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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### ASB

Each Friday 2pm till 3pm



### TERM DATES:

**WEDNESDAY 18TH NETBALL**

**TOURNAMENT SOME STUDENTS YEAR 5-8  
WILL ATTEND**

**PRODUCTION 19TH MAY 6.30PM START  
School Hall – Tickets on sale now. \$10  
family of three or \$5.00 each  
(performers are free)**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2: 7TH JULY**

**TEACHER ONLY DAY ON 8TH JULY**

**KAHUI AKO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**Welcome** to another new family  
Shoshanah Va'aua-Malele. We  
welcome her to Kowhai class, Rm 6.



We also welcome two new staff members. Jackie Lay will be teaching Reading Recovery from 10am to 11:30 am each day. And Mark Yonadim who is supporting us as a Teacher Aide on Wednesdays in Room 1 and helping out as Sick cover on other days when needed.

**Uniform:** Reminders. Most students are very respectful and wear our uniform with pride. Thank you.

**School fleece** only please. An extra jacket to wear **over** the fleece is okay.

**Shoes:** Black comfortable shoes. Some bit of colour, white or blue or red is okay. But NOT white shoes with some black, or red shoes with some black.

**Sports' Uniform:** On Fridays the students can wear the sports' uniform to school.

### From the Principal:

*If people believed the phrase 'The sky's the limit', then we would have never gone to the moon or beyond.*

Currently, our tamariki are learning about space and science fiction writing. There is a lot of engagement. It is fantastic to see so many of our tamariki full of awe and wonder. The distances between the stars is mind boggling. The size of some of the stars is equally incomprehensible. In exploring about our world and other places we give thanks to God for mystery, the complexity, the awesomeness of what we know is out in space and for what we have yet to learn. I encourage you all to put your coats on, turn out the lights, step outside and look up. Most nights I see satellites moving across the sky. Once, I saw the Sky Train of 50 plus satellites moving across the sky. You may have stories from your own culture about certain stars or planets. Feel free to share them with your children and they in turn can share them with us.

I have included a link that will take you to a page where it shows the names of the stars above your house. Click on it and go outside and look up.  
<https://www.heavensabove.com/skychart2.aspx?lat=41.3368&lng=174.7889&loc=60B&alt=0&tz=NZST>

**School Production:** Due to the COVID outbreak last term, we had to postpone the production.

Finally, we can present it to you. Last term we studied about our environment and the impact of litter on the sea and the creatures that live in it. We learnt about our vital part that we all play in being good stewards of our world. This is that story told in dance!!!

### **Building update**

The windows have been replaced in Room 2 and in the Library

New mobile shelving has been installed behind the Library along with a new workspace for small groups

New carpet in Room 3 and new wall carpet, a sliding door has been put in, to connect with Room 4

A new sliding door has been put in Room 6 to connect with the new deck.

### **Not finished yet:**

The deck outside of Room 6 and the roof above the deck

New Astro turf (in front of Room 1 up to the coloured poles) is happening soonish.

New fencing to replace the brown fence by the church is happening soonish.

Painting the wooden roof above the concrete steps is happening soonish.

## OUR MERCY VALUES

Encourage your child to think about our Mercy Values .

## OUR GOSPEL VALUE:

### AWE AND WONDER AND THANKFULNESS

HOPE - WONDER & AWE



### ASB THIS TERM:

We are still planning to have our regular sports' afternoon next term. Currently it is Fridays. Tamariki wear their sports uniform to school on this day.

### **COVID Update:**

There seems to be a new surge of Covid in Wellington.

A couple of school families have members with COVID. They are isolating.

We are going back to wearing masks in the Room 5 and Room 1. Years 5 to 8 as an additional safety measure.

We ask **ALL** adults coming onto the school property to wear masks please.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> May a new Mask Exemption card will be available from the Ministry of Health.

Your previous one will expire. If you have a new exemption card, please show us.

We don't want to know why you have it, nor need to know.

### **As noted on the Ministry of Health website:**

- we've had very little influenza circulating in our communities since the pandemic began. This means our community immunity is lower than usual
  - this winter there is the very real possibility of having flu and COVID-19 within a short space of time – this can lead to very serious illness
  - if you do catch flu, it's important that you stay away from work or school while you're unwell. Look after yourself and your family – rest and fluids are especially important
  - the symptoms of influenza can be the same or similar to the symptoms of COVID-19
  - if you're sick, stay home. Call your health provider or Healthline and follow their advice. They may advise you to have a COVID-19 test, and self-isolate while you wait for the results
- it's also important to seek medical advice early if you are concerned, and especially if there are any danger signs, even if you have been seen before. Other serious conditions can also look like the flu, including meningococcal disease.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This fortnight we pray for children celebrating their birthdays.



Javier Romero



Rediet Solomon



Issac Al Mekhaeel



Eenatom Al Mekhaeel



Urmata Al Mekhaeel



Yourtana Al Mekeaeel



### School lunches

There is a huge improvement in reusable containers. Thank you. Keep up the great efforts.

### NEW PARENT APP:

The new login code was emailed to you a few weeks ago, please find it and use the login to access your child's information, if you haven't already.