



MARCH NEWS AT MONTE

Monte Cecilia Catholic School - 2021



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

A message from the Chairperson

It was with a heavy heart that I tendered my resignation to the Board of Trustees this year, and attended my last official meeting this Tuesday past. It brings to a close my seven years on this Board, and it has been an honour and a privilege to have served our community alongside such talented, dedicated, resilient and resourceful people over the years.

I want to make special mention of **Trevor Lee-Joe**, who has also resigned from the BoT.

Trevor has been there even longer than I have, and his quiet and constant contribution has been enormous and greatly appreciated.

With the appointment at our last meeting of our new BoT Chair **Sam Houliston**, and a new proprietor's rep **Joel D'Cruz**, I leave in the knowledge that, alongside our existing BoT members, the governance of Monte Cecilia Catholic School is in the safest of hands.

Thank you to all those on the BoT and PTA for your unwavering support, and to the community for putting your trust in me to do this job.

I want to wish Sarah McAlpine and all Monte staff the very best for the future. To me, the school feels as though it's going from strength to strength, and our children are reaping the benefits of your talent and dedication.

God bless,

James Russell

Monte Cecilia Catholic School Board Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to: Presiding member (chair) botchair@montececilia.school.nz by: 22nd April 2021



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monte Way of the Cross - 11:00am Thursday 1st April.

All are welcome to join us for our dramatisation of the Stations of the Cross. We hope to be outside, weather depending, but we do have a wet weather plan as well.

Monte Swimming Sports - Friday 9th April

A programme for the day will be sent out separately with approximate times when different hubs will be swimming. You are more than welcome to come and watch! Children need to bring their swimming togs EVERY DAY so they can practice. All children are expected to participate in our school Swimming Sports event.



COMMUNITY EVENT

Sharing the Mahi Evening + Community Gathering - Wednesday 14th April

We invite all our Monte Whanau to join us at school to visit your child's hub and see the work they have undertaken during this first term of 2021. Due to the earlier lockdowns we missed out on our planned Community gatherings so we are hoping for the third time lucky on Wednesday 14th April!

4:30pm-5:30pm - Family time in Hubs

5:30pm - 7:00pm - Whanau Connection Time.

Adults in the Hall sharing food and conversation.

Children will be supervised on the playground.

PTA will have food for sale.



School Facebook Page - follow all of our school updates on our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Montececiliacatholicschool>

KINDO - a reminder to sign up to our KINDO shop for all digital permission forms and payment options

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Palm Sunday

27 / 28 March 5.30pm Saturday Vigil / 9am Sunday Mass / 5.30pm Sunday Mass

Fr Sam kindly asks each family to bring their own palms. And if you are able to source extra palms, please do bring them along for others who may have forgotten to bring their own.

Suggestions: Palms, olive tree sprigs, cypress/coniferous leaves

We will gather at the school grounds for the procession. Please enter through the gates between the parish hall and school building (along the one way lane past the hall at the back)

Holy Thursday

1 April - 7pm Mass / 8pm—11pm Repose of the Blessed Sacrament / Repose of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

2 April - 10am Stations of the Cross / 3pm The Passion of our Lord

Easter Vigil 3 April (no morning Mass) - 8pm Easter Vigil Mass *Candles will be available.*

Easter Sunday 4 April - 9am Sunday Mass / 5.30pm Sunday Mass



AS WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR HOLY WEEK, LET US REMEMBER HIS ULTIMATE SACRIFICE... TO BRING US BACK TO HIM.
"WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS YOU. BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS, YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD."