**Bishop Edward Gaines Catholic School**

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**Newsletter**

**Term 4 Week 9**

**2017**

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

Special character focus:  **Preparing ourselves to bring Christ into the World**



*Advent is the liturgical season that prompts and prepares us for the great feast of Christmas. We use the colour purple to show that Advent is a penitential season, a time of regret for any sinning or wrong doing we may have done. As we wait for the coming of Christ at his birth we spend these forty days of advent trying our very best to live in peace, walk in love and spend our lives praising God above.*

Prayer Intentions:

May all of our school’s family and friends who need miracles be blessed. May whoever is feeling weak be given strength. May all those who carry heavy burdens have their load lightened. We ask this through Christ our Lord and Saviour, AMEN.

Principal’s MESSAGE

Greetings everyone. Last week Miss Bailey graduated as a fully registered teacher. A special graduation ceremony was held for her and four others at Tainui Full Primary School. On behalf of our own BEGS school family I would like to congratulate Miss Bailey on her achievement. She has put her heart and soul into her teaching and learning programmes and has grown immensely. Our junior class of students have benefited greatly from Miss Bailey’s passion and dedication to their learning and welfare. I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr McKeever and Miss Haswell for their mentoring, guidance and support for Miss Bailey over the past two years. She is a credit to you both. Thank you to Ieula Cowley and Jordyn Neil for representing our students as the graduation ceremony. You both looked fabulous and very grown up in your leadership blazers.



Congratulations to Miss Bailey on her NZEI Graduation as a fully registered teacher ☺

***School Camp 2018 – Ohope Beach 7th – 9th March***

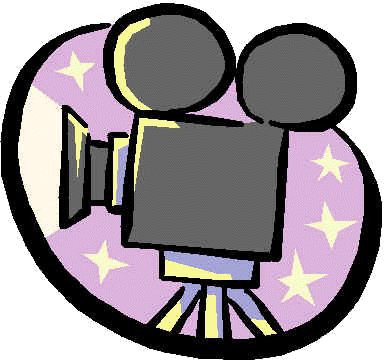
We have secured a booking for our summer school camp at Ohope Beach Top Ten Holiday Park near Whakatane. This camp will be a full school camp and we will be sleeping in tents. Costs and the camp programme still need to be finalised but the venue and potential education outside the classroom activities will be fabulous. If you are interested in coming along as a parent helper please speak to Caroline, Miss Bailey or Miss McGuigan.

Please do make a note of our dates for the diary. We have our Nativity Tableau and Prizegiving on Tuesday 19th December at 6:00 pm in the church followed by a shared supper back at school. This is a full school event and student attendance is expected. If you need help with transportation please speak to one of the school staff and

we will be more than happy to help out.

Here’s the website link if you’d like to have a look at where we will be camping - https://www.ohopebeach.co.nz/accommodation

***Roncalli Class – ‘Wonder’ book & movie***

This term, Roncalli class have been reading the book called ‘Wonder’. This book is about a young boy named August who has a facial deformity and follows his life as he enters a new school – building relationships with new people. In class, we have had discussions about the way we treat people and how others treat us. The story is portrayed in a way that has allowed us to look at situations from different perspectives, helping us grow in empathy and understanding of others.

Wednesday 13th December, Roncalli Class is going to Tokoroa Cinema to see the movie ‘Wonder’. This will not only be a great follow up to finishing the book but will also be a well-deserved reward for the end of our school year. We are walking down from school and arriving at the Cinema at 10.40am for an 11am start to the movie. The cost of the movie is $10 per student and needs to be paid to the office before Wednesday next week. Students are able to buy snacks from the cinema, however the cinema has asked that all food is pre-ordered so that it can be ready for our arrival. If you would like to purchases snacks for your child, please return your form with your payment.

Any parents who would like to join us at the movies are welcome to meet us at the cinema or accompany us as we walk down.

***Full School – Swimming: Thursday 14 December @ 12:30 pm***

Next Thursday, as an end of year treat, we will be taking all students across to the South Waikato Indoor Pools for a fun swim. We will be putting on a sausage sizzle and a juicy ice block too. This will all be funded by the school. Students will need to bring their togs and towel. Please pick up your child from the pools. We will make arrangements for the bus kids to get picked up from the pools too.

***School lunches***

Friday’s – Sausage sizzle $1.50, Juicy ice blocks $1.00

***God Bless***

*Helen McGuigan*

**Dates for the Diary**

**Roncalli Class Cinema Trip Wednesday 13 December 11:00am**

**School Fun Swim Thursday 14 December 12:30 pm**

**Nativity Tableau & Prize giving Tuesday 19th December @ 6pm**

**Last day of Term 4 Wednesday 20th December School finishes at 12:00 pm**

**2018 Dates**

**First day of school 2018 Tuesday 30th January 2018**

**Teacher Only Day Monday 5th February 2018**

**Full School Camp 7th – 9th February Ohope Beach**

***Tumuaki / Principal***

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