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## 18th March 2019 Newsletter No 8 Welcome to Term 1 Week 8

### Kia ora

The terrorist attack at the Masjid Al Noor Mosque and the Linwood Masjid Mosque is an appalling tragedy for the families and friends of the 50 children, men and women killed on Friday. Our thoughts are with the people of Christchurch during this tragic time, and in particular with the children and families of the Muslim community.

NZEI Te Riu Roa has postponed nation-wide paid union meetings for primary teachers and principals due to as a mark of respect for the 50 children, men and women murdered during the terrorist attacks in Christchurch on Friday.

### God Bless

Kristine Osburn

#### **School Term Dates:**

**Please note these dates on your calendar.**

**End of term: Friday 12th April**

**Anzac Day: Thursday 25th April**

**Term 2: Monday 29th April**



Swimming at school will continue as long as the weather stays warm.

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" Luke 13:34*

***Mission: Excellence in Education for all within a Catholic Environment.***

# Congratulations: Term 1 Week 7



**Brooklyn:** Always being on task

**Leigha:** Working hard at all learning

**Sophia:** Kind and caring friend

**Raimania:** Using sounding out to solve words

**Timothy:** Principals award using great reading and decoding strategies

**Haydn:** Working on his handwriting

**Niamh:** Excellent report writing about spiders

**Rose:** Dedication and diligence in writing

**Seren:** Positive attitude to learning in her report writing

**Jessica:** Working hard on her personal goals

**Angela:** Learning about numbers to 10

**Aubrey:** Learning about numbers to 100

**Krishan:** Learning about number to 10

**Beth:** Gaining understandings on multiplication strategies.



## St Joseph's Day:

On Tuesday 19th March we gather as a school to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph – the husband of Mary and the earthly father of Jesus.

God called Joseph, a simple carpenter, to care for and protect Mary and Jesus. With great faith and a joyful heart, he accepted God's call to be part of the Holy Family.

We pray that we will love and trust God as much as St Joseph.

**Whole School Mass is at 10 am in the Church; all families are welcome to join us!**

### **Te Aroha Junior Hockey Muster:**

**When:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**Where:** Te Aroha Primary Turf

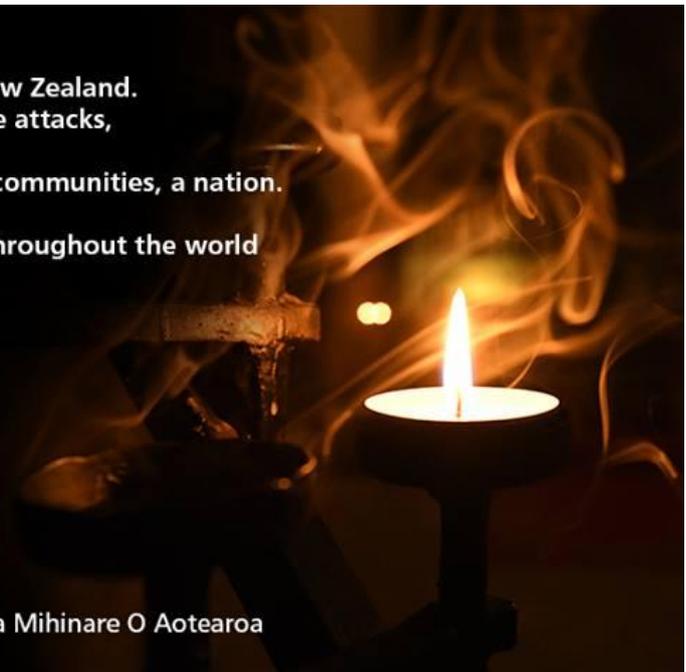
**Time:** 3.30 to 5.00pm

**Contact:** Kim Davey 027 4824597

God of grace and mercy,  
We pray for the people of Christchurch and all New Zealand.  
We pray for the 49 victims who have died in these attacks,  
for the mercy of your eternal love.  
We pray for all who mourn, for families, friends, communities, a nation.  
We pray for Muslim communities grieving  
and we pray for understanding and acceptance throughout the world  
between peoples of all faiths and none.

O God of many names,  
lover of all peoples,  
we pray for peace.  
Peace in our hearts and homes,  
peace in our nations and our world,  
the peace of your will,  
the peace of our need.  
Through Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

Collect from A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare O Aotearoa



### Cyber-safety Use Agreement:

Last week we sent out the amended Cyber safety Use Agreement to our middle and senior classes, updated to account for new technology. Please talk to your children about this and can both you and your child sign and send the form back to school, by Friday this week.



*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord (Ps 130:1)*

Come, pray the Lord's Eucharist together.  
Stand in solidarity with those killed and wounded in  
the Christchurch atrocity.  
Pray for peace for our nation and world.

Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton  
7.00pm, Monday 18th March

### A fun way to raise money for kids' mental health

Having depression is like walking through mud every day. So on Friday 5 April 2019, we're asking you to show your support. Put your gumboots on, give a gold coin, and take a walk in their shoes for just one day.

It's a fun way for Kiwis to join in the mental health conversation, while raising money, to provide FREE and timely counselling for any kid in need.



**PTA AGM is Monday 8th April 5.30pm in staffroom.**

**LAST DAY FOR SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

After the tragic events on Friday in Christchurch, we stand in solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters.

Bishop Paul Martin of Christchurch asks us to pray St Francis of Assisi's prayer:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.  
Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.  
Where there is discord, let me bring union.  
Where there is error, let me bring truth.  
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.  
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.  
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.  
O Master, let me not seek as much  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love,  
for it is in giving that one receives,  
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,  
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,  
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.*

### **From our Bishop:**

The tragic attacks from Christchurch have shocked the nation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who were injured and killed, for their families and for the Muslim community in Christchurch.

A sad reality of many of the Muslim community in New Zealand is that they came here escaping violence and war.

Now that violence and wanton disregard of human life has followed them here.

In this time of tragedy we turn to the love and mercy of the one God we hold in common.

We pray eternal peace upon those who have died

We pray for the consolation of God's peace on their families.

We pray healing for those wounded.

We pray for conversion of heart on those who harbour racial hate in their hearts and minds

We pray for peace for our nation and peace in our world...

Yours sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd

✠ **Steve Lowe**  
**Bishop of Hamilton**