



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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adj: having or showing knowledge of a subject or situation.

Message from the Principal

He mihi nui ki a koutou

Welcome to the beginning of Term 3 at St Mary's Catholic School Tauranga. It is hoped that this ten week term of learning and achievement will be a success for all.

The start of term has already been busy liturgically. We have farewelled Monsignor Frank (for those of you who were at Monsignors farewell Liturgy I can assure you the iPad survived the short drop), celebrated our Grandparents and look forward to welcoming Father Mark Field and the Hamilton Catholic Character Review Team early next week.

For those of you who have been to, or will be at any of the above events you may have noticed the new staging that has arrived. These are the first examples of the modular staging components donated to our school by your PTA. The versatility of the system will mean the ability to construct a stage for all occasions. As a school we thank the PTA for their generous donation.

Appointment of Deputy Principal



It is with great pleasure and excitement that I announce the appointment of a second Deputy Principal to our Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Anna MacKinnon has accepted the position following

an appointment process that saw many skilled and experienced applicants apply for the position.

Anna is currently working for the University of Waikato as a Literacy Advisor and has previously held a range of senior leadership positions at Tauriko School.

The decision to appoint a second Deputy Principal was made after the retirement of our former Assistant Principal Mrs Katy Wealleans. Anna will start at St Mary's at the beginning of term four at which time I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to our school community.

Student Led Conferences

Student led conferences will be held this term in week 4, on Thursday 14 August, this is a change of date from previously advertised. There will be 45 minute time slots scheduled from 1.15pm to 5.30pm.

This is a time to come and share in the celebration of your child's learning and achievement within the context of their classroom. Please book your student led conference by visiting;

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

The event code is: YJ358.

Uniform

The start of term has also seen the introduction of our new school uniform, as seen below. The students look very smart and warm. Thank you for the positive feedback we have had to date.

Nga Mihi Nui

Ben Fuller
Principal



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Dates to Remember

Thursday 31 July

Class Mass Room 7

Thursday 31 July

WBoP Miniball World Cup

Friday 1 August

Impact Gym Competition Year 5 & 6

Monday 4 August

Welcome for Father Mark Field 10.00am

Monday 4 to Friday 8 August

Tauranga Community Foodbank Appeal

Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 August

Special Character Review

Tuesday 5 August

Welcome to new families and new children Liturgy

Tuesday 5 August

PTA Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 6 August

Greg Day to meet with parent community 2.30pm

Thursday 7 August

Class Mass Room 6

Thursday 14 August (change of date)

Student Led Conferences

Friday 15 August

Whole School Mass 9.30am at Church

Tuesday 19 August

Class Mass Room 1

Tuesday 19 August

South Cluster Sevens Senior School

Thursday 21 August

Class Mass Room 10

Monday 25 August

Ski Championships begin

Tuesday 26 August

Board of Trustee Meeting 6.30pm

Tuesday 26 August

South Cluster Speech Competition

Thursday 28 August

Class Mass Room 9

Monday 1 September

Music Festival

Wednesday 3 September

Year 6 Maths Quiz

Sunday 7 September

AIMS Games starts

Tuesday 9 September

PTA Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 10 September

Senior School 'Be' the difference beach clean up

Thursday 11 September

Class Mass Room 14

Sunday 14 September

School Parish Mass 10am

Tuesday 16 September

WBoP Speech Competition

Wednesday 17 September

WBoP Sevens

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Special Character

Farewell to Monsignor Frank Eggleton

Last Thursday we gathered as a school community to give thanks and praise to God for the incredible service that Monsignor Frank has given our school during the past two years and to wish him well for his new position as Parish Priest of St Mary's Gisborne.

We have been so blessed to have had Monsignor Frank with us, not only as our Parish Priest but as a wonderful friend to our school. His friendship to St Mary's School has extended far beyond his commitment to his priestly vocation.

Monsignor Frank has a real love of children and this has been evident whenever he has come into our school. This love of children together with his passion and joy of his faith has been evident whenever he celebrated Mass or led a Liturgy where all the students and all who were present, through Monsignor's priestly presence and manner genuinely encountered the love of Jesus.

During our Liturgy students gave their own reflections about Monsignor . Some examples were;

Every time I see him he always has a smile on his face. Every time I altar serve I see him sing with joy. Jacob Room 11.

Monsignor Frank is always nice to us . He never gets angry at people. He likes to talk to people at the end of Mass. He likes singing. Whenever I see him he's always got a smile on his face. Ethan Room 13.

When he says a class Mass he knows most of our names. When we go to Mass he's always happy. He's a very kind and loving person. He enjoys his job because he believes in God and Jesus. Sinead Room 9.

He's full of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. He's always there to support us. He's a very nice person to be our priest. He also helps us lead our Mass and liturgies. He's quite joyful every time I see him. He's quite faithful .He's full of love with his happy greetings. He's full of patience, he'll wait for you if you're late for something. Anna Room 14.



We ask God to continue to bless Monsignor Frank, to keep him safe and protect him always.

Liturgy to welcome Father Mark Field

We are having a special liturgy to welcome our new Parish Priest Father Mark Field next Monday at 10am in the Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Centre. All parents and caregivers are invited and very welcome to join us.

We pray too that God will bless Father Mark and that he will feel welcome and at home here in our St Mary's community.

Special Character Review

Our school will be having our three yearly Special Character Review next week from Tuesday 5 August to Thursday 7 August.

Mr Greg Day from the Hamilton Catholic School's Office will be leading the review together with Mrs Marie Harland (DP St Columbia's Catholic School Hamilton), Mr Shane Kidd (Principal St Patrick's Catholic School Taumarunui) and Mrs Liz Walker (DP St Joseph's Catholic School Fairfield Hamilton.)

We are looking forward to having the Review Team here to share with them the very special charism and character of our school. Parents are warmly invited to attend our liturgy on Tuesday morning at 9.30am to welcome new families who have joined us during the last term and also to welcome the Review Team.

There will be a community meeting on Wednesday 6 August at 2.30pm with Mr Greg Day for any parents who would like to take part in a discussion about the Catholic Character of our school.

On Monday of this week we had our Grandparents Liturgy to honour our grandparents and to celebrate the special people they are. We were delighted to have so many grandparents attend and we ask you to thank them for coming. This was truly a memorable occasion for our school this year.

With kind regards and God bless

Sally Washer

DRS

School News

Tauranga Community Foodbank Schools' Appeal 4-8 August

The annual Tauranga Foodbank Schools' Appeal is underway with approximately 52 Western Bay of Plenty schools participating in this year's appeal. The appeal has been running for 14 years and has now become a major source of food for Tauranga Foodbank. In the past we have supported this appeal very generously and we'd like to be able to do the same again. Next week please donate any non-perishable food items (not out of date) to help support people in need in our community.



Student Led Conferences

Thursday 14 August

After School Care

Shelley Rose is the Principle coordinator of the After School Care programme. If you have any inquiries please direct them to Shelley via email on afterschoolcare@stmarystga.school.nz or mobile 0273102090.

Enrolment forms will still be available from the school office however bookings must be made directly through Shelley by the above forms of communication. Bookings ideally will be made a week in advance. Any alteration to established or previously advised bookings will need to be made at least 24 hours in advance to avoid charges being incurred. Where a cancellation is made on the same day as a confirmed booking, parents will be charged for the first hour of the confirmed booking.

Measles

There is currently an outbreak of measles affecting Waikato schools, with 84 confirmed cases as of 30 June. Since December 2013 there have been 218 cases in New Zealand, mostly in the Auckland and Waikato regions. With the upcoming school holidays now is an important opportunity for parents to ensure their children are up to date with their immunisations.

Measles immunisation is free and is the best way to prevent measles. Two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine is 99% effective in preventing measles. The MMR vaccine is given as part of the usual childhood immunisations at 15 months of age and at 4 years of age. If any, or both, of these immunisations have been missed, it is not too late to catch up. If there is an outbreak of measles at a school, students who have not had their immunisations may be required to stay at home for two weeks (or longer) to ensure they don't pass measles on to others.

For more information please see the attached information sheet or go to: www.ttophs.govt.nz/measles

Thank you for your assistance with helping to prevent the spread of measles in our communities.
Bay of Plenty District Health Board

Sporting stars visit St Mary's

A huge thanks to Rebecca Cotton (basketball), Liz Van Welie (swimming) and Royce Willis (rugby), pictured below, for coming in to school and addressing the Middle and Senior Teams. They have all been successful in their individual sporting codes and disciplines over the years representing New Zealand.

It was great to have such motivating and inspirational speakers available to address our children here at St Mary's.

Sports News

Club Gymnastics Success

Our competitive gymnastics girls have finished their club season on a high with some great results. Jasmine Watene and Taliyah Carter where part of the team that came 2nd at the Midlands Artistic Championship. Jasmine came 1st on vault and 2nd overall in the unders section, only just missing out on being the Midlands champion by 0.05points.

Taliyah came 3rd on beam and 4th in the unders. Sophie Summerville finished the season on a personal best, with a great result at Hamilton City Comp. Well done to all the girls, their hard work and long hours of training have paid off. With one last chance to impress on Friday at the Impact Schools' competition, we wish the girls the best of luck.

Ski Race Team meeting

This coming Monday, 4th August, at 5.45pm in the St Mary's staffroom a meeting will be held for all parents of skiers wishing to be considered for the St Mary's School Ski Race Team for 2014.

The dates for the racing is the week 25 – 29 August, and each child MUST be accompanied by a parent. If there is enough interest a second team will be entered. If you are unable to attend, please email Kellie Low. klow@stmarystga.school.nz.

Kellie Low
Sports Coordinator

PTA News

PTA Fireworks Night

We are in the planning stages of our Annual Fireworks Gala. The organising team would really appreciate some feedback from the school community. Please go to the following link to fill out a short survey.
www.surveymonkey.com/s/YSQ8QL3
Thank you for your support!

Other News

The Alpha Course

The Alpha course starts Tuesday 5 August at 6.00pm with dinner at St Thomas More Church, 17 Gloucester Road, Mount Maunganui.

To register or for more information please contact Heidi Nield on 575 4807 ext 6 or email heidi@mtmaunganuicatholic.org.nz



School Parents Warned

Parents picking up or dropping off children in and around Tauranga schools are being warned to obey the road rules or receive a fine. This week Western Bay police launched a back to school monitoring campaign, cracking down on dodgy driving outside schools. The crackdown will target primarily speeding drivers but also illegal parking.



Student Led Conference timetable

Session 1
1.15 - 2.00pm

Session 2
2.00 - 2.45pm

Session 3
2.45 - 3.30pm

Session 4
4.00 - 4.45pm

Session 5
4.45 - 5.30pm

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Event Code: YJ358



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