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WEEKLY EVENTS

ASB

Each Friday 2pm till 3pm



TERM DATES:

- **21ST JUNE SCHOOL MASS**
- **24th June Matariki Public holiday**
- **27TH JUNE TEACHER ONLY DAY**
- **28TH JUNE SCHOOL PHOTO'S (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
- **7TH JULY LAST DAY OF TERM**
- **8TH JULY TEACHER ONLY DAY ON KAHUI AKO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

We welcome Penina to our whanau.

Penina has an older sister Sia and an older brother Gavin at our school already.



School photos: 28th June.
More information to follow

Staff only day: School closed

On Monday 27th of June, there is no school. The staff have a day of assessing and upskilling ourselves with using a particular assessment tool. It is needed now and can't wait until the holiday break. We are really sorry for the inconvenience that it will cause.

Matariki: School closed on Friday 24th June. Public Holiday

RE: School mass. Tuesday 21st June. Finally, we are able to come together and celebrate. It will be our Midwinter/Christmas celebrating half of the

From the Principal:

Winter officially started on June the 1st. Our 'shortest' day, the least daylight hours, is coming up on the 21st of June. In the Northern hemisphere, they are celebrating the longest day on the 21st June. Our Southern hemisphere Christmas!!

For us though, we have 2 and a bit weeks before the days start to get a bit longer each day. It actually doesn't make too much difference to us, as we are blessed with access to warm clothes, food and warmth.

2000 years ago, the only food available in the middle of winter was usually, food that had been preserved, dried or pickled, from earlier in the year. When the longest day arrived, they celebrated, as soon, they would be able to go outside again and get some fresh food or different food. For them, that day was around the 25th December. That is why, the Church decided to celebrate Jesus' birthday then. He was the new hope, the new salvation. From the darkness comes a new light, Jesus, just as the Sun gets a bit warmer and makes the days a little lighter for longer.

So as we enter winter, let us be grateful for the blessings that we have in Aotearoa NZ. A

suggestion for you is that at the end of the evening meal, each person present says one thing that they are grateful for.

Blessings

Tony

Uniform: School Fleeces. These are part of the school uniform. Some children are turning up to school with Hoodies and want to wear them in the classroom. They

can't. The children can wear jackets/coats outside, over the school fleece if they are cold. It is not practical to wear coats inside the classroom. We have a sponsor who can pay for half of the polar fleece. Please let me know.

Shoes: Black shoes please. Any type of **Black** shoe. A little bit of colour is okay on the sole of the shoe or as part of the toe of the shoe. **But not** all white, blue, red, green, yellow etc. **BLACK only.**

Fridays at ASB

School PE clothes are required for these sports' sessions.

Brain food: At 10:30am after fitness, the students have 'Brainfood' and water. Brainfood are things like, chopped up apple, mandarin, some grapes, carrot sticks, celery chunk's with peanut butter on them. Large bags of chips or twisties is not healthy or ideal brainfood.

Water: We ask that you don't send orange drinks, sports' drinks etc to school for your child. Water only please.

Building update: The deck outside Room 6 is almost finished. Astro turf on the senior playground is happening. We believe that it will happen this year!!!

Board Elections: Next term we will be holding our school's board elections. This happens every three years. You will be given a chance to nominate yourself or someone else, and then once we have all the names, if there are too many, we will have a vote. More information will follow about this.

OUR MERCY VALUES

Encourage your child to think about our Mercy Values .

OUR GOSPEL VALUE:

AWE AND WONDER AND THANKFULNESS

HOPE - WONDER & AWE



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 31st 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!

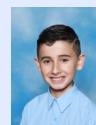
This fortnight we pray for children celebrating their birthdays.



Amanueal Amare



Harlem Vaigafa



Beanel Benyamen



These children received an award in assembly in the last fortnight:

Maths Whizzers:

Gabriel, Ceanne, Natalia & Beimnet

Steps Web: Aaron

Read theory: Joelle

Gospel values: Mela, Hemi

Go Getters Flowers for Garden: Natalia, Sahian, Abijah, Jethro, Tusi, Thomas & Charlie.

Excellence in Writing:

Yourtana, Mariam and Blaine

PB4I winners: Rm 6 Joel, Rm 4 Jethro, Rm 5 Aman, Rm 1 Charlie and Javier

St Catherine's College Open Day

– Next Wednesday, 8th June 2022

Come and join us at St Catherine's College for a tour, to meet staff and students on the 8th of June. We have 2 sessions for you to join 2pm and 6pm and you can book at <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/293ps>

We look forward to seeing you at 14 Upper Bourke Street, Kilbirnie.

Any question, please email us at office@scc.school.nz