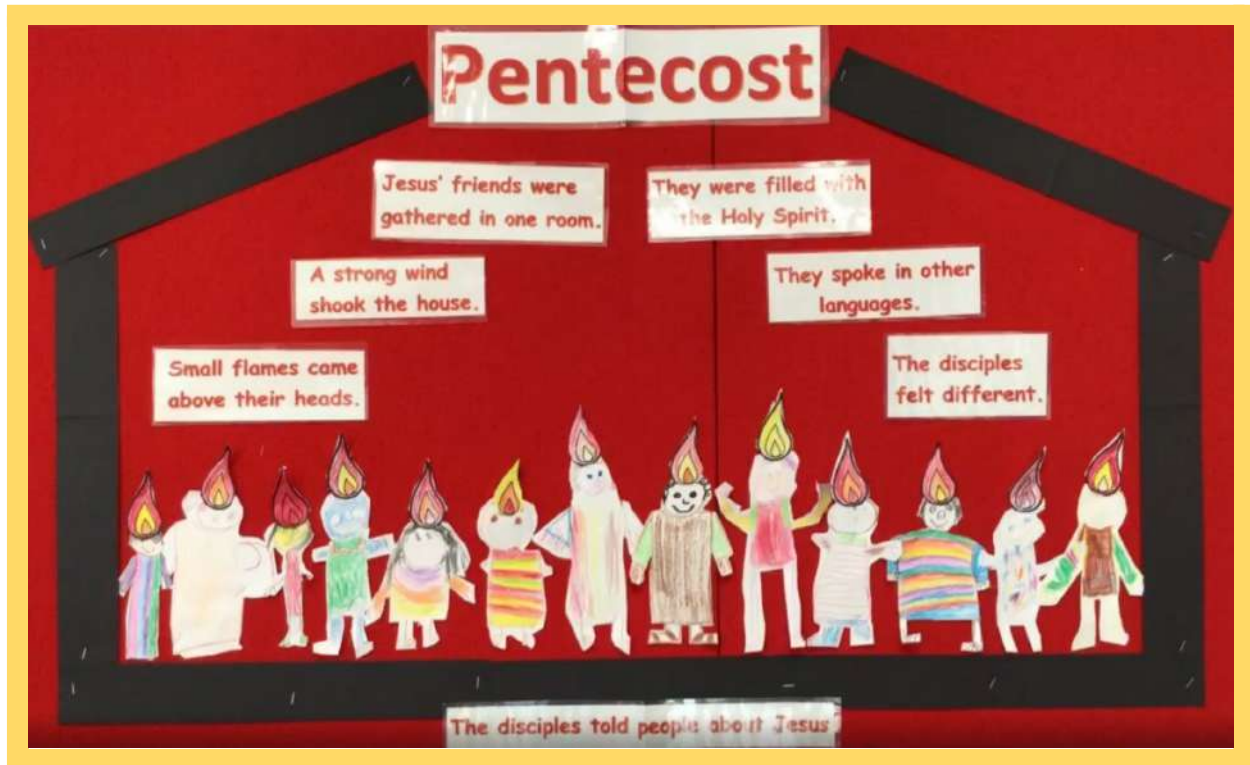


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Class Awards

Room 4:	Shivangi A		
Room 5:	Theo A,	Abel B	
Junior 1:	Mia O,	Howie H	
Room 9:	Daphne G,	Isla T,	Isla F
Room 10:	Lyanna M,	Paolo G	
Room 6:	Ariana H,	Aurel D	
Room 7:	Aurora CL,	Catherine V	
Room 8:	Faith M,	Liv A	
Senior 1:	Mikaela F,	Robin W	
Senior 2:	Anika H,	Mai H,	Darren M
Principal:	Harmony V,	Jejomar G	



Room 4 have been learning about the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. We made a mural showing the Holy Spirit coming to Mary and the disciples when they were gathered in a room in Jerusalem. We also made Holy Spirit headbands to show that we are filled with the spirit of God.

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion registrations

We are excited to announce that registrations for our Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programme are now open. We are using a programme called Blessed. It uses exciting, fresh resources to captivate and hold our children's attention.

We will begin with a **parent meeting on 27 July, 6pm at the Bishop Joyce Centre.**

Our children's sessions will begin on 3 August and will run until 9 November.

The children's formation will consist of six Wednesday sessions to prepare them for Reconciliation and six Wednesday sessions to prepare them to receive the Eucharist.

Sessions will be held in the Bishop Joyce Centre at OLV Church, from 4pm till 5pm.

The programme will finish up with a Saturday retreat on the 19 November followed by First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday 20 November.

Please register now through our website:

<https://www.christchurchwest.org.nz/first-holy-communion>

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