



Dear Parents and Friends

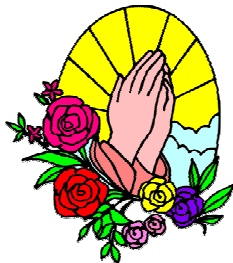
This year, our overriding theme is "Cultural Diversity – Cultural Similarity" and we will be using it to help develop our students' understanding and respect for other people. The first step is going to be to look hard at our HEART statements and what they actually mean for us.

We have divided the statements into two groups – HEART for Living, and HEART for Learning. The HEART for Living statements were developed from our school's founders' values and beliefs. They reflect the qualities we are working to develop in the children, so that they grow to become "good" people who make a positive difference to the world.

Help others in need
Everyone matters
Aspire to make a difference
Respect God in everyone
Take God's love with you

It would be wonderful if families could back up our work by discussing practical examples of these statements being lived by people the students know. For example, maybe someone at your place mows the lawn for an elderly neighbour, this would be a great example of the "H" statement. Be creative!

David



Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.



Traditional Prayers

Last year some of the prayers and responses in the Mass changed so that they are the same throughout the world. As a school, one of our goals this year is to learn anew the prayers that are spoken at Mass. Prayer brings us closer to God, and the prayers that we say together as a community help us to grow in faith. Over the coming months we will be exploring the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Gloria, the Holy Holy and the Glory Be.

Friday Mass

This Friday, 10th February, Rooms 2 and 9 will be attending 12.10pm Mass with our Parish. Please come along and celebrate Mass with us.

Diary Date

Our first School Mass for 2012 will take place on Sunday 26th February at 9.00am at Sacred Heart Basilica. All students are expected to attend, so please make sure that you put this date on your calendar!

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Programme for those children who have not yet received this sacrament will commence shortly at Sacred Heart Basilica. If you would like your child to participate in the programme, please contact the Parish Office on 684 4263.



First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion Programme will begin on Tuesday 28th February 2012. Children need to be 8 years old and in Year 4 upwards. Enrolment forms are available from the School Office and from the Parish Office.

Altar Servers

If you would like your child to be an altar server at the Basilica, please see Mrs Plant.

Welcome



Sean Rm 10



Gilli Rm 10



Yanni Rm 9

A warm welcome to our new students and their families. We hope they settle quickly into our school and Parish community.

School Picnic/Eat & Meet

As I write this, the weather is only "ordinary", but we are still planning to go ahead with the picnic. We are going to put some picnic tables on the field beside the Office and you are welcome to bring your own chairs/rugs if you prefer. Food, drink, utensils are BYO.

We will also have the classrooms open which may be an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom.



Whatever the weather happens to do, the planned introduction to the Challenge Programme will go ahead in the Library at 5.00 pm. This will be a great chance to ask questions.

Room 4 Garden

We have some vegetables ready to eat and will be selling some at the school picnic tonight. Your donation in return for some fresh vegetables will go towards new furniture for the school library. Thank you.

Camp Dates

March is "camp" month and Years 4-8 students will be off on various adventures over this time.

Class	Dates	Venue	Staff
Yr 4	30 th March	School	Miss Passmore / Mr Armstrong
Yr 5	1 st - 2 nd March	Dunedin	Miss Galbraith / Miss Passmore
Yr 6	14 th - 16 th March	Staveley	Mrs Flutey / Miss Galbraith
Yr 7	6 th - 9 th March	Mt Cook	Mrs Flutey / Mrs Plant
Yr 8	12 th - 16 th March	Waikouaiti	Miss Field / Mr Armstrong

If anyone has a problem with the camp fees, please talk to David.

Camp Fundraiser – Grocery Raffle

This is another opportunity for students to raise money for their 2012 school camps. Any money raised by a student will come directly off that student's camp.

Previously this has been a hit and some students have paid most of their camp through selling raffle tickets!

Important dates to remember:

8 February 2012 : Raffle tickets to come home
27 February 2012 : Raffle tickets are due back to school
2 March 2012 : Raffle drawn at assembly



We would like each child who is going on camp this year (and anyone else that wants to) to bring a grocery item to school for the raffle. Exciting items that you would like to win would be really good instead of the old tin of baked beans that has been sitting in the back of the cupboard for years.

Book Character Mufti Day

To raise money to pay for our final book box for the library, we are going to have a book character mufti day on Friday 24 February. For a gold coin donation, students can dress up as a book character for the day. Some ideas are: fairytale characters, characters from myths and legends, sports people who have appeared in books.



Te Ana Rock Art Gallery

Room 2 will be going to visit the Te Ana Rock Art Gallery on Friday 17th February. We will be leaving school at 9.30 am and returning at 12.30 pm. The cost of this visit is \$5, of which \$3 is covered from the activity fee. Could you please pay the other \$2 to the Office by Thursday 16th February. We will also be needing parent help. If you are able to join us, please fill in the form below.

Te Ana Rock Art Gallery	
Name: _____	
I am able to help out with the Room 2 visit to Te Ana Rock Art Gallery on Friday 17 th February.	
Signed: _____	

2011 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Yr 4-8

We are again offering students the chance to sit one, or more, of the annual ICAS assessments. They do not relate directly to our learning programmes but do give you an opportunity to compare your child's achievement to their peers across NZ.



We are offering the following assessments. Please complete and return the slip below with the entry fee if you would like your child to be involved. **Entries for all assessments close on 30 March so please ensure your slip is returned to the School Office before this date.**

Assessment	Test Date	Cost	Name of Student(s)
Computer Skills	22 May	\$7.50	
Science	6 June	\$7.50	
Writing	18 June	\$17.50	
Spelling	19 June	\$9.50	
English	31 July	\$7.50	
Maths	14 August	\$7.50	

Parent Help : Junior Syndicate

Rooms 8, 9 and 10 would welcome help with our reading or writing sessions, beginning Week 3. This involves supporting individual children as they write their stories, or listening and encouraging individual children or a small group as they read.

Session Times	: Room 8:	Writing Reading	9.20 am – 10.00 am 11.15 am – 11.45 am
	Room 9:	Writing Reading	9.45 am – 10.30 am 11.00 am – 11.50 am
	Room 10:	Reading	11.00 am – 11.50 am

Discovery Time will continue to be held on Friday mornings. The students have the opportunity to explore a variety of activities such as crafts, woodwork, construction, cooking. We would appreciate anyone available to help at these sessions also. Please fill in and return the form below to the office.

Name: _____		Phone No: _____			
<u>I can help in Room 8</u>					
Writing	: 9.20 am – 10.00 am	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Reading	: 11.15 am – 11.45 am	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
<u>I can help in Room 9</u>					
Writing	: 9.45 am – 10.30 am	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur
Reading	: 11.00 am – 12.00 noon	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur
<u>I can help in Room 10</u>					
Writing	: 9.30 am – 10.00 am	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur
Reading	: 11.00 am – 12 noon	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur
<u>I can help at Discovery Time</u>					
Fridays	9.30 am – 10.30 am	Rooms:	8	9	10

Basic Facts Book

Basic facts student workbooks are available for \$7 from the School Office. These were popular last year and are ideal for Year 4-8 students who wish to improve their speed, accuracy and instant recall of basic facts at home. Feel free to have a look at the workbook prior to purchase. 😊



Kia Ora Sacred Heart Whanau

Our Maori Cultural Group will begin again on Wednesdays from 2.30 pm till 3.15 pm in Room 7. There are only 20 places available. Expression of interest meetings will be held this Friday 10th February, at lunchtime and also after school, in the library. A letter with more information will be sent home with the children that attend that meeting.

Junior Duathlon – 17 February

Rooms 8, 9 and 10 will participate in a duathlon (scooter/bike and run) on Friday 17 February from 9.00 – 10.30 am in the school grounds. Students will need a helmet, scooter or bike. If you need to borrow a scooter or bike, please let your child's class teacher know.

TeeBall

Teeball resumes this Friday, 10th February at 4.00 pm. We are playing OVH Big Hits on Diamond 2.

Touch Draw – Thursday 9 February

Sacred Heart 5/6	v	St Joes Warriors	Field 3	4.15 pm
Sacred Heart 7	v	Pareora Paratroopers	Field 10	4.15 pm
Sacred Heart 8	v	Point Panthers	Field 2	4.50 pm

Road Patrol

9 February – 15 February: Issy & Thomas



LOOKING AHEAD

8 Feb	School Picnic
16 Feb	Triathlon
17 Feb	Junior Duathlon
21 Feb	Burning of the Palms
22 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass

Newsletter Scavenger Hunt

This term we are running a "fun" scavenger hunt in our weekly newsletters. Each week there will be a question to answer. Keep your answers and at the end of the term, we will send an answer sheet home for you to fill in.

This week's question:

Mystery photo – what is this object?



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hip Hop/Dance Classes

Commencing Friday 10th February at Highfield School Hall. First session is FREE!! 5-8 years start at 3.40 pm and 9-13 years at 4.20 pm. For more enquiries please contact Chantelle Litten on 027 588 5384.



BronzBeat Studio of Dance

Fun jazz classes and great teachers - for ages 3 and up. For more information call Bronwyn on 688 8154 or email bronwyn@bronzbeat.co.nz

South Canterbury Gymsports Inc.

Now accepting enrolments for the 2012 incentive gymnastics season, beginning mid-late February. An exciting new Incentive Awards Programme is now being offered (from age 6/7 years on), as well as Kiwi GymFun (ages 5/6 years) and Pregym classes (under 5's). Further enquiries to Adrienne Bruce on 688 2426.