



# Year 7&8 Team Newsletter

## Term 4 2018

### Term 4!

Welcome back! We are gearing up for a BUSY term! Year 7&8 have many end of year activities and events as we build up to farewelling our Year 8 Leavers, so please make sure you keep up to date via our school newsletters, website, app and facebook page. As always, if you have any questions, please ask!

If you need to contact a teacher, please email to make an appointment, or teachers are available from 8.30am in classrooms if you want to pop in. Our Year 7&8 staff are:

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### Term 4 Curriculum:

This term our learning includes:

**Literacy:** Reading and Writing confidently in a range of genres - based on "Puppets" topic

**Maths:** Appropriate to needs of each maths class.

**Religious Education:** God Strand - see below

**Te Reo:** Learning about the concept of Whanaungatanga. Whanaungatanga is a significant Māori principle which values a wide range of relationships, like family and friendships, and points to feelings of belonging and inclusion.

**Integrated Topic:** "Puppets" - this will include learning about the history of puppets, puppets from different cultures, designing and making puppets and exploring creative aspects through drama/puppet shows.

**Physical Education:** Athletics, Summer Games.

### RE Focus:

Our **Value Focus** this term is The Fruit of the Spirit - Self Control / Mana

**Prayer:** October is the month of the Rosary, so students will be revisiting those prayers and the mysteries of the Rosary.

**God Strand:** Students will learn that God, Te Atua, has created people to grow and change and, through the gift of grace to become more like Jesus by turning away from sin.

There are a number of **Liturgical Celebrations** we will learn about this term, as well as Advent of course!

All Saints -Solemnity, Thursday 1st November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- Solemnity, Sunday 25th November

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Solemnity, Saturday 8th December

## Mission Day 2018 - tomorrow!

World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement. It is celebrated on the penultimate Sunday of October every year. This year World Mission Sunday is Sunday 21 October. **We will be celebrating Mission Day at school on Wednesday 17 October.** This involves:

- 9am Whole school Mass - you are welcome to join us!
- Morning Tea - Cupcakes for sale baked by Year 4-6 - proceeds donated to the Missions.
- Launch of "Kids on a Mission" for 2018 - a wonderful charitable project for our whole school.

Mission Day is also a Mufti day (gold Coin Donation for the Missions please!).

**A note about mufti:** please ensure that the clothing that your child wears is appropriate for wearing to Church and for all the activities in a school day. We ask that hair is still worn tied back for Health & Safety reasons, and that jewellery is not worn. Thanks.

## Retreats:

On Monday 12 November, every Year 7&8 student will attend a Retreat to focus on their personal faith development.

### **Year 7 - Regeneration Retreat: Monday 12 November.**

Year 7 students will attend the Regeneration Retreat, which is run by the Diocese. It is held at the Gerry Sullivan Centre at Marian School. The day will begin with Mass at the Cathedral at 9:30 am with Bishop Steve, and then students take part in a number of workshops and listen to guest speakers. The day concludes at 2.30pm, so they will be back at school at 3pm. **The cost for the Year 7 Retreat is \$7.50, which includes the registration fee and transport by bus.** This will be charged to your account.

### **Year 8 Retreat: Monday 12 November.**

This is a special day when our Year 8 students celebrate and reflect on their faith in preparation for their transition to secondary school. This event will be held at the Hillcrest Chapel.

**The cost for this Year 8 Retreat is \$10.00 which covers bus, venue and activities.** This will be charged to your account.

## Raglan Trip: Surfing and Paddle-boarding lessons

We have an exciting, challenging and fun day out planned as an end of year activity: surfing and paddleboarding lessons at Raglan! Two classes will go each day in the last full week of school:

**Thursday 14 December - Rooms 1&3**

**Friday 15 December - Rooms 2&4**

The cost for the full day, which includes a 1.5hour surfing lesson and a 1.5hour stand up paddle boarding lesson is \$50. This will be charged to your school account and needs to be paid prior to the trip, by Friday 7 December please.

More details and a permission slip for the Raglan trip will come home in a couple of weeks time. We will also require a few parent helpers for each class (they do not need to take part in the lessons as they are fully run by instructors), but we will need parents to help supervise on land! In line with our BOT policy, accompanying parents will need to hold current police vetting. If you are interested in accompanying us on this trip, **please let your class teacher know asap via email.**

## Year 8 Leavers Dinner Save the date... Monday 17 December 6pm.

A dinner to farewell our Year 8 students will be held in the evening on Monday 17 December. Parents will receive invitations and information in Week 3. We look forward to seeing you at this celebration!

## Important Dates for Year 7&8 - Term 4 2018

<b>Week 1</b>	Wed 17 October	Mission Day - 9am Mass.
	Friday 19 October	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am p.m Athletics Training with Project Energize
<b>Week 2</b>	Monday 22 October	Labour Day Holiday
	Thurs 25 October	p.m Athletics Training with Project Energize
	Friday 26 October	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 3</b>	Tues 30 October	Year 8 HPV Immunisations - Dose 2
	Friday 2 November	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 4</b>	Friday 9 November	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 5</b>	Mon 12 November	Retreat Day - Year 7 Regeneration Retreat - Year 8 Retreat
	Tues 13 Nov	Year 4-8 Athletics at Porritt Stadium
	Thurs 15 Nov	Te Huinga kapa haka o ngā kura Katorika 2018 - Kapa Haka Festival - 6.00-8.00pm @ Gerry Sullivan Events Centre
	Friday 16 Nov	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am Sacred Heart Year 8 testing day
<b>Week 6</b>	Monday 19 Nov	CIS Athletics
	Friday 23 Nov	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am School Gala 4.30pm
<b>Week 7</b>	Wednesday 28 Nov	WFPS Athletics
	Friday 1 December	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am
<b>Week 8</b>	Friday 7 December	Create @ Fairfield Intermediate 8.50-11.30am - final session
<b>Week 9</b>	Wed 12 Dec	Year 8 Retreat Part 2 - onsite retreat day Year 7 organising Teddy Bears Picnic for Year 0-2
	Thurs 13 Dec	Rooms 1&3 to Raglan - Surfing and Paddleboarding Lessons
	Fri 14 Dec	Rooms 2&4 to Raglan - Surfing and Paddleboarding Lessons
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 17 Dec	1.30pm Prizegiving                      6.00pm Year 8 Leavers Dinner
	Wed 19 Dec	9am Final Mass                              Last day for 2018