**Bishop Edward Gaines Catholic School**

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**Newsletter**

**Term 1 Week 3**

**2017**

***Kia ora, Kia Orana, Maloilelai, Talofalava, Greetings to you all.***

Special Character focus**: Giving and Receiving**

*Dear God,*

*****you bless us every day with all the things we need. You even give us extra blessings. Help us open our hearts and our hands to give others what they need. Help us be like you and think first of others and what we can do for them. If everyone shared, we would all have enough. We ask this through you, the giver of enough.*

*Amen*

*Prayer Intentions:* For the people of Sudan in Africa who are affected by famine and civil war

Principal’s Message:

We’ve had an exciting third week back at school for the new year. Our Year 1-4 students enjoyed a visit from Ronald McDonald today. He was presenting an important road safety message. Our students were entertained as they learnt about the ‘make it click’ seat belt wearing message, crossing roads safely and being aware of ‘sneaky’ driveways when they are walking on the footpath. At 11:30 am on Sunday in the McDonald’s carpark there will be further presentations and entertainment that we’re all invited to attend.



Next week, on Wednesday, the liturgical season of Lent begins. Sr. Marie Williams will be coming into school at 11:00 am to lead our junior students in a special Ash Wednesday liturgy. They will be burning some palms to make ashes and saying some special prayers together. Please feel welcome to join the students or the alternative is attending the parish celebration of Ash Wednesday at the 9:30 am Mass. Our senior students will be having an Ash Wednesday liturgy on Kiritehere Beach on the West Coast whilst we’re on camp. Our Year 8 students are planning and preparing this for us.

Junior Overnight Camp – Friday 24th February 2016

So far we’ve only had a limited response to attending this overnight camp. If Miss Bailey doesn’t get the majority of the class coming we will down grade this overnight camp to a pot luck dinner, games together on the school field and toasting marshmallows & singing around our sand pit camp fire. It will still be a lot of fun but everyone will get to go home and sleep in their own beds. We will confirm tomorrow whether or not it is an overnight stay or just an evening together.

Senior Camp to Waitomo (Years 1-4 students)

Our senior students are very excited about their three night camp next week to Waitomo. We will be staying at Tokikapu Marae in the Waitomo village. The camp has a fabulous itinerary of education outside the classroom learning activities. Mr McKeever is busy learning his Whaikorero and he will speak on our behalf at the powhiri when we are welcomed on to the marae. Sister Maree will be joining us on the camp and we also have Frau Zettlemeier, one of our previous German student teachers, joining us on the camp. Thank you to our parent helpers who’ve taken time off work to join us – Albert Cowley, Nelson Sheck and Caroline Morunga. We’ve also been blessed by the use of St. Mary’s School van. Where possible we will try to keep up regular facebook postings. Thank you for the donations of tinned food, toilet paper and muesli bars. If your child hasn’t brought their contribution in yet please do so tomorrow. We will also need home baking on Monday. Could your child please bring a tea towel too. Remember to name everything so that we don’t end up with lost property.

Swimming

Swimming will be in Term 1 this year Monday 6th March - Friday 17th March. This is a two week block of daily swimming sessions from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Children can be picked up directly from the pools and we will make arrangements for the bus to pick up our bus users from the pools too. Our teachers will teach your children water safety, water confidence and stroke development to your kids. There will be a subsidized pool entry fee of $12 that will be included on your child’s school activity fees.

Student of the week – Sponsored by NEW WORLD TOKOROA

Pacelli Class – Monika for actively contributing to RE lesson.

Roncalli Class – Allen for questioning to gain understanding and using her knowledge to share with others during maths challenge.

Caught being good – Sponsored by DUFFY BOOKS IN HOMES

Pacelli Class – Michael Aculana for great enthusiasm for learning about bucket filling.

Roncalli Class – Ieula for filling buckets by encouraging others during sports at lunch time.

School Lunches

*Wednesday’s – Subway lunches $4*

*Friday’s – Sausage Sizzle $1.50, Juicy Ice blocks $1.00*

***God Bless***

*Helen McGuigan*

***Tumuaki / Principal***

**Dates for the Diary**

**Year 1-3 Overnight Camp:**  Friday 24th February 5:30 pm – Saturday 26th February 9:30 am

**Year 4-8 Camp @ Waitomo:** Monday 27th February – Thursday 2nd March

**Ash Wednesday Junior Liturgy:** Wednesday 1st March @ 11:00 am (Led by Sr. Marie)

**School Mass:** Thursday 23 March @ 9:30 am (To commission leaders & welcome new families)

**School Swimming:** Monday 6th March – Friday 17th March 1:30 – 2:30 pm

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