**Bishop Edward Gaines Catholic School**

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**Newsletter**

**Term 2 Week 3**

**2017**

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

Special character focus

We pray that we spread hope among our family and friends. We pray that we may recognise the many ways God is present in our universe. We pray for the gifts of the Spirit on us all – especially families & children who are beginning their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation.

Principal’s message

***Preparation for Sacraments.***

Our plans & dates for the Sacramental programme are complete - we begin next Monday 22nd, 3:15pm – 4:15pm. Mr McKeever, Miss Bailey & Caroline are the support team & I am very happy to be the lead teacher. In support of the families & candidates all families are invited to be at Mass on Sunday 28th May at 9:30am to join in the blessing of the children who are preparing for the Sacraments.

***School times***

We are very concerned about the arrival & departure times of some children. Staff arrival times often vary & the need for children to be safe is our priority. Children have been left at school without supervision or the presence of a teacher. Please ensure that there is a teacher on the school property before leaving your child/children. As a staff we consider 8.00am to be an early but reasonable time for children to arrive. For after school times – 3:15pm is the latest for children to be supervised. If staff need to leave school before 3:15pm for educational meetings parents will be informed.

***Farewell Viola***

Viola leaves us this week after 3 months. Viola has supported lead, initiated several ideas that have been enjoyed by us all. Her gifts with music & visual arts have enhanced the arts programmes. She heads home to Stettafeld, Bavaria in Germany to complete teacher training - here’s hoping she may take up an exchange posting in the future & return to Tokoroa. Our thanks & good wishes go with Viola.





Tokoroa promotions

Congratulations to the senior students who have taken part in designing the highway flags to promote Tokoroa. Each of the students chose their own images and combined them to show the best of the local area for those visiting New Zealand during the forth coming sports tours. The winning flag will grace highway one for all to enjoy! We await the judge’s decision.

Winter Uniform – changeover

As we have entered into our colder months for this term, we shall prepare our students with our winter uniform changeover. Boys: Grey shorts, Royal blue skivvy, Grey long socks, black lace up shoes, Plain black or navy beanie, Plain black or navy scarf & Plain black or navy gloves/mittens. Girls: Uniform pinafore, skirt or culottes, royal blue skivvy, Navy blue socks or tights, Plain black or navy beanie, Plain black or navy scarf & Plain black or navy gloves/mittens.

BEGS Sports

***Sports draw***

Soccer: Bishop Vipers v Cargill Dragons, field 6 at 11am. *We are looking for players to field our team on Saturday’s please ask your friends or family members who are between the ages of 8yrs old – 10yrs old.*

Basketball: Next week on Wednesday 24th May, Bishop Cavalier’s v Amisfield Heat, Court 2 at 5pm.

School Lunches

*Ka Pai Kai lunch orders need to be taken before 9:30am every Tuesday’s*

***Tuesday:*** *Ka Pai Kai $2- $5*

***Wednesday****: Subway $4*

***Friday:*** *Sausage Sizzle $1.50*

*& Milo 50c available.*

***God Bless***

*Maree Hickey rsj*

***Tumuaki / Principal***

**Dates for the Diary**

**School Photo’s** Thursday18th May 2017

**Sacramental Programme** Monday 22nd May 2017, 3.15 – 4.15pm

**Queen’s Birthday** No School – Public Holiday Monday 5th June 2017

**School term ends:** Friday 7th July 2017

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**Vodafone Warriors vs St. George Illawarra Dragons**

Hamilton’s FMG Stadium Waikato will host a Vodafone Warriors NRL home game for the time in 2017 when St. George Illawarra Dragons roll into town on Friday 19th May. Be in the stands and in full voice as New Zealand’s only NRL team chases premiership glory in the beautiful Waikato region. Expect to be entertained by plenty of razzle-dazzle football as the likes of Shaun Johnson, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck and Kieran Foran light up the field. Secure your tickets with Ticketek.