



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

In a reading recently I came across this quote from William Temple, "The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home". Now, experts of meta cognition may well argue but, this does serve as a great reminder for us as parents to get involved in our children's learning wherever possible.

You will be aware that a key part of our learning vision at St Mary's is to develop assessment capability. The ability for students, teachers and parents to evaluate and plan incremental next steps in learning. As a parent we can best support our children by understanding what these goals are and interacting in the progress towards them. If at any time you any questions or queries in regard to your child's progress please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher.

Cultural Diversity Liturgy

On Monday we will be celebrating the many nationalities and cultures that make up our St Mary's School community by way of a special Liturgy to held in our Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Center at 10am. Many students will share prayers and insights into their differing cultures and we would encourage all children to come in national dress if able. There will be a morning tea following the Liturgy that all parents are invited to.

Parking around St Mary's

We are facing ongoing issues with the behaviour of parents when parking in areas around our school at the end of the school day. Our neighbours accept that during peak drop off and pick up times there will be increased traffic flow around our neighbourhood. However, they are becoming increasingly frustrated with parents who park inappropriately on grass verges and across driveways. Recently I was asked to inspect damage caused from such behaviour which I apologized for.

As the weather improves I would encourage, where possible, parents to utilise marked parking on our Harvey Street boundary and so reduce the impact of excess traffic in 13th Avenue.

Walking School Bus

An initiative that we are currently working with, Traffic Safe, is the creation of a walking school bus that would see students walk supervised from our school grounds to the car park behind the QEII Centre on 11th Avenue. This initiative is aimed at children who are normally picked up from school with the objective of increasing the safety of our children at this peak traffic time. It would also give children the opportunity to walk a short distance from school in a social group.

We have organised a meeting with Angela Joyce of Tauranga City Council for parents of children for whom this initiative would serve at 2.30pm on Thursday 11 September in our Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Center. This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the concept in more detail.

Buses

Continuing on the school transport theme, as previously advised, 2015 will see changes to our current Ministry funded bus service. From the start of next year all urban school bus routes will be run by the newly created School Hopper Service. Key factors in relation to this service include the addition of a per trip cost but no reduction in service. I would encourage anyone who may be affected by this change to remain informed by visiting www.baybus.co.nz/school-hopper/.

Dr Steven Hughes "How Children Learn"

In association with Little Sweethearts Montessori Preschool Education we have been provided the opportunity to hear Dr Steven Hughes. Dr Hughes is a pediatric neuropsychologist who advocates for the application of developmental education approaches in child learning. He is speaking at Holy Trinity on Friday 12 September at 7 pm. For booking information email office@syros.co.nz or phone 5710729.

South Cluster Speech Competition

Congratulations to Anna McFall who placed 2nd at the South Cluster Speech Competition on Tuesday. Anna was joined in representing our school by Luke Hubbard, Sophie Karl and Isabella Rejthar-Oliveira.

Nga Mihi Nui
Ben Fuller
Principal

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Dates to Remember

Friday 29 August
Mufti Day for the Cancer Society

Monday 1 September
Music Festival

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Liturgy to celebrate Cultural Diversity 10am

Tuesday 2 September
Winter Sport Photos

Wednesday 3 September
Year 5 & 6 TED-TALKS 11am

Wednesday 3 September
Year 6 Maths Quiz

Thursday 4 September
Class Mass Room 10 (date change)

Sunday 8 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

Friday 12 September
Jump Rope for Heart

Sunday 14 September
School Parish Mass 10am

Tuesday 16 September
WBoP Speech Competition

Wednesday 17 September
WBoP Sevens

Thursday 18 September
Class Mass Room 13
Exposition / Benediction

Thursday 18 September
Year 6 Parent Camp Meeting

Friday 19 September
WBoP 7's postponement date

Thursdsay 25 September
Class Mass Room 11

Friday 26 September
Term 3 ends

Monday 13 October
Term 4 starts

Tuesday 14 October - Friday 17 October
Year 6 Camp

Thursday 16 October
Class Mass Room 12

Monday 20 October
Changeover date to summer uniform

Wednesday 22 October
Y5 & Y6 'Kids for Kids' Concert 7pm

Thursday 23 October
Class Mass Room 5

Friday 24 October
School Photos

Monday 27 October
Labour Day

be.
Christ-like

be.
reflective

be.
creative



Special Character

A reminder that you are all warmly invited to our liturgy next Monday where we will be celebrating the cultural diversity of our school. We invite all students and their parents if they wish to dress in their national costume. Following the liturgy our PTA will be putting on morning tea. After morning tea there will be a short concert for parents.

I would like to share with you a delightful piece of writing from Eunseo Ko in Room 3, Mrs Warnock's class.

It is good to make a good friend. It is good to have a kind friend. It is important to have a friend because it makes us happy. It can be a kind friend or a tall friend or a small friend. It can be a pretty friend or a brilliant friend. It can be a friend with a soft voice or a friend might have long hair or short hair. It can be any sort of friend. Or even it can be a friend from another country like China, India, Korea, Argentina, Seoul or England. Or it might be a homeless friend. It is good to have a brilliant friend! I have a brilliant friend from Korea called Elma.

Sally Washer

DRS

School News

Science

Building on the rich learning from our Term 2 school wide Science learning, students who are in Tauranga during the coming school holidays would benefit from participating in the school holiday programme at The House of Science.

The House of Science is running 3 holiday programmes at the end of this term: Robotics in week 1 and week 2 and 'Food, Flight and Forensics' in week 1.

See the website for more details and to book:
www.houseofscience.org.nz

Year 5 & 6 TED-TALKS

All students from Years 5 & 6 are learning how to speak to an audience using a TED TALK style of presentation using technology as a visual/auditory aid.

Classes are currently listening to passionate speakers who have identified their passions or causes to

captivate their classroom audience.

Class finalists will present at our Speech Final on Wednesday 3 September at 11am in the Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Centre.

We warmly invite parents and friends to be part of our audience and support our superb speakers. We are delighted to have Mr. Philip Sherry, a former and widely recognized New Zealand television presenter, bring his superb expertise and knowledge of spoken English to the adjudication table.

Other News

Cook required

Father Mark requires a cook for Wednesday and Thursdays lunch plus the preparation of a weekend meal. For more information please call Gail at the parish office. Ph 578 6209.

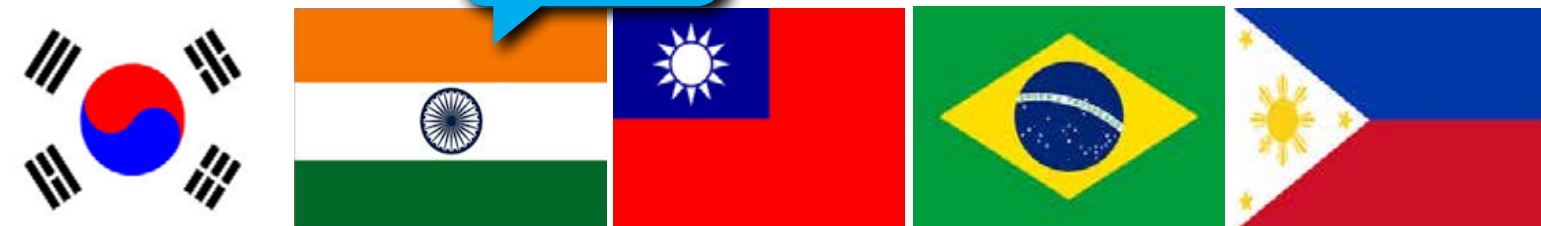
Little Church

On Sundays a small group of St Mary's School parents run Little Church for children attending the 10am Mass at St Mary's Church. We attempt to run this every Sunday of the School Terms. In order to continue on a regular basis we require the help of some more parents. The commitment is small, one hour on a Sunday per term, all lessons are easily planned using the Little Church resources (you don't have to be a teacher, you just need energy and enthusiasm) and you will be supported and trained by those already running Little Church. This is a great way to be involved with the school without having to commit too much of your time. If you are interested please contact Clare Sokimi - c-tsokimi@xtra.co.nz or Tammy McGrory - mike.tam@xtra.co.nz. Alternatively please join us one Sunday at Little Church to see how the lessons are run.

PTA News

The Pastoral Care Team would like some donations of homemade baking for our school community, who we support in times of need. We already have meals to hand on but just occasionally we do hand out baking. We do have a supply of small foil loaf tins for cakes and loaves which will be kept in the





office should you wish to use them. We are able to freezer pack the items. As long as they are labelled and covered we will do the rest of the preparation. Please hand finished baking into the school office.

From time to time we do a Pastoral Care cook-off where we make lots of meals in one day. If anyone is interested in helping please email Donna on d_angus@hotmail.com or ph 027 2306336/ 5783979.

Thanking you all in anticipation.

Megan & Donna
Pastoral Care Team

Sports News

South Cluster 7s Competition

Last Tuesday, as most of you were tucked up warmly, St Mary's brave and determined senior students battled the rain and the other South Cluster schools for sporting honours.

Our students were extremely fortunate to have the support and encouragement from the senior teachers, and a team of parents and grandparents. We also were ably assisted with 14 'old girls' from Aquinas who umpired netball throughout the day.

Many of our teams were successful, with five teams progressing through to the Western Bay of Plenty Champs on Wednesday 17 September achieving podium finishes.

The winning teams to compete at WBoP 7s are; 6A Football
5A Miniball, 5A Netball, Under 40kg Rugby, Over 40kg Rugby

Other teams to place were;

5A football – 2nd, 6A netball – 3rd, Y6 Flames netball – 2nd, Y6 Flyers netball – 3rd, Y5 Force netball – 2nd, 5A hockey – 2nd, 6A hockey – 2nd

Congratulations to all teams who competed in the spirit of the day, and good luck to our champion teams going on to the next level of competition.

Sports Photos - Winter codes

All players in a winter sports team for St Mary's School (netball, miniball, 7s, hockey, skiing) please be prepared with all of your sports uniform for this coming Tuesday 2 September.

Photos will commence over the morning tea block with all of the 7s netball and Saturday netball teams. Uniforms are to also be handed in at this time.

From 11.00am onwards the rest of the photos will be taken. Summer code photos will be taken late October.

Kellie Low
Sports Coordinator



in support of Aquinas PTA

fashion show 2014
20 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

\$25
Bethlehem Town Centre - Suite E
next to Living Quarters Furniture Store
Starts at 7.30pm - complimentary drink & nibbles on arrival
Tickets available at URBAN VOGUE and Aquinas School office

Join us from 6.30pm in the new look URBAN VOGUE for a peek and special treat!



Photo: Representing St Mary's School at the South Cluster Speech Competition were Isabella Rejthar-Oliveira, Anna McFall, Luke Hubbard and Sophie Karl



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