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Newsletter – Term 2 Week 8, 23 June 2022

## Principal's Message

Tena Koutou e te Whānau,

Just a reminder that this Friday the school is closed as it is a Public Holiday to celebrate Matariki. We hope you all enjoy the long weekend. The weather is looking good so hopefully you can make the most of the break and have some lovely whānau time.

Matariki is a special occasion in the New Zealand calendar which marks the start of the Māori New Year. Signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, this is a time to [reflect](#) on the past year, [celebrate](#) the present, and [plan for the year ahead](#).

We have much to [reflect](#) on over the past year. It certainly has had its challenges but we can [celebrate](#) how well our school has pulled together to navigate through tested but in reality mainly uncharted waters. As we plan for the [year ahead](#) we have many new learnings that we will take with us into the future. We are certainly all a little more adaptable, flexible and resilient. I'm confident that we can handle anything that may come our way and with the knowledge we will be safe in God's hands. *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps - Proverbs 16:9.*

We welcomed Brother Justin, who is the Asia and Oceania Vicar for the Brothers of St John, to our school today with a special Matariki Liturgy in the church followed by a lovely Mihi Whakataua to welcome him onto our school grounds. He then enjoyed a tour of our classrooms with our school leaders Kerby and Erica where he got to meet our wonderful tamariki.

Kia pai tō koutou rā whaktā - Have a great weekend everyone.

Kia manaaki te Atua ia koutou  
Collette Sandilands  
Principal



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## Important Calendar Dates Term 2

Date	Event
24 Jun	<b>Matariki - NZ Stat Holiday (Friday) - School Closed</b>
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.

### **Wayne Jamieson**

Returning Officer

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# School Information & Notices

## Matariki

The school gathered together to celebrate Matariki, to pray, to celebrate and give thanks. The Prayer Service was led by Room 7 and 8, with the help of Senior 2. Father Justin and Father Michael Therese, joined us. The students were amazing, as most of the service was done in Te Reo Maori. We then welcomed Father Justin into our school with a Powhiri. This was followed by a blessing and Kai.



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## Sharing of Learning

### PALS

The 2022 PALS group have started their lunch time activities for the year!  
It was a successful first day - the students loved having lots of sports equipment out at lunch time to play with!



**Room 10** had fun reusing tins to create pencil holders as part of our Science topic about caring for Earth's resources.



**We are growing scientists!**

Dr Dawson from Villa Maria visited the **junior team** and brought along some microscopes. We got a close up look at the different parts of a plant.



### **Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country**

Congratulations to Lucy M, Connor and Matthew S who represented our school and the West Zone at the Canterbury Primary School Cross Country at Ngā Puna Wai on Wednesday 22nd June. Tu meke! We are so proud of them!



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## Emperor's New Clothes Performance



We all had a wonderful visit from the New Zealand Playhouse. They performed 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. It was so funny and we all really enjoyed it. Afterwards we got to ask questions and they explained how they made the props and how long they had to practise.

***It was awesome!***



## Class Awards

Room 4:	Denilyse S,	Elijah S,	Solomona L
Room 5:	Lucas B,	Isabel B	
Junior 1:	Mya F,	Geanna P	
Room 9:	Saoirse L,	Maarit J	
Room 10:	Joaquin G,	Chris S,	Willow E, Jackson W
Room 7:	Yabu A,	Caleb V	
Room 8:	Rylie N,	Shelby N	
Senior 1:	Isla H,	Ryan P	
Senior 2:	Sophia G,	Cody M	
Principal:	Mercy A (Rm 5),	Roslynn R-G & Elza N (Rm 7)	

# Catholic Special Character

Please support the OLV Young Vinnies this term.



The Young Vinnies have put the collection buckets to the classrooms and hope to have them overflowing with warm winter clothes and blankets by Wednesday 6th July. Please have a look and see if you have anything to donate.

On the Friday 8th July which is the last day of the term we will have a Mufiti day to raise money for a school in Bethlehem. Wear your favourite clothes and donate a gold coin



## **ATTENDANCE DUES**

A big thank you to all the parents who have already paid their Attendance Dues for this term. Can we please ask that the rest of you who are still to pay do so as soon as possible. Term three will be upon us before you know it and we need to receive all payments before then. As always, if you are having difficulty paying please contact me at the parish office at OLV.

**Thanks**

**Marie Marshall**

**Financial Administrator, Ch Ch West Parish**

## **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 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>

### **Sarah Shefford**

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