**Bishop Edward Gaines Catholic School**

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**Newsletter**

**Term 2 Week 4**

**2017**

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

Special character focus

God of hope hear our prayer – make us people of imagination & hope.

***Open our eyes to your provident love in our lives***

***Open our ears to the pain of the world***

***Open our hearts to healing & freshness***

***We ask this in the name of Christ who gave all,***

***and the Spirit who keeps gifting us.***

Principal’s message

***Sacramental programme***

Sacraments are the main focus at all levels of the R.E programme during the next few weeks. We have thirteen participants in the preparation sessions to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation Eucharist & Confirmation. This Sunday 28th at 9:30am Mass these children will be blessed during a ritual – The signing & blessing of the Senses. This will be led by Father Jones.

***Goodbye! Good luck! Good health! Huge thanks!***

Sister Marie Williams has made a brave decision to leave her local community & many friends in Mangakino, Tokoroa & Putaruru. At BEGS we have been blessed & supported in the many ways she has so generously shared her time talents energy & years of experience. Sister Marie has been involved at all levels of school life – involvement with Miss McGuigan in the ongoing development of the Catholic Character and Charism of BEGS – her integrity & justice have drawn people to her & with her generosity of spirit she has inspired many. The children have spoken of her spirit of fun & friendliness. The Staff has known her readiness to support all areas of school life – especially with the Religious Education programme. The Children in the junior classroom have enjoyed weekly lessons with Sister Marie.

We are planning a school farewell for Sister Marie for mid-June. There will be other parish farewells. For now we want her to know our grateful thanks & good wishes.

***Health care***

We have had several unwell children with the Strep throat infection that a significant number of local schools have also been affected by. We have been given several reminders of how to care for these cases with the main emphasis on the contagious aspect. If you child shows any of the known symptoms please take them seriously. Thanks.

***On leave***

Caroline is on leave from today until Tuesday 6th June. Office hours will be reduced Thanks to Miss Townsend who will be at the desk before school for the frequent morning needs.

***Here’s hoping***

We are missing a Cassio plug for a four octave keyboard that has been loaned to us – there just maybe a compatible plug among the spares that often last longer than the appliance. If you do locate any likely plugs we would be very pleased to have the loan of it – if possible. Thanks in anticipation.

BEGS Sports

***Sports draw***

Soccer: Bishop Vipers v Strathmore Strikers, field 6 at 10am. *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 31st May, Bishop Cavalier’s v Cargill Dunkers, Court 2 at 5pm.

School Lunches

Subway NZ has changed our school lunch programme to fit in with the  
heart foundation guidelines. Therefore we need to change your school  
lunch menu. We can no longer offer pork riblet, meatballs, salami,  
bacon & egg or ham & egg. The subs we have on offer now are Ham,  
Turkey, Roast Beef, Chicken and Veggie Delite (salad). Subway has increased their prices to $4.50.

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

***Wednesday****: Subway $4.50*

***Friday:*** *Sausage Sizzle $1.50 & Milo 50c available.*

***God Bless***

*Maree Hickey rsj*

***Tumuaki / Principal***

**Dates for the Diary**

**St Pius X Mass:** Presentation of candidates at Mass & blessing of the senses **9:30am** Sunday 28th May 2017

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

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

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