



St Mary's  
Catholic School  
Tauranga

## newsletter

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### Our Vision

At St Mary's we aim to be Christ-like through prayerful hearts and willing hands. With reflective and creative minds we challenge ourselves to be the difference.

### Our Learning Vision

To develop assessment capable students, teachers, school leaders and parents.

Our People Our Place

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## Message from the Principal

### Kiaora Koutou

#### Kia ora Koutou Katoa

Greetings whanau, parents and friends of our St Mary's community. A very special welcome to Noah Askin and Shadow Yue who have started school recently.

This is a dynamic time for our school with many events and activities of importance, significance and value apparent. The end of the year is always a busy time and one for celebration but the month of November 2016 is currently taking this notion to the extreme. From my perspective such factors epitomises what makes our school such a great community to be apart of.

On Sunday we celebrated our termly Parish School Mass. My thanks to Father Stuart for his enthusiasm and commitment to our school and our Parish while Father Mark is away. It was great to see so many families and students attending Mass as a community.

This week has marked two events of significance. At time of writing we are in the concluding stages of our Education Office Review. As Principal I am extremely proud of the efforts, from teachers, support staff, students, board members and parents, that have gone into presenting St Mary's as the special learning institution that we all know it is. Feedback to date has been extremely affirming and I look forward to being able to celebrate the final report with our school community.

My thanks to those parents and whanau who attended the special liturgy we held for our visiting Cluny Sisters on Monday. This week a number of Cluny Religious from around the world have been meeting to discuss key aspects of leadership and governance in their own Cluny Retreat Centre. Having them present in our school has reinforced the place St Mary's holds in the wider Cluny family and has again made us extremely thankful of the Charism we have been both gifted and get to utilise for the benefit of our students.

In looking ahead to next week we are of course excited at the prospects of hosting the 2016 Tauranga Moana Ra Whakangahau Kapa Haka Festival. A notice was sent home last night and there is more information within this Newsletter re: the Festival and the encouragement for all to attend during the course of the two days if you are able. It may be a little early for celebration but I would like to thank the many volunteers and whanau who have been contributing to the leadership

and organisation of the event and those who are making themselves available to help in a variety of roles over the two days. Our combined efforts will no doubt make for a memorable Festival. Mauri Ora!

#### Traffic Next Week

Traffic in and around our area over the two days will of course require careful consideration of all. To help manage the traffic around our school we are operating a park and ride service from Memorial Park, however, it would be advisable to take extra care when collecting and dropping off students. The eastern end of Harvey Street will also be closed to traffic from 8am until 3pm so please make sure you allow plenty of time to park appropriately and accompany students to and from your cars.

#### 2017 Enrolments

A reminder to all who have children turning 5 next year or know of families whose intention it is to attend St Mary's at any time during 2017 please ensure enrolment procedures are started as soon as possible.

#### End of Year change of date

Our last day of school will now be Thursday 15 December, with our End of Year School Prizegiving being held on Wednesday 14 December.

#### Pacifika Festival

I was very proud and privileged to witness the St Mary's Samoan Group perform at the Pacifika Festival held recently at Arataki School. I congratulate you for practising every week for most of the year to perform at the Festival. Thank you to Charlie and Ati Aaifou-Olive for sharing your Samoan culture with us and keeping it alive in our school community.

#### Jump Jam

In conclusion I would like to congratulate our three Jump Jam teams who performed recently at the North Island Championships at Baycourt. A first and two seconds! You were wonderful ambassadors and outstanding performers for St Mary's. We all know that you have worked so hard perfecting your routines with your many practices, giving up your weekends and sometimes even coming to school very early in the morning. That's great dedication and commitment! Congratulations to you all!

Of course a very BIG thank you must go to Kim Artus, coach extraordinaire, for his passion and enthusiasm for Jump Jam and for our school. Thank you Kim.

Nga Mihi Nui Kia Koutou

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## 2016 Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 22 November  
**End of Year Mass Whakapono Team**
- Thursday 24 & Friday 25 November  
**Te Ra Whakangahau**
- Tuesday 29 November  
**Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm**
- Wednesday 30 November  
**WBoP Athletics**
- Thursday 1 December
  - **End of Year Mass Year 0, 1 & 2**
  - **Out of Hours Music Concert 12.30pm**
  - **2017 New Entrant Meeting 3.15pm**
- Friday 2 December
  - **Whakapono Athletics**
  - **PTA Sausage Sizzle**
- Tuesday 6 December  
**Aroha Memorial Park Fun Day**
- Wednesday 7 December
  - **Hip Hop Performance**
  - **International Parents Afternoon Tea 1.45pm**
- Thursday 8 December
  - **Feast of Immaculate Conception**
  - **Graduation Mass 6.30pm**
- Friday 9 December  
**PTA Disco 6 - 8.30pm**
- Saturday 10 December  
**Sursum Corda sing at 5pm Vigil**
- Tuesday 13 December
  - **Whakapono Baywave visit**
  - **PTA Meeting 7pm TBC**
- Wednesday 14 December (change of date)  
**Prizegiving 11am**
- Thursday 15 December
  - **School finishes at 12noon**
- Friday 16 December  
**Second Hand Uniform Sale - come & sell your own uniforms in the BAMJC 9am to 1pm**

## 2017 Term Dates

- Wednesday 1 February  
**Term 1 starts**
- Thursday 13 April  
**Term 2 Ends**
- Monday 1 May  
**Term 2 starts**
- Friday 7 July  
**Term 2 ends**
- Monday 24 July  
**Term 3 starts**
- Friday 29 September  
**Term 3 ends**
- Monday 16 October  
**Term 4 starts**
- Friday 15 December  
**Term 4 ends**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### St Mary's Samoan Group at the Pasifika Festival

Talofa lava and warm Pacific greetings to you all.

On Friday 28th of October, the St Mary's Samoan group were excited to attend the Pasifika in the Bay Festival which was located at Arataki primary school.

Our group was one of 15 schools who performed on the day. The day was full of amazing culture, beautiful costume's and delicious food. We all were so happy it was such a privilege to represent our families, culture and school

I'd like to thank Mrs Broadmore for organizing the Kapa Haka Extension students and their parents to come and support us. I'd also like to thank Mr Fuller for coming and for your continued support for our group, we were so happy to have you there with us.

To our Amazing tutors Charlie and Ati Aaifou-Olive for giving up their time in helping us to bring our culture alive through song and dance.

Viia le Atua ia outou uma

Faafetai Lava.  
**Mariah Gardiner Hano**

### Ra Whakangahau reminders

#### Key Times

The festival will start with a Powhiri at 8.30am, this will be closely followed with our school performance at 9.15am. Both St Thomas More and Aquinas College Kapahaka Students will be present at the powhiri and will follow on from the performance of our school. The first day will conclude at approximately 2.30pm. Performances start again at 9am Friday morning, with the final performance again at approximately 2.30pm.

#### School Based Organisation

Classes will run as normal during this time but teachers have been encouraged to spend as much time as possible taking in the unique opportunity the festival presents. There are a number of food stalls that will be in operation during the day and children will be able to purchase items at interval and lunchtime should they wish to. More information in regard to this is again available on our school website.



### Key Messages for Parents

With over 5000 people expected to visit our school site over the two days there will firstly be a lot of extra people around our school site and surrounding area. To help manage the traffic in around our school we are operating a park and ride service from Memorial Park however, it would be advisable to take extra care when collecting and dropping off students. The eastern end of Harvey Street will also be closed to traffic from 8am until 3pm so please make sure you allow plenty of time to park appropriately and accompany students to and from your cars.

As parents we would like to, of course, encourage you to take the time to come down and enjoy the festival. There is no charge to enter and morning tea and lunch times would present opportunities for you to watch the festival with your children. As mentioned, food stalls are operating with many options for you to enjoy.

### Food available at the Food Stalls

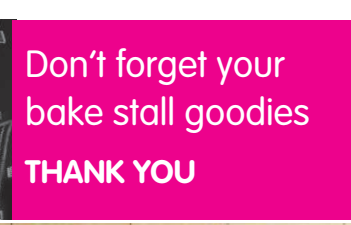
Hangi	\$10
Raw Fish	\$ 4
Mussel Fritter with Bread	\$ 4
St Mary's Maori Burger	\$ 4
Pies - including the famous 'Boil Up' Pie	\$ 4
Sausages Rolls & Savouries	\$ 2
Sausage Sizzle	\$ 2
Smoothies	\$ 4
Ice Blocks & Ice Cream	\$2 - \$4
Fruit Cups	\$ 3
Juice, Bottled Water	\$2 - \$3
Cakes, slices, muffins	various

### Nutcracker with the Imperial Russian Ballet Company

Last weekend Alana Perrett and Isabella Marsh saw their dreams come true as they danced in The Nutcracker with the Imperial Russian Ballet company, in front of a sold out theatre.

The ballet company is conducting a tour of New Zealand and Australia, which sees local children





performing alongside their professional dancers. Isabella played a child and an angel, and Alana a mouse.

The girls had a very busy 6-week rehearsal schedule in the lead up to the two performances. When the girls arrived at BayCourt for their final rehearsal they were surprised to see the Head Coach of the Russian Ballet Company instructing the professional dances in his All Blacks rugby jersey!

The dancers and staff spoke very little English so there was lots of hand movements and miming to communicate with each other. The show included the most amazing stage props, beautiful costumes and magical moments including snowing on stage!

What a wonderful experience Alana and Isabella. Congratulations!

**Jump Jam Champions!!!!**

The St Mary's Jump Jam squad once again had a successful time at the end of year championships, and for the third year running was the most successful school in the country. The North Island Jump Jam Championship was held in Tauranga at Baycourt on Saturday 5 November. The Boys Team were crowned North Island champions, the fourth year in a row they



have won a title. While not winning, our other two teams, the Seniors and the Juniors, both had great success in taking out second places in their divisions. The juniors coming second by the slimmest of margins for the second year in a row, and the Seniors doing an amazing job to come second in the toughest category of all. The person in charge of backstage was full of praise for all three teams as to how they conducted themselves, which was very pleasing to hear.

Once again I would like to give a huge thank you to all the parents who made this success possible. Especially the assistant coaches Tammy, Laura and Amy who take on such a big job and just go for it.

The performance photos are by <http://shantastikarts.queensberryworkspace.com/index>. Go there to see more and potentially purchase some.

**New gold group member - Kaleidoscope Child Care**

Opening early in 2017 we welcome to our Gold Group Sponsor family Kaleidoscope Child Care. A family owned and managed child care centre at 106 Eleventh Ave., Tauranga.



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For more information please email our our centre manager Marama Vryer.

**Bus price increase 2017**

Bus fares on Tauranga's Schoolhopper bus network will increase at the beginning of term one 2017.

For Schoolhopper students, the new cash fare is \$2.00 per trip from \$1.90, just a 10 cent increase; and if using a Smartride concession card the new fare is \$1.60 per trip from \$1.51.

**Photos:** Alana & Isabella in The Nutcracker. Amazing Jump Jammers. Junior Team, Senior Team, Boys Team. Celebrating our Cluny Sisters ...past and present. Sister Joan from our Cluny Mother House in France addresses the school. St Mary's Samoan Group.





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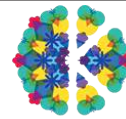
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