



Christ the King Catholic School

Monday 10th August 2015

Value Focus: **JUSTICE**

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Ni Sa Bula
Vinaka, Kia Orana, Kumusta, ḥḥḥ (sälam), Namaste and Greetings

Special Catholic Character

The Feast of the Assumption - Holy day of Obligation

The Catholic Church of Aotearoa (NZ) has announced that for the year of 2015, the celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred from Saturday 15th August to Sunday 16th August. The Assumption, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, and parts of Anglicanism, was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Mary the Mother of Christ is New Zealand's patron saint.

School/ Whanau Conferences - Wednesday 26th August - 2-8pm

We hope many of you will take advantage of booking interview times on-line. It is really easy to do. Visit: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=U7K5D>

You will be prompted to select your child's class and teacher. Interview times are 10 minutes. If you cannot access on-line bookings please let your child's teacher know - teachers will be happy to make an interview time for you.

School will close at 1.45pm on this date - SKIDS care is available for those who regularly access this after-school service.

ENROLMENTS - gentle reminders...

1. If you know of children who will turn 5 soon and hope to commence their studies at Christ the King Catholic School, please ensure they are enrolled. There is increasing pressure on the school roll and we want to ensure we are well-planned for future growth and development.
2. Year 8 girls and Year 6 boys transitioning to new schools in 2016 should now be enrolled. If you leave this process too late you are unlikely to get a placement in your school of choice.

Zoofari Trip - Thursday 13th August

We are looking forward to Thursday's educational trip. Thank you to the many parents who have offered to actively supervise a small group at the zoo.

Buses will leave at 9am so students arrive in good time. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended and students should wear neat, tidy, clean uniform. Remember to pack healthy snacks, water and a nourishing lunch for the day.

PHOTOLIFE

Due to the Annual Winter Field day being scheduled for Monday 24th August, PHOTOLIFE studios will be in school on Tuesday 25th August - please use the envelope provided last week to make a photograph order.

School speeches

Class finalists will present their speeches in the hall on Wednesday 12th August. The Junior speeches will start at 10.15am. The Senior speeches will start at 11.15am.

BOT Talk

Property news:

'Mary' prayer garden - Work has commenced on this project which should be completed in the next few weeks. There will be an official blessing upon completion.

Junior School Playground - Park Solutions will be contracted to install a Junior Playground. The design is super and we are confident our younger learners at the school will benefit from this attractive, purpose built, age-appropriate playground. If you are interested in sighting the design plans, please pop into see the principal.

We will be sure to keep you posted about these property projects.

PTFA - Sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings, New Linn - Saturday 15th August

The PTFA need your generous support to assist with this Saturday's sausage sizzle at the new Bunnings in New Lynn. This will be an all-day event and should generate good funds for the PTFA who are focused on providing picnic tables and shade for our school. Your 'helping hands' on the day will be greatly appreciated. Please do give an hour of your time this Saturday to support this cause.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 14th August - **ZOO-fari trip** (buses leave at 9am)

Tuesday 18th August - **BOT meeting from 7pm**

Monday 25th August - **Winter field day**

Tuesday 25th August - **PHOTOLIFE** - Class, family and individual portraits

Wednesday 26th August - **School finishes at 1.45pm** (School/whanau conferences)

Friday 28th August - **Daffodil day** - yellow mufti to support the cancer society