



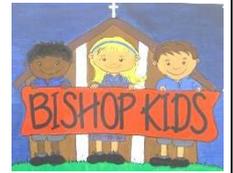
BISHOP EDWARD GAINES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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newsletter

Term 2 Week 1

2018



Kia ora, Kumesta, Kia Orana, Maloilelai, Talofalava, Greetings to you all ☺

SPECIAL CHARACTER FOCUS: Gospel Values

“Gospel values” is a phrase that we use a lot and try to guide our behaviour and work ethic by at Bishop Edward Gaines Catholic School. But what are Gospel Values? In their simplest form **Gospel Values are what Jesus said, what Jesus did and what He told us to do.** All of the Gospel Values begin with and derive from Jesus’ law of love.

Within our Religious Education programme we aim to teach the students Christian attitudes so that they can know and live by the values of Jesus Christ.

* *Speaking with gentleness*

* *Care*

* *Love*

* *Strength*

* *Compassion*

* *Integrity*

* *Self-control*



* *Acting with kindness*

* *Patience*

* *Joy*

* *Tolerance*

* *Courage*

* *Generosity*

* *Perseverance*

It is through combined home school partnerships that we can all be living witnesses to developing these Christian attitudes so that there is a positive influence on all students personal and faith development, self-esteem and well-being.

Prayer Intentions: *A prayer for our loved ones who have passed away. We remember especially the Church children’s paternal grandfather and Miss McGuigan’s aunty who passed away in the school holidays. May they rest in peace.*

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

During the school holidays our two teachers, Miss Bailey and Miss Anderson, accompanied by our teacher aide Miss Townsend, attended a three-day writing course with an expert teacher of writing. Nationally, and in our school, writing is the weakest area of student achievement. Already, we are seeing the benefits of this professional learning as our teachers and students have become more enthused and passionate about improving the content and language features of their writing. I invite you to talk to your children about what they have been learning about in writing and for them to share samples of their writing with you. On the following page you can read a piece of shared poetic writing from our senior class. In this writing you will see examples of language features such as use of the senses to create imagery, personification and metaphor.

Roncalli's Sadness Poem

Sadness looks like dying flowers, withering on a closed casket
Sadness sounds like the wind howling as a lonely bird cries on a stormy night
Sadness feels like raging flames scorching my throat, an anvil crushing my chest
Sadness tastes like vegan pizza and sugar-free soda
Sadness smells like the remaining smoke from a burnt down house
Sadness is your loved ones fading away into heavenly skies

PUBERTAL CHANGE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING Tuesday 7th May at 5:30 pm in Roncalli Class

This term our integrated learning context has Health and Physical Well-Being focus. Our Year 4-8 students will have a learning focus on growing up and changing and this will include some learning on pubertal change. Please be assured that our teaching does not include content on sex or contraception. These are big topics for home sex education. Our teaching will come from the perspective of physical and chemical changes in the body as well as personal hygiene. It will also be taught from a Christian perspective and linked to the scriptures (bible). If you would like to know more, please do come and attend our information evening next Tuesday at 5:30 pm. If you can't attend the meeting but have some questions, then please feel most welcome to speak to Miss Anderson and Miss Bailey.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2018 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

This year our Sacramental Programme begins on Sunday 13th May after the 9:30 am Mass. We are trialling and running the programme on the weekends so that we can encourage Mass attendance. Enrolments are invited for baptized students aged 8, Year 4 or older. If your child is not yet baptised but would like to be we come and speak to either me (Miss M) or Father Jones and we can sort that out. We have enrolment forms for the programme at the school office. This year Miss Bailey and I will be teaching the programme. The actual date for the celebration of these Sacraments with Bishop Steve is Saturday 18th August.

WINTER SPORTS



Winter sports began this week. On Monday night our basketball team had their first game. It was a great first up effort for a lot of newbies in the team. **Soccer begins this Saturday.** Please be reminded that soccer players are required to wear shin pads. Soccer shirts will be brought to the games. Arrive at least 15 minutes before your start time so that we can warm up, stretch and run through a few drills before the game begins.

Soccer draw



8 th Grade (Our junior team)	Bishop Rascals Vs North Pumas	Field 4	10:00am
10 th Grade (Our senior team)	Bishop Vipers Vs North Ninjas	Field 7	11:00am

Basketball draw



Monday 7 th May 2018	Bishop Cavaliers v Tainui Wolverines	Court 1	4:15pm
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FRIDAY LUNCH

Sausage sizzle and milo \$2.00

Helen McGuigan
Tumuaki / Principal

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Technology @ Tainui Full Primary Friday 4th May
Pubertal Change Parent Meeting Tuesday 7th May 5:30 pm
School Photos Friday 25th May

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