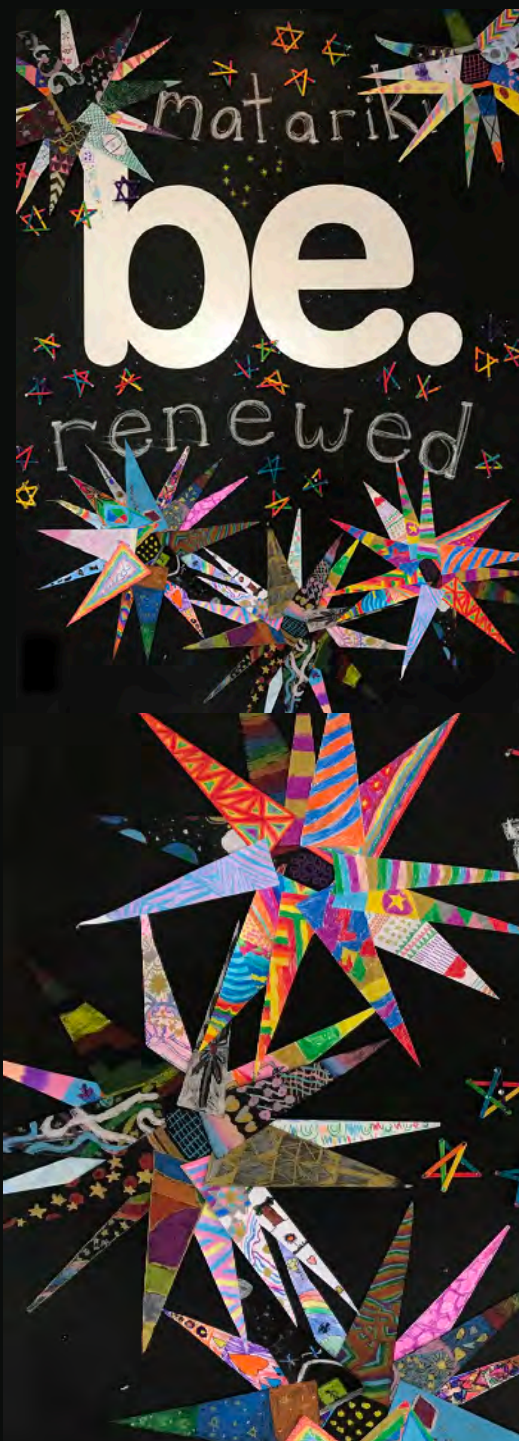




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Message from the Principal

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle A

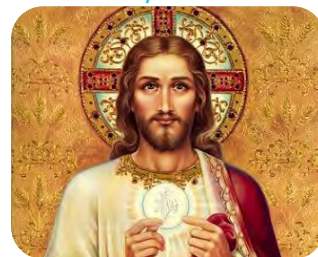
Sunday, June 14, 2020

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

Background on the Gospel Reading



This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us.

This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.



Senior leaders running games for fun Friday

be.
Christ-like

be.
reflective

be.
creative

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank-you to the parents that were able to attend our parent sessions around reporting. We will make the slide available to everyone over the next couple of days. A reminder to please download the LINC-ED Hero app for you to receive communication from the school as well as view your child's report in early Term 3.

Parent conferences around the Key competencies

Thank-you to everyone for taking the time to share some of your learnings around your child on the key competence sheet. We ask that you only do what you can, you do not have to fill in all the space provided. Could you then return it to your child's teacher so they can finish the next part. We then look forward to meeting with you and completing the sheet.

To make an appointment for the Parent conferences go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The event code is **sxf8v**.

St Mary's Cross Country

Cross Country will be happening on Wednesday 1st July. We will send out details of race starts early next week. This is so you can save the date and also we will require some help to Marshal the children around. We are very fortunate to have the services of some Aquinas College students who will be supporting us during the day. This is a fun event where our children will race each other and enjoy the atmosphere.

Hero

Our aim has been to implement a robust system that allows teachers, parents, and students to access learning in an online environment that is secure, easy, and effective. Hero allows teachers to share learning anytime, anywhere and this can be viewed on any device. We are excited about the potential that the software offers. The report is designed to build year on year so that over time you will have access to written posts, assessments, images, video and helpful resources all in one place.

For information about how to log in and view your child's learning, go to the Hero for Parents website page.

Parking

We have been asked by the local residents for our school community to be mindful about parking on and over driveways and lawns. Could we please take care and patience around our school so that it is completely safe for our children.

Gobsmaeked

We have begun the process with Gobsmaeked and held the auditions. Congratulations to all children who auditioned for parts. It was fantastic to see everyone taking a risk and giving things a go. We look forward to seeing every child participate and enjoy this wonderful production.

James Murray
Principal

Main Characters

Maui	Harry Grosso
Taha	George Hopkins
Waho	Matthew Rogers
Roto	Caleb Morais
Pae	Smit Khot
The Narrators	Ivy Barrett-Hodgson , Milli Banbury and Hannah Minkhorst
Taranga	Areta Kahura
Rangi	Christian Poli
The Sun	Maebh Manning
Murirangiwhenua	Abby Moore
Mahuika	Olivia Kerr
Singers	Nelson Santos, Hazra Syed, Migo Legayada, Kahlia Gardiner Hano, Maria Tustin and some of the lead cast.
Specialist Dancer	Sophie Van den Borst
Other dancers still to be chosen	



How to log in to HERO and view your child's learning.

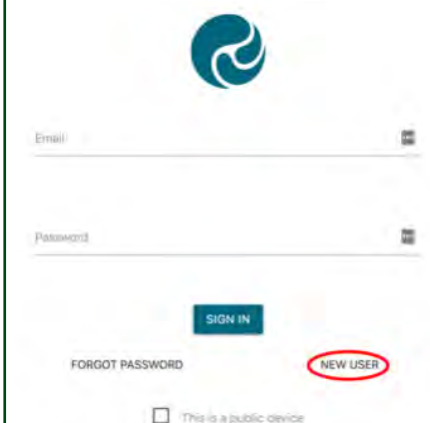
Go to the Hero for Parents website page. <https://www.linc-ed.com/parents/>

To set your password and log into Hero for the first time:

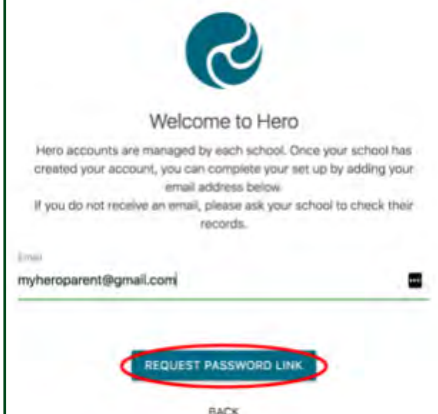
1. Download the Hero by LINC-ED app from the app store
Note: use the keywords Hero LINC-ED when searching for the app



2. Click NEW USER



3. Enter the email address you have provided the school and click REQUEST PASSWORD LINK





PTA Hotdog Day
Friday 26 June
more information to
 come

Special Character

School Feast Day

On the last day of term, we look forward to celebrating our Schools Feast Day. The Feast of Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey. (Actual feast day 15th July during the holidays)

We have planned some fun service activities in Houses and across the school. Mufti day with donations for the Cluny Mission.

Students may like to bring some materials on the day to help them make a boat in small groups. Further details will be sent home in an email.

Grandparents /Grandfriends Day

Due to changes we have made in our timetable due to Covid-19 we are changing the date of our Grandparents and Grandfriends day. This was going to be held on the 28th of July. Traditionally it is the same week as the feast of St Joachim and St Anne; Jesus grandparents.

With people wishing to limit travel and keeping safe this winter bug season we have decided to move this wonderful event to the 4th Term.

The new date will be: Tuesday 17th November 2020



Caretakers of Creation

Next Monday at our school liturgy we will be launching the start of Matariki learning for students. As caretakers of creation, we are responsible for caring for God's people and all of God's creation. Growing in Wisdom and learning about our world within our local context is important.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples just how much they are loved by God. Jesus asks us to trust God through our life, even in the difficult time's, God is with us to comfort and help us. We pray especially for our world in this time of COVID and turbulent protests. We need to pray that we care for all of creation and ask God for guidance and support.

Matariki Prayer

Haere Mai,
 Te tau hau e Matariki,
 Welcome to this new season of light,
 Let this winter be a time for planting,
 For hoping and waiting,
 For opening our hearts and minds

Let us walk lightly on our Earth,
 Taking only what we need
 To leave plenty for those who
 Will follow.

May the bright light of Matariki
 Surround and guide us
 This whole year through.

Amene.

Matariki at home

During Matariki, giving thanks for land and waters that have provided sustenance is important, as is respecting and protecting nature so future generations may enjoy the same quality of life we cherish.

Matariki is also a good time for planting new trees and shrubs.

- Develop a recycling plan for your home.
- Learn the names of the trees and plants around your home.
- Learn some Maori herbal plants which you can eat that help to heal.
- Draw a plan for a spring garden and start to gather the seeds and seedlings.
- Plant a native tree or shrub.

Matariki is a time to learn about your whanau, and a time to remember those who have passed on from this world to the next. Whakapapa is an important part of Matariki celebrations.

- Start your own whakapapa book if you haven't already started or continue it.
- Organise a family Matariki munch, a meal together and learn something new together
- Record oral histories on tape or video
- Create a scrap book or something to remember those who have passed on
- Clear the weeds from whanau graves

From the Parish Newsletter

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

Under level 1 we now return in full force to celebrate the Eucharist.

What better way to celebrate the doors of the Church being opened without restrictions to numbers than on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

Over these last 11 to 12 weeks we have been forced into isolation and social distancing. This has not always been an easy existence for many of you. In our celebration today we remember that when we receive Holy Communion, we have a closer contact with Jesus than was possible to anybody during his earthly life. In the Eucharist, the actual distance between ourselves and Christ vanishes.

He comes to live in our hearts and we become one with him.
 As St Ephraem said, "what we receive is the very Spirit of God."

We are nourished and strengthened on our earthly journey.

Blessings and peace.

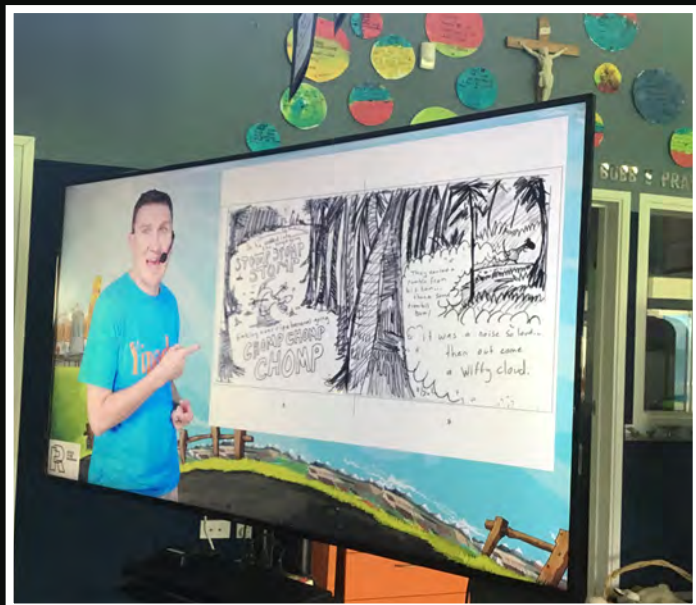
Fr. Philip, Parish Priest

Teresa Rush
 DRS

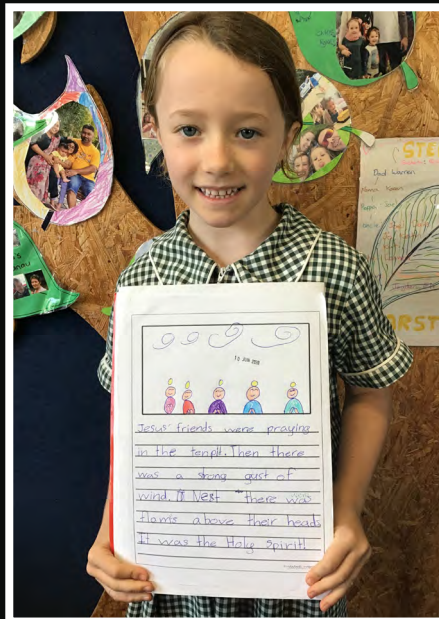


Tika and Māramatanga

Thanks to Read NZ and NZ On Air, Tika and Māramatanga children were entertained by Deano Yipadee on Friday afternoon, via an online show. Mr Yipadee is an International Best-Selling Kiwi Children's Author and Musician. Some of his wonderful books include Stink-o-saurus, Nee Naw the Little Fire Engine and Ron the Royal Guard. We were very lucky to hear Mr Yipadee read his latest book, Nee Naw Goes Bananas.



We have been learning about the Holy Spirit. This week we wrote about what happened during Pentecost. We made special headbands with tongues of fire and talked about ways the Holy Spirit works in us. Here is Ellie Jones with her writing about Pentecost.



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11:15am–12:45pm

AUGUST 21st
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Online Registration is essential.
Visit aquinas.school.nz to register from July 20th.
The full enrolment process is detailed on the
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