



BISHOP EDWARD GAINES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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newsletter

Term 2 Week 5

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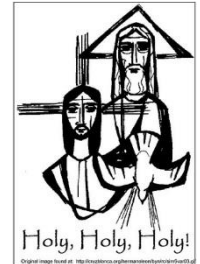


Kia ora, Kumesta, Kia Orana, Maloilelai, Talofalava, Greetings to you all ☺

SPECIAL CHARACTER FOCUS:

Trinity Sunday

Last Sunday we celebrated 'Trinity Sunday'. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost. On this day we honour the Holy Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. While the word "trinity" does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 along with many other Bible passages. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Saviour and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter.



Trinity Sunday helps us to explain and understand the clues written in Scripture that guide us to a fuller understanding of our triune God. The Father is God from the beginning (John 1:1). Jesus revealed Himself as equal to the Father in John 10:30, "I and the Father are one." Together, they sent the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us, "For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one" (1 John 5:7-11). To understand the Trinity is to understand God more fully.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Talofa lava everyone. This week it is Samoan Language Week and the theme for the week is "Alofa atu nei, alofa mai taeao" which translates as "Kindness given, kindness gained." The reason New Zealand acknowledges the varying language weeks is to celebrate language, culture and identity. This is timely as our wee school begins its preparations for the biennial South Waikato Culture Festival. Annie Asiata has organised some family members (students of Tokoroa High School) to train our students up for a Samoan performance items. Faafetai tele lava (thank you) Annie. We now need to get onto the other components of our cultural performance. If you have any songs or dances you could teach our students we'd love to involve you in our performance. Our school is so multi-cultural now and we'd like our performance items to be representative of who we are and what cultures our students represent.

PRINCIPAL'S PROMOTION

For those of you who use Facebook and are friends with our school's page you might have noticed a posting earlier in the week where I informed you of my winning of a principal's position at St. Mary's Catholic School in Gisborne. Ideally, I would have liked to have started next year to minimise disruption to our school. However, I was able to negotiate a Term 4, 2018 start. I know you'll be wondering who our new principal might be. Our Board of Trustees will be advertising my job soon. They have plenty of time to perform due diligence. We just all need to pray that a fabulous and competent person is out there who would love to join and add value to our school community.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Philip Alloway for sponsoring our senior soccer team. Philip has purchased a new set of soccer shirts for our school team. Thanks for your generosity Philip. We look forward to seeing our players in their new kit – we will look very smart ☺

READING TOGETHER PROGRAMME - NEXT SESSION TUESDAY 5TH JUNE AT 5:30 PM

We had a great turn out of parents and caregivers for our first of four Reading Together workshops. Our first workshop focused on how to help with reading at home. George Asiata, one of our Pacelli Class students, was our star reader for the night. George and Miss Bailey modelled to our parents how an adult can support a child with their reading by talking about the content of the story before, during and after the reading, walking the young reader through the story prior to reading (to help build up story context and understanding), supporting readers to work out tricky words and providing lots of encouragement & positive reinforcement. In our next session we will be focussing on how to check the difficulty level of reading materials. It's not too late to join up so feel very welcome to come even if you missed the first workshop.

If you have younger children who need looking after during the workshop we will set Roncalli class up as our crèche with toys for young children to play with ☺ Tea / Coffee and hospitality is also provided ☺

WINTER SPORTS



No soccer and basketball, due to Queen's birthday weekend.

FRIDAY LUNCH

Sausage sizzle \$1.50 and milo 0.50c



A reminder for everyone that this weekend is Queen's Birthday weekend. We have a statutory holiday on Monday. Enjoy the extra day of rest.

Helen McGuigan
Tumuaki / Principal

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Public Holiday (No School)	Monday 4 th June
Reading Together Workshop 2	Tuesday 5 th June 5:30 pm
Sacramental Class 3	Sunday 10 th June 10:30 am

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