

Principal's Note

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Dear Parents

Kia ora
Talofa lava
Greetings to you all

Recently I was fortunate to visit the ancient hill town of Assisi in Italy and view the tomb of the revered St Francis. The saint has lain here since 1230AD in a little crypt deep below the giant basilica. The stone steps are worn, the walls are cold and the only sounds are the muffled footsteps of the pilgrims as they file past the stone coffin containing the remains of the little poor man. It is impossible not to be bound up with the atmosphere for it invades your soul and you question why was this man so important and has remained so for nearly 800 years. When you discover his life you realise that he had a universal message – all men are brothers; rich and poor, saints and sinners, prisoners, christian and non-christian. It is a message that is as relevant today as it was when St Francis was preaching it. It is our responsibility as educators and as parents that we practise tolerance of difference and accept others as equals.

Be inspired by the message of St Francis of Assisi.

With God's peace and best wishes to you all.

Bruce Henley
Principal

A Message from the Ministry of Health Influenza A (H1N1) Swine Flu

The focus of the Ministry of Health and the efforts of the Public Health authorities are very much on containing any suspected or actual cases of this influenza.

The Ministry of Health suggests that families of students who have travelled to countries with considerable spread of Influenza A (H1N1) should keep them home for a week upon their return, even if they have no symptoms.

Dealing with any health issue like this is problematic for schools and early childhood services, although there is evidence that suggests that some basic measures will slow down the spread of viruses like influenza. In addition to potential school closure, these include basic but effective initiatives including promoting basic hygiene measures like very regular hand washing (before anyone puts anything in their mouths), students and staff covering their coughs and sneezes. Any staff or students with symptoms of possible influenza should stay home until they are well.

Any questions should be directed to your local Ministry of Education office, or Healthline 0800 611 116.

Food and Nutrition

As part of our initiatives to keep the academic standards at a high level we have a breakfast club that runs from 8-8.30. At our recent target setting we found out that many of our senior students do not make time for breakfast.



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and without it students cannot do as well in class— it is brain food. As a result of students not attending we are over stocked on Weetbix and milk that is meant for the students, so that they will succeed.

If students don't attend we will lose the sponsorship The breakfast club is open to everyone, so parents encourage your students to start the day in the best way possible.

It will also mean that they get to school on time.

Thanks Justin Fields-DP

Marist Brothers 4 day festival

Listen to the call. Take time to deepen that call and friendship with the Lord who calls. Explore ways of giving flesh to that call to mission, to be a co-creator with God and a builder of the Reign of God with Jesus, the Risen Lord.

The Marist Brothers invite young adults (Year 13 to aged 35) to a 4 day festival being held at Sacred Heart College, West Tamaki Rd, Glen Innes, Auckland from the 9—12 July 2009.

To register online go to: www.myam.org.nz

PTFA News

Our next meeting is on Thursday 25 June at 6.30pm in the staffroom. New members are welcome.

Nearly \$5000.00 has been raised from the school work day. Thank you to everyone for your efforts.

There are some school books in need of covering. If you are able to spare some time please come along on the 12 June from 10am onwards.

Reward Catholic Cathedral College with TelstraClear and Intelligent Rewards

If you have an account with TelstraClear or are thinking of signing up or switching to TelstraClear, then you can sign up Catholic Cathedral College as your nominated school, and our school receives reward points. These points can help our educational budget go further and can be used for numerous things including technology, sports equipment and uniforms, art and classroom supplies.

To nominate our school on your account, visit www.intelligentrewards.co.nz or call free on 0800 997 6278.

Don't let your monthly account go unrewarded – sign up today and help our school.

Sports News

Congratulations to Grainne O'Connell-Thoen who is the Port Hills Athletic club track + field under12 girls champ for this year.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the following pupils

Angus Hay— 1st 12 years boys
Joseph Hill— 7th 11 years boys
Natalie Dryden— 2nd 11 years girls
Grainne O'Connell-Thoen— 6th 11 years girls
Daniele Hoolahan— 7th 11 years girls

All go through to Canterbury event

Careers

Senior students have completed a survey from Target Setting Day. This information will be compiled and noted by the Deans and the Careers centre. Currently parents need to communicate with children on the many career choices that are available. The school supports this by offering careers dedicated resource areas in the Library and the Careers area, and a website that outlines the prerequisites needed for future study in a Certificate, Diploma and Degree. <http://www.cathcollege.school.nz/Careers.html>.

Gateway

Our Gateway students have been reporting regularly to their workplaces and completing units relevant to the work placements and to NCEA. Well Done! This is encouraging and has given a real focus to some of our students. Thank you to the employers and parents who are supporting them to realise a dream. Remember praise them.

Hayden McKay – Automotive at Pitstop Sydenham
Amelia Stewart – Automotive at Midas Car Care
Katie Sherborne – Hairdressing at The Swank Hair Design
Hattie Magon – Hairdressing at Soho Hair
Tegan Madden – Fitness Industry at Crichton Cobbers
Courtney TePaa – Hospitality at Coffee Culture, Lyttelton
Emmett Sullivan – Art at DV8 Tattoo

Careers Important Dates

University of Otago Information Evening 11 June at Chateau on the Park, 6.30pm
CPIT Have a Go Day for Year 12 students at CPIT on 19 June
UC Info session days 7 & 8 July
Lincoln University Open Day 16 July

Information Sheet

Please make sure the information sheet that was sent home last week is returned to the college with your correct details on. It is important that we have the right information on our data base. Thank you.

Girls Football

The girls football season has started off with a great triumph against Avonside Girls. The girls arrived at the away game on a freezing cold



Wednesday afternoon, very excited to get on the field. Within the first ten minutes captain, Hannah Freestone, had landed two balls in the back of the net securing a 2-1 lead at half time. The girls went on to fire more goals with Taylor Saunders landing a very aggressive penalty shot and Georgia Bean getting a run away goal. The final score was 4-2, a fantastic team effort by all. Well done girls - keep it up!

Gracious God, you have revealed the commandment of the new law of love in Jesus and have shown us how to put it into practice by the inspiring example of Saint Marcellin Champagnat.



Grant us, we pray, the grace to build a Christian Community in this school where each person is valued and loved as Saint Marcellin taught. Amen.

COMING EVENTS

Term 2 June

Mon 08 SS Gymnastic Champs
Wed 10 ICAS Science Exam
Fri 12 Feast Day Mass 10.00am
Progress Reports
Mon 15 SS Aerobics Champs
Tue 16 Mercy Cup
Mon 22 -
Thur 25 ERO visit
Tue 23 -
Wed 24 Mercy McKay College visit
Tue 23 NSW Spelling Exam
NSW Writing Exam
Yr 13 Bio, Lincoln visit
Yr 12 Bio Aquarium visit
Fri 26 Newsletter 6
Progress reports 7
BOT Mtg 6pm staffroom

Tue 30
July
Thu 02 Progress Reports
Snr Reports
Fri 03 Assembly 11.00am
School finishes 12noon
End of Term 2