



Thursday 4 June 2020

Quote of the week

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa



Welcome back to school!

Kia ora koutou,

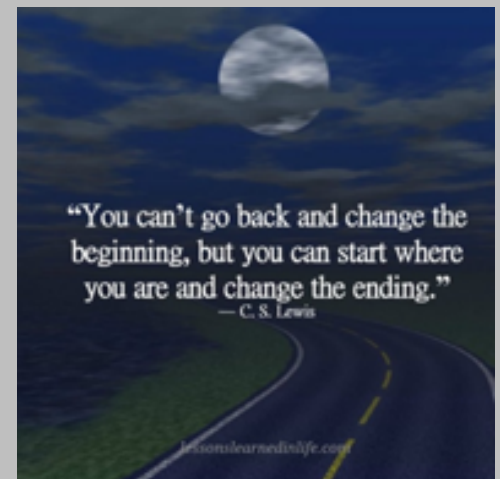
We are really enjoying being back at school with all our children. How things have changed since the last time we published a newsletter. Yes, COVID-19 was still the main topic of conversation, but so much has happened since then. There has been so much to think about as we reset ourselves for the 'new norm'. The constant changes to systems and processes to ensure we are supporting our public health system, our students and our staff. The procedures and policies have been adapted to meet the changes, requirements and a new approach to teaching and learning. Thank you to all of you who are either signing in via Vista Tab or on our sign up sheets for our visitor tracking. Thank you to everyone for your support. The children are doing very well with hand washing and sanitising. There is an acceptance of the new processes, a cheerful attitude and understanding. The classrooms and playgrounds are full of their usual activity and energy.

Many of you have engaged in many types of activities and we have enjoyed listening to and discussing the creative ways in which teachers and students have found ways to interact. When we talked about the positives it reminded me of the saying, if life gives you lemons, make lemonade. It's a simplistic way of viewing an extremely complex world problem but we are all in there doing what we can with the lemons we have. I applaud you and thank you for your patience, your kindness, your willingness and your skills. You have opened up your homes and shared your children with us in a completely foreign manner. You have welcomed us into your living rooms, dining rooms and office spaces. You have embraced (for the most part) a different way of doing things. Some days you didn't have a lot of patience, or kindness or willingness to 'teach' and that was ok too. Never underestimate how your daily life skills supported your learners. The time you have spent with your children, encouraging your children with baking, crafts, housework, farmwork, exercise, fresh air, reading, camping, stillness, yoga and so many other things has been a real joy to hear about. It is these wonderful components that are the positives which have come out of a situation that has potentially caused a great deal of disruption and hardship for many.

We ask you to reflect on all the challenges that have taken place in your bubble over the past 8 weeks, look for the lemonade, don't focus on the lemons. You have been amazing, you have been what your children needed the most whatever that looked like. You are the most important adults in your child's life. You too are their favourite teacher!

We have begun a process of reflecting on our experiences since the beginning of Covid too. We have compiled a list of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that we felt have come out of our experiences with distance learning. Alongside our own reflections we will be asking for parent voice and student voice. The purpose of gathering and collating all this information is to ensure that we can be better prepared if we have to go through this again and we value your ideas. We will be sending a variety of surveys out in the coming weeks so you can share your opinions.

Ann-Maree Manson-Petherick
Principal





Winter Sports

We are in the process of confirming winter sports. We have received information for Hockey and Netball. The enrolment details are available on the enrolmy website. If you have any questions please email Erin McCullum.



Faith Facts Week 7-8 Pentecost Sunday 31 May

Pentecost Sunday - The Birthday of the Church. Before he returned to his Father in Heaven, the risen Jesus visited his disciples and promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. We read in Scripture that one morning, when the disciples were gathered together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and some other women, they suddenly heard a noise like a strong wind. Then they saw what looked to be flames of fire over each of them. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and faith, empowering them to share the Good News with others. They began to tell others about Jesus, and that he died for us and rose to new life. On this day the gift of the Spirit allowed the disciples to communicate even with those who spoke different languages. We often call this the birthday of the Church because this was when the Holy Spirit was sent to reassure and encourage Jesus' people to not be afraid to carry on and share his good news! The Holy Spirit continues to be with us always!

World Environment Day Prayer

God of the sun and moon, of the mountains, deserts and plains, God of the mighty oceans, of rivers, lakes and streams, God of all creatures that live and move on this sacred Earth, we are formed by Christ into your people called to bring the world into your marvellous light. May we know our ecological vocation so that we will care for this earth which you have created. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CULLINANE COLLEGE

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR
OPEN EVENING FOR NEW ENTRANTS FOR 2021

Cullinane College
Performing Arts Centre

Thursday 6th August 2020

6.00 - 8.00pm

We hope you can join us and find out how we do things the Cullinane way

For more information email: office@cullinane.school.nz Phone: 06 349 0105



Attendance Dues Information – May 2020

- ❖ 2020 attendance dues invoices/statements were emailed out to families last week (if we had an email address on file). Those invoices/statements we were unable to email out will be sent via NZ Post this week. If you have not received an invoice/statement, please contact us so we can reissue one to you.
- ❖ The due date for the May invoice/statements has been extended from 29th of May to the 19th of June to allow families additional time to make payment. Any questions, please get in touch. We are only a call away.
- ❖ One off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using our website: www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues.
- ❖ If you had made **voluntary catholic character donation** payments from the 1st April 2019 till 31st of March 2020, you will be receiving a donation receipt. The donation receipts were emailed out over the first 2 weeks of May and those with no email address have been sent via mail this week. If you have not received your **voluntary catholic character donation** receipt for this period, please contact us and we can email or send it out to you.
- ❖ We know that the last 2 months due to Covid-19 have been very testing times. We also realise that families have been impacted financially. Please get in touch. We are happy to advise options that will help your family regarding Attendance Dues Fees. Anne-Marie, Marcy and Mark are here to discuss options with you. Our contact details are as follows:
 - 0800 200 208; or
 - dues@pndiocese.org.nz

Lost

Year 8 student lost his jersey prior to lockdown. It is a hand knitted one and has all his badges and ribbons on. Can you please return to Room 8 if you find it. Thank you.

