



Week Ten Term One Monday 4 April 2016

Reverence is a deep sense of respect for the marvels that surround us and that brought us into existence. It is an awareness of ourselves as small beings in an order beyond the grasp of any single human mind. Rather than rushing about impulsively, we watch, we listen with a sense of humility, delight and wonder. We are careful to avoid hasty action that can destroy an intricate or delicate balance that inspires awe. Reverence calls us to service. When we have a mind-set of reverence, it seems natural to use our life energy to preserve, honour and elevate something greater than ourselves.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our focus for this week following Easter is Reverence. We are called to be inspired and celebrate in wonder and awe the risen Christ. This is a great time for our students to reflect on the vastness of God, the wonder of creation. We celebrate this daily in our prayer.

As we near the end of the first term we begin to reflect on what has been achieved and what we need to plan for Term Two. Your children will now be aware of their personal goals and how each partner can help them to achieve them. Thank you to all those parents who have returned the learning partner sheets. This process allows your child to understand who it is that can help them at any given point of their learning. If you have not yet completed this and returned it to school – please do so as soon as possible as this will guide your child's learning goals in term two.

Our theme for Term Two is "Change through Science". Teachers will soon be asking your children about their ideas for learning in term two. We know that our science expo last year really captured our students imagination and engagement levels were very high... hands on learning is a wonderful way to explore how and why things change.

Last week I spent three days in Nelson at the Wellington Catholic Primary Principals Conference. This conference happens once every three years. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet up with the other principals of the Archdiocese of Wellington. The theme was "Empowering Leaders". We were led by Professor Chris Branson from the Australian Catholic University (ACU). He guided us through two days of leadership theory and effective leadership in change. It was a very insightful presentation and gave us many tools to share with our own leadership teams back in our schools.

It was also great to catch up with our South Island Principals as whilst they are part of our group they do not attend our local Wellington based meetings.

This quote really resonated with me....

People will change only if they believe that a new insight, a new idea, or a new form helps them become more of who they want to be. (Wheatley 2006)

Have a great week
Sue Jury



Connected Community, Successful Learners!

We have a great opportunity to work together to develop a Community of Learning in Wainuiomata.

We would like to have a conversation with you about the possibilities and opportunities for learners in the Wainuiomata Community.

Come and share your ideas with us!

7pm-9pm

Tuesday 12th April 2016

Wainuiomata Community Centre

Board of Trustees 2016

At our Board meeting on Wednesday we collated the information and ideas you shared with us and we have begun to make some plans for the development of our playing area. Once we have confirmed a plan we will share it with you And of course see if there is any way you can help us.

The first thing we have planned is to create a bike track – we are currently working with BikeNZ to source funding and a plan of action.



Another reminder that this year we will hold our triennial elections for the Board of Trustees. We are looking for new members to join the BOT. If you are thinking about standing please contact Karen Kirkland to talk about what the role is and how to go about becoming a candidate.

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Our next two weeks in view:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Student Council 10am	5 Yr. 5/6 Hockey	6	7	8 Culture Group
11 Student Council 10am	12 Community Conversation 7pm Wainuiomata Community Centre	13	14	15 Kapahaka Student Council Assembly

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Life Flight Open Day, Supported by Interislander Sunday 10th April 10am-2pm

Join us for an action-packed day and enjoy rescue demos, emergency service displays, delicious food, spot prizes and plenty of kid's entertainment. You can even win a flight on Life Flight's Westpac Rescue Helicopter! Location: 17 George Bolt Street, Rongotai, Wellington (near the Lyall Bay Warehouse). Entry: By donation. All proceeds go to Life Flight Trust.

REMINDER

Fees for the first and only child are now due. Please contact Mrs Neville if you wish to make payment arrangements. Leeannen@stclaudine.school.nz

FROSTY SPORT Just a quick word to say that a new indoor ice skating rink has opened in Wellington. So if you are looking for something new and different for the kids to do, then come on down. We have called it "Frosty Spot" and it's located at 85-87 Port Road in Seaview, on the same site as Daytona Raceway

School Holiday Computer Classes

For ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Create 3D Games, Coding, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing, and Building a PC and if young the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 488 0787 or e-mail www.grandtraining.co.nz.

El Rancho Kids Camp Sunday 17 - Thursday 21 April

The theme is "LET'S GO CAMPING".....so there'll be the same great camp experience we usually offer, along with a Survival stream for those that are keen to sleep outdoors and challenge their survival skills!

Book at www.elrancho.co.nz.

WETA WORKSHOP SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

April 18 – 22nd 2016 tailored to children aged 7-12 years

For the upcoming school holidays Weta Workshop are opening their doors to give kids a special look at what goes into making movie magic. Let Weta Workshop take

your child through a journey of movie magic work with our school holiday program. Workshops are open featuring drawing, sculpting, make-up and more. Don't miss out, book now online at: <http://wetaworkshop.com/visit-us/workshop-tours/tour/school-holiday-programme>

GOOD CHILDREN to GREAT CHILDREN via NUTRITION.

NZ Kids Food are a new locally owned and operated company offering an easy and convenient service for parents and caregivers to order their child's school lunches via an online service. Lunches are a low cost alternative to some conventional methods of ordering lunches for your children. Our rates start at \$3.70 per lunch (if you are a Community Services Card holder) or \$5.20. Lunches are delivered fresh daily to the school by 10am, and incorporate food based on the Ministry of Health food and nutritional guidelines. For every lunch ordered through NZ Kids Food, 10c will be donated back to our School, as contribution and support towards the school. This is a great way to give back to the school and local community. For more information about our service, visit www.nzkidsfood.co.nz or 0800543736

COMMUNICATION 2016

Communication is a very important part of our relationship with you. Below are the three forms of communication we use...

- Email – if you wish to receive communication via email please ensure the office have your correct email address. We are able to send all newsletters and notices via email
- Website – www.stclaudine.school.nz – this is in the process of being updated for the 2016 school year.
- Our school App – this is downloadable from the app store – if you already have the app you will need to update this for 2016 as there are some things which have been updated for ease of use.



We post updates and messages on our school Facebook page along with celebrating special events our students and staff are involved in.



Thanks for your continued support.