

INVITATION TO JOIN US:**Beginning of School Year Picnic**

Please join with us for our beginning of school year picnic. This year the picnic will begin at 5:30pm. This is a great annual event and a lovely way to connect with new families and re-connect with families you haven't seen in a while. Over the past few years families have shared takeaways or home made picnics. You are also welcome to bring a portable BBQ and there will be an area for these to be set up in. We hope you can join us in celebrating the start of a wonderful school year.

Goal Setting Interviews

Our Goal setting interviews are now open for the 12th and 21st of March. Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **48t8d** to book your interview.

OUR PTA NEED YOUR HELP

Last Friday was the first week that the PTA volunteered to run the sausage sizzle at summer soccer. In just over 3 hours we managed to raise \$470 which will go towards purchasing more Chromebooks and upgrading the iPads as well as completing our Playground refresh. A big thank you to Brit & Tino Schlagowski, John McCrystal, Reuben Skjellerup, Lihong Zhu and Cathy Crooks for volunteering their time to organise and run the sausage sizzle.

We are next rostered to run it again on Friday 15 February but we only have 2 volunteers so far. If you are able to spare an hour between 3 and 7pm to help us out please fill in this form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/X1w8SQW53s0eJyrU2>

We need at least 3 people for each 1 hour time slot – one to cook, one to serve and one to handle cash. Year 7 and 8 students are welcome to help out too.

Beginning of Year Reminders**School Office Hours**

Please be aware that our school office hours are from 8:30am-1:30pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 8:30am-3:30pm Tuesday and Thursday.

Email Communication

Our school is committed to the haoura/wellbeing of all its members including staff. Because of this our email communication will be between the hours of 8am-6pm Monday to Friday and will be replied to within two business days. Emails are not read during class time and therefore urgent requests should be completed by telephone. Phone messages received before 2:30pm are cleared regularly.

School Hours of Operation

Please be aware that our school does not open for supervision until 8:30am, and all students are expected to be picked up by 3:15pm. Outside of these hours is teacher non-contact time.

Absences

Please email the absences@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz or leave a message on our absence line. Please ensure that you provide the reason for the absence, and your child's room number or their teacher.

Late Arrival at School

Thank you to those who ring to inform us you are running late, it happens to the best of us! When your child does arrive at school they need to pick up a late pass from the office before they go to their class.

Biking/Scooting/Skating

We encourage our students to use wheels to get to school. They are also able to use scooters, skateboards and skates at lunchtime in the playground providing they bring their helmet also. Please make sure you encourage your children to walk their wheels in shared spaces: our entry points, footpaths and carpark.

Drop off and Pick Up

The designated area for drop off and pick up is on the school court. If you are unable to use the court please ensure that you park well clear of the bus stop. To ensure the court is a safe area to walk through, please remember to park in the same direction as other people. Reversing in our playground is dangerous as many of our students are too short to be seen in the rear vision mirror.

After School Care

Our official provider is sKids <http://www.skids.co.nz> and you can book before and after school care through their website. Should you use an other provider we will contact you directly if there are mixes ups with pick up.

School Uniform

Our Year 4-8 students are now able to come to or go home from school on SportStart days in their full PE uniform. Please help them by ensuring they have white sport socks available as well as the blue PE shorts and light blue PE top. Please also ensure that the items you purchase are part of our school uniform, in particular shoes should be all black. See for a list of uniform items- <https://www.cardinalmckeefry.school.nz/parents-and-caregivers/cardinal-mckeefry-school-uniform/>

Cell Phones

If your child is bringing a cell phone to school you must complete the permission part on the Cyber Safety form. You can request this from the office. All phones must be switched to silent mode and put in the blue bag so that we can grab them quickly in an emergency. If you need to get a message to your child during the day please contact the office.

Playgrounds after School

During our school day Year 1-3 students use the playground next to the main road and Year 4-8 use the playground next to the driveway. The latter playground is considered too high for younger students to play on. It is also important our older students have a place to play where they do not need to modify their play for younger students. Please keep this in mind when supervising your children after school, especially pre-schoolers.

Term Dates 2019

We are currently applying for funding for Professional Development in the Digital Technologies Curriculum and real time reporting. If we are successful it is possible there will be two Teacher Only Days within term time. If this occurs our school end date will be the 20th of December for 2019. We will be able to confirm our end date at the end of Term 1.

Thank you for your patience.

Term 1: 4th Feb - 12th April Holidays 13th April-28th April	Term 2: 29th May - 5th July Holidays 6th July- 21st July	Term 3: 22nd July - 4th Oct Holidays 5th Oct- 20th Oct	Term 4: 21st Oct either 18th or 20th of December
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Term 1 Key Dates

Our School newsletter will go out each Thursday by paper, email and uploaded to the school website: www.cardinalmckeefry.school.nz.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Prayers (moved to Wednesdays when Fr is hosting)	Pizza lunch day Mandarin Language Lesson Piano lessons with Erica	Walking School Bus Guitar Lessons with Andrew	Newsletter 2:45-3:15pm Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 1 st Thursday of each month.	Sushi lunch day Fortnightly Kapa Haka Assembly
Week 1 4-8 Feb Kapa Haka	Week 2 11-15 Feb Assembly Rm 1	Week 3 18-22 Feb Kapa Haka	Week 4 25-1 March Assembly Rm 2	Week 5 4-8 March Kapa Haka
Week 6 11-15 March Assembly Rm 5	Week 7 18-22 March Kapa Haka	Week 8 25-29 March Assembly Rm 4	Week 9 1-5 April Kapa Haka	Week 10 8-12 April Assembly All Classes

This year we are taking part in our sustainable school programme with Wellington City Council. In Term 1 we will be making beeswax

Week 1

Monday 4/2	First Day of School 2019
Tuesday 5/2	9am – Beginning of Year Blessing Liturgy (School Hall)
Wednesday 6/2	Waitangi Day – Public Holiday
Friday 8/2	9am –Road Patrol Training

Week 2

Friday 15/2	All Classes involved in Lantern Making for WCC Lantern Festival
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Week 3

Tuesday 19/2	Room 1 –Servant Leaders Workshop
Wednesday 20/2	5:30pm-7pm Cardinal McKeefry School Picnic
Thursday 21/2	Te Matatini Festival Begins – National Kapa Haka Festival

Week 4

Monday 25/2	1.50pm Michael Mangan Concert
Tuesday 26/2	WZ Cricket Tournament – Karori Park – Parent help requested.
Wednesday 27/2	6:30pm BOT Meeting
Thursday 28/2	Save Date WZ Cricket Tournament – Karori Park – Parent help requested

Week 5 Room 1 Technology Week

Tuesday 5/3	8:30am Shrove Tuesday Family Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday 6/3	Ash Wednesday Mass

Week 6

Tuesday 12/3	9-10am R2 Pollination workshop Otari Bush TBC 3:15pm-5:30pm Goal Setting Interviews (Parent Child Teacher)
Wednesday 13/3	9-10am R2 Pollination workshop Otari Bush TBC
Friday 15/3	Capital E Children's Art Festival 9:30am – Room 1 and 2

Week 7

Wednesday 20/3	Capital E Children's Art Festival 11am Rm 4 and 5 attending Wolfgang Circus
Thursday 21/3	3:15pm-7pm Goal Setting Interviews (Parent Child Teacher)

Week 8

Tuesday 26/3	Room 1 and 2 WZ Soccer – Parent Helpers requested
Thursday 28/3	Room 1 and 2 WZ Soccer (Save Date)
Friday 29/3	9:30am-10:30am – BluGuru Bollywood singing/dancing

Week 9

Thursday 4/4	Year 3 Sports Festival Marsden School – Parent Helpers requested WRRPA Conference – Tania and Kate attending
Friday-5/4	WRRPA Conference – Tania and Kate attending

Week 10

Monday 8/4	7pm Camp Information and Fundraising meeting
Thursday 11/4	Save Date Year 3 Sports Festival Marsden School – Parent Helpers requested



Love of Work

Family Spirit

Presence

In the Way of Mary

Simplicity

Weastern Zones Sporting Events 2019 Yr 4-8		
Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
21 May WZ Cross Country - Karori Park (Save Day 23 May)	13 August WZ Netball Tournament (Save Day 15 August)	8 November WZ Athletics (Save Day 15 November)
18 June WZ Hockey Tournament (Save Day 20 June)	23 August WZ Swimming Sports – WRAC	
18 June WZ Interzone Cross Country		

Future Dates		
Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
5-7 May Life Education Van	15 August Assumption of Mary. Mass at 11:30am, St Thomas More.	10:30am-12:30pm Aquatics on the following dates: 15 October – Whole School 17 October – Whole School 22 October – Whole School 24 October – Whole School 29 October – Year 1-6 31 October – Year 1-6 5 November – Whole School 7 November – Whole School
6 May St Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day (Founder of the Marist Brothers). Mass at 11:30am, St Thomas More.	19-23 August Yr 7/8 Technology Week	21 October School Photos
27-31 May Yr 7/8 Technology Week	16-20 September Art Splash Week (Rm 5/2 Choir Mon, Tues or Wed TBC; Rm 1 dance Thurs, Fri TBC)	29 October- 1 November Yr 7/8 Camp
	20 September Room 2 and 1 Science Roadshow	1 November All Saints Day Mass at 11:30am, St Thomas More.
		12 December End of Year Liturgy, farewell to Year 8 students.
		16 December Year 8 Graduation and Prize Giving.