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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai, haere mai, greetings

Mary MacKillop Feast Day – Sunday 8th August

Mary MacKillop was devoted to the service of the poor. She established a Catholic school system for children who were isolated and in poor circumstances, set up orphanages, refuges for the sick and elderly and visited those who were in prison. She welcomed those experiencing difficult situations and provided opportunities for the most vulnerable. Mary MacKillop brought the message of human dignity to all whom she encountered.

God of love your heart reaches out to those who are poor in our world.

Open your eyes and ears to hear the cries of your people bound down by the injustices of this world.

May we, like Mary MacKillop, respond in word and action to the struggling peoples of our world.

Blessed Mary on the cross, serving the neglected ones,

Pray for us.

Liturgy-Monday 9th August

We will hold a liturgy in honour of Mary MacKillop on Monday 9th August at 11.50am in the Church. All parents are most welcome to join us.

Campion Idol

Campion Idol will be held at the Boys High School Hall on Wednesday 18th August at 7pm. Tickets are \$4 and are available at the Campion office. You choose your winner to go on to represent Campion College at the Grand Final which will be held at the War Memorial Hall on 22nd September.

PTFA Quiz Night

On Friday evening 30th July the PTFA held a very successful Quiz Night which was enjoyed by a large crowd. We wish to thank all the families of

the school who helped make this evening the success it was, especially Mary and Clive Stonehouse of Zelus Wines, Duncan and Judy Smith of Tiritiri Wines, Trish Atkins of SAFE, Chris and Maree Duncan of Waimata Cheese, Kaye Hansen, and the Aitcheson, Akuhata-Brown and Fairbank families and all the families who contributed towards the lovely supper. Lastly, a very big thanks to Marty Van Der Velde who generously offered 'The Flying Dutchman' for the venue along with wonderful help and support from his staff.

The next fundraiser will be a Garage Sale on 11th September so start sorting out at home and bringing your surplus into the College office.

Dept. of Labour Survey

The Department of Labour is running an online survey for parents and caregivers to complete. It looks at such issues as employment arrangements, caring responsibilities and whether parents are working flexibly at the moment. The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete. The information from this survey will influence Government decision making around flexible working that will directly impact parents and caregivers. The survey is now live and runs until 31st August. Our schools unique link to the survey is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/flexwork?c=043>. There will be a \$50 book voucher for our College library for every 20 survey responses received from parents (up to a maximum of \$200). As well as expressing your opinion and experiences, parents will also be able to enter a draw for a share of \$1000 worth of grocery vouchers for completing the survey.

Chanel Shield 2010

Next weekend, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th August, we will welcome all of our fellow Catholic

Secondary Schools in the Hamilton Diocese to the Chanel Shield competition for 2010.

Itinerary for Chanel Shield

Friday 13th August

12.00pm Powhiri in front of St Marys Church
12.30pm Lunch in Parish Centre
1.00pm Opening Mass in St Mary's Star of the Sea
2.15pm Maori Perspective Speech in Wawatai 3
2.45pm Round 1 of debates in MK1 and MK2
3.30pm Junior and Senior Bible Readings in the Church
4.00pm Second Round of debating in MK2
6pm Dinner in Hall
7.30pm Drama in the Hall
8.45pm Depart for billets.

Saturday 14th August

8.30am Morning Prayers in the Hall
8.45am Junior and Senior Poetry in the Library
8.45am Junior and Senior Oratory in Wawatai 3
10.00am Debating Final in the Library
11.15am Religious Knowledge Quiz in the Hall
11.45am Presentations
12.00pm Lunch in the Hall
1.00pm Depart

Whooping Cough

On the back of this newsletter is an information sheet from the Dept. of Health on Whooping Cough. One of our students was recently diagnosed with this infectious disease. We ask all students and parents to carefully read this information attached and seek medical assistance if in doubt.

Paul McGuinness
PRINCIPAL

What is Whooping Cough?

Whooping Cough is an infectious disease of the lungs caused by a bacteria (*Bordetella pertussis*). It mostly affects young children and is particularly serious, occasionally life-threatening for children under 1 year. It is spread by coughing and usually develops within 20 days of coming in contact with the disease.

What are the symptoms?

The disease begins as an irritating, persistent cough which gets worse and may last for a few weeks. Bouts of coughing result in breathlessness which causes the characteristic crowing or whoop on breathing in. This may be associated with vomiting.

Stopping the spread of Whooping Cough

Whooping Cough can spread to other people when there is close contact between people. What happens in some families is that mildly sick adults or older

children can pass the disease on to infants. The risk of serious disease is very high for children under the age of one.

The disease can be easily spread in institutions such as Early Childhood Centres / Schools. For the majority of students / staff this is unlikely to cause difficulty in that they will already have been immunised. However, in cases where parents have elected not to vaccinate their children and in the small number of cases where the vaccination has not been effective, these people are particularly at risk.

Treatment

An antibiotic called erythromycin is usually prescribed for people with whooping cough. It can reduce symptoms if given early enough in the illness. It also stops the patient spreading the disease to others. It is important to complete the 14-day course. Sometimes it is necessary to admit the sick person to hospital.

Can it be prevented?

Immunisation is the most effective means of preventing the disease and controlling it in the community. Vaccinations are given as part of the routine schedule at the ages of 6 weeks, 3 months, 5 months, 15 months & 4 years.

These are given free by your local doctor. Immunised children may still develop whooping cough but it is usually not as severe in such cases.

People with whooping cough can spread the disease to others. They should not go to day care, kohanga reo, school or other places where young children gather until:

- ♦ 3 weeks have passed from the start of the coughing bouts or
- ♦ They have stopped coughing or
- ♦ They have completed 5 days of a 14-day course of antibiotic.