

19 March 2019

***In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow***

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the Muslim community in Christchurch”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

**A MESSAGE FROM THE POPE**

His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and loss of life caused by the senseless acts of violence at two Mosques in Christchurch, and he assures all New Zealanders, and in particular the Muslim community, of his heartfelt solidarity in the wake of these attacks. Mindful of the efforts of the security and emergency personnel in this difficult situation, His Holiness prays for the healing of the injured, the consolation of those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and for all affected by this tragedy. Commending those who have died to the loving mercy of Almighty God, Pope Francis invokes the divine blessings of comfort and strength upon the nation.

The shocking events that took place on Friday have left us all bewildered and at a loss. We have prayed as a school community and reassured our students that they are safe and loved.

It is timely to remind you that we have procedures in place at school in the event of an emergency or traumatic incident. This covers lockdowns and other emergencies. We have drills every term and pray that we never need to do this in reality. Our Emergency Plan is available on our school website.

**COLOUR YOUR DAY - THIS FRIDAY FOR CHRISTCHURCH**

Schools across NZ will on FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> come together to support the Christchurch Community. At 1.40pm we will observe a minutes silence. We will also donate to the Mayoral Fund “Our People, Our City” with a **MUFTI DAY – GOLD COIN OR \$NOTE DONATION**. We ask our students to wear bright and happy colours to support our Muslim community (but not to wear any red in respect of their culture).

We hope to raise \$1000 – so please be generous.

**COOL AT SCHOOL**

Congratulations to **Alexis Burger** from our Mission Whanau. Alexis is a very responsible and reliable student who helps often in the classroom, willingly shares her ideas and is kind and caring. She practises “The St Pats Way.”

**MISSION BLOCK - WE ARE IN**

Rooms 9 and 10 and have now moved into their NEW CLASSROOMS in the MISSION BLOCK.

Miss Hewett is in Mission 16 (M16) and Mrs Kelleher is in Mission 17 (M17).

The classrooms are beautiful, go and have a look. We have great plans for the area between the new block and exiting classrooms... so keep an eye out.

We plan to use SM9 as a dedicated MUSIC ROOM and SM10 as an additional teaching space (our numbers are growing).

**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS - THE BEST OF CELEBRATIONS**

Last Sunday's “St Patrick's Day” Mass was a wonderful, happy celebration. Our choir sang “The Irish Blessing” beautifully and many of our families were involved.

**SENIORS AT MARAE SLEEPOVER**

This Thursday and Friday our seniors in the Marist Whanau spend 2 days and a night at Pukemokimoki Marae on Riverbend Rd. A number of activities planned including flute making, flax, kapa haka, rewena baking and a hangi (thanks Dean) meal on Thursday for their sleepover. Thank you to the teachers for organizing this valuable experience and to our parents who are supporting our senior tamariki.

**FISH & CHIP FRIDAY - THIS FRIDAY**

Just a “one off this term,” we will continue in Term 2. (From Tommy Haddock's).

**\$5** fish & Chip Packs which include 1/2 scoop of chips / tomato sauce and a choice of either: - 4 Chicken Nuggets / 3 Fish Bites / 2 Hot Puppies

Orders and money need to be in to the teacher by **9am Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**.

**SCHOLASTIC EASTER BOOKFAIR**

We are holding our annual Scholastic Book fair from April -2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in the Library. Open from **8.30am to 4.00pm**. There will be great Books, competitions and much more. See you there!



**SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY - 3 APRIL**

We plan to have our “WHOLE SCHOOL” Athletics Day at Marewa Park on Wednesday 3 April, 9.00am – 12.30. More information next week.

**ANOTHER BUSY WEEK AT ST PATRICK'S**

**HAUMOANA ZOO**



**ST PATRICK'S DAY**



**LAST WEEKS BRAIN TEASER** - Reading between the lines

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

# Friday 22nd March

#colouyourdaynz

# COLOUR YOUR DAY

On Friday 22nd March wear something colourful in your school, business and community.

Observe 1 minute silence at 1:40pm and donate.

Money raised will support the families and Muslim communities impacted by the tragic events of Friday 15th March.

TSB Bank Account: 15-3976-0091104-80  
Reference: Our People Our City  
(Christchurch Foundation)

24-7 YouthWork in collaboration with Christchurch City Council.  
Raising money for the Mayoral Fund called "Our People, Our City".

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