



17 February 2022

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou whanau, and a warm St Leo's blessing on you all

The Beatitudes - Sunday's reading from Luke's Gospel focused on the Beatitudes. These are the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us that if we live according to the Beatitudes, we will lead a fulfilling Christian life. They also describe the rewards that will be ours as loyal followers of Christ.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

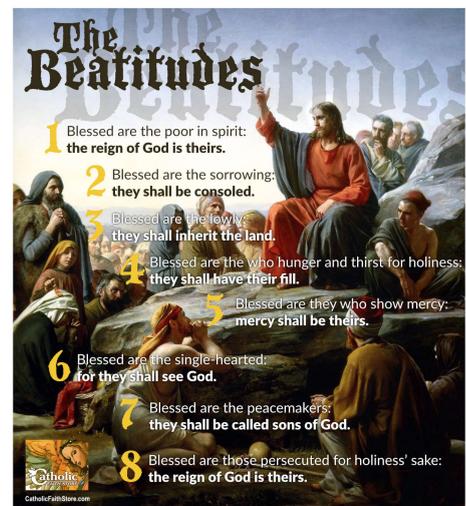
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



I don't know about you, but I struggle to meet the demands of the Beatitudes. It can be really hard to be merciful, it is also hard to be meek or a peacemaker at present, when opinions are so divided about the response to the pandemic.

While no-one said the Beatitudes are easy, what is certain is that in them lies the pathway to peace. When next you feel angry, affronted or put upon, refer back to the Beatitudes: Somewhere in there you will find your pathway forward. God bless you all.

Reflecting on our Start to the Year - As we near the end of our third week of school, it is good to be able to report how settled the children have been. It can be a worry for you as parents, as you entrust your children to others during this pandemic.

Please be assured that the staff are very mindful of the need to keep an eye out for children who are struggling, who may be anxious or who would rather be home. It is reassuring to realise how much children here are feeling comfortable and settled, are getting on with their learning and are enjoying the chance to be with their friends and classmates. Yes, we are masked up, but as much as possible, we are keeping school life as normal as we can for everyone.

As I said in the previous newsletter, the make or break for us as a school as far as keeping open is concerned is to keep our staff COVID-free. Thanks again for your scrupulous adherence to mask-wearing when you need to engage with us, for following distancing protocols and keeping us informed about any illness in the family. It is our great wish to keep the school open, and wellness among staff is the key to our ability to achieve that.

If your child has a cold and/or sore throat could you please get them tested for Covid and keep them home until you get the results. We are aware of several people outside our school community who thought they just had a cold but have tested positive for Omicron. If your child or anyone in your household tests positive please let us know immediately. Help us keep our school community safe.

PTFA



Finally there is a PTFA establishment meeting set for Wednesday the 23rd at 7.30pm at Signal Hill. We are having this offsite due to the restrictions of meeting on the School Premises. The PTFA is an important part of the Schools social and fundraising component and this year will be another challenging year from a financial standpoint so a strong and active PTFA is crucial. If you cannot make the meeting please contact Renee so we can include you in any future discussions.

God Bless,

David Tennent



Important Notices

Cellphone watches

It has come to our attention that some children are wearing watches that can receive phone calls and that some children are receiving phone calls during school hours or calling their parents during school hours. It is school policy to not allow cellphones at school or if children must bring them they need to hand them in to the office on arriving at school. We ask parents and caregivers to refrain from calling their children during school hours. If you need to get a message to them Renee and the teachers are more than happy to pass these on. They must not use any camera devices on their phone either.

Sacramental Programme

If your child is a year 4 or older and has not done the sacramental programme but you would like them to please let Renee know. We are gauging interest in this year's programme to work out the best way to run it since we are unable to do group lessons at present.



Bike pants

We encourage the girls to wear black bike pants under their uniforms for modesty. When they are climbing trees, hanging on the playground, doing handstands etc these allow them to do so freely.



Parking Owens Rd

Unfortunately we are having to reiterate again about the no parking area on Owens Rd. Please do not park either side of the driveway on Owens Rd where the no parking signs are. This is to ensure the safety of people who need to cross the road. It gives them a clear view to make sure it is safe to cross the road. Auckland transport regularly monitors this area and tickets are given.

Fees

Invoices for school fees have been sent out. If you haven't received yours please let Renee know. Please note that these can be paid in any way you wish that suits your budget eg set up an automatic payment for so much per week/fortnight etc, pay by term, pay the whole lot up front. Attendance Dues must be paid each term. Any queries about the fees please contact Renee.

Sushi

We have been lucky enough to secure the services of Asahi to provide sushi lunch for the children on Wednesday. If you would like to order sushi please get a form from the office and return it before 9am on Tuesday for lunch Wednesday. Please note that this is cash only and we do not have change. You may still do a term order which will be for 8 weeks now or order week by week. Order is for one type of sushi only eg order only avocado not 4 avocado and 4 chicken etc.

Celebration Book

Congratulations Bella Albrecht on becoming a Six leader in Cubs
Lucetta Thomas-Cheng and Chiara Albrecht had illustrations chosen to be part of a book for the Night Zookeeper programme. They had to draw an illustration of something to be used as the hero in the book.



Timetable of events

Thursday 17 February	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sunday 20 February	First Communion (from 2021 sacramental programme)
Tuesday 22 February	Cricket skills sessions for all classes - PE gear please
Wednesday 23 February	Ukulele group commences PTFA meeting 7.30pm Signal Hill
Thursday 24 February	Year 6 waterwise commences
Tuesday 1 March	Cricket skills sessions for all classes - PE gear please
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 3 March	Year 6 waterwise Year 1 - 4 Soccer skills session - PE gear please
Tuesday 8 March	Cricket skills sessions for all classes - PE gear please
Thursday 10 March	Year 6 waterwise
Thursday 17 March	Year 6 Waterwise
Thursday 24 March	Year 6 Waterwise Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 31 March	Year 6 Waterwise Parent Teacher Conferences TBC
Thursday 7 April	Year 6 Waterwise
Thursday 14 April	Year 6 Waterwisef Holy Thursday - End of term 1

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
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LESSONS**

WHO?
Lessons for Years 1 - 13.

WHEN?
Students attend 1 x 30-45 min (age dependant) lesson per week during school terms. Lessons are at St. George's Community Centre after school on Wednesdays, between 3:30pm - 7pm.

WHERE?
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However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is, the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

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Junior Girls Fun, Turn Up & Play Sessions

When: Thursdays
End Date - Thursday 31st March
Time - 5.00pm - 5.40pm
Venue - Bayswater Park until Thursday 3rd March & then Takapuna Grammar School (back field on Winscombe Street) from 10th March - 31st March
Age - 8 -12 years old

Cost - FREE

All girls will need to register via the following link: <https://forms.gle/Ve2bAaEkf6aDU8hp8>

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