



St Mary's
Catholic School
Tauranga

newsletter

ISSUE 4: 23 March 2015

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

E Mihi Nui Kia Koutou

As we approach Easter there are a number of events and occasions that will signify the end of term. This week we will complete two reporting to parent related procedures including, teacher, parent learning conversations and our first learning story of the year in reading.

If you have not made an appointment for your learning conversation please ensure you do, so as not to miss out on the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher in relation to their learning. How to book is detailed later in this newsletter.

Your child's learning story in reading will include evidence of their learning, in addition to an interim reporting comment in relating to achievement against National Standards. Both forming a record of achievement in reading to date. Any questions in relation to your child's learning story should be directed to the classroom teacher.

Playground Development

As a result of an agreement reached by the Hamilton Diocese and our 13th Avenue neighbours we have completed the move of our 2012 Playground Structure. It has been re-constructed in it's original form including a climbing wall and sky bridge. It was great to see many of our children utilise this on Friday last week. Thanks on behalf of our children and community to Bruce Stockman for his management of the project.

Traffic Management

It is important that we remain aware of our obligations as road users when driving and parking around our school neighbourhood. As previously communicated please ensure your vehicle is parked appropriately in a designated space before stopping to pick up or drop off children. Unfortunately complaints from neighbours have increased recently due to parents once again parking on grass verges and across driveways.

Before School Care

Thank you to the many who have indicated an interest in a 'Before School Care Service'. I am currently working with our After School Care Coordinator, Shelley Rose, to establish a outline of the proposed service and hope to contact parents with details of this before the

end of term. If you would utilize a before school care service, if available, please complete the following form by going to this link <http://goo.gl/forms/uLLXUxrTzw>

Uniform

New Zealand Uniforms have informed me that uniform items they have been waiting for have either arrived or will be in stock prior to the end of term. They have apologized for the delays experienced and inform me that they are currently communicating with those families affected.

Gold Sponsors

As a school we are extremely fortunate to have a number of Gold Sponsors who support our Vision and contribute to the many opportunities we aim to offer our children. This year we are seeking new ways to encourage your support and would like to offer the following to our loyal sponsors, and to any new sponsors who would like to contribute as a Gold Group Sponsor;

- School signage
- Advertising on the back of our school newsletter
- An opportunity to feature an article about your business in one newsletter during the year (new)
- Feature on the Gold Group Sponsor page of our school website with your logo, contact information and an article about your business
- Advertise in the Trade Directory free of charge
- 2 school magazines
- 2 family tickets to the PTA Fireworks, Term 4
- Winter mix and mingle (new)

Should you or someone you know require any further information in regard to becoming a Gold Sponsor of St Mary's Catholic School please do not hesitate to make contact with either myself or Theresa in our office.

Nga Mihi Nui

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2015 Dates to Remember

Tuesday 24 March
Parent / Teacher Learning Conferences

Tuesday 24 March
Board of Trustee Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday 25 March
Performance Day 12 noon

Wednesday 25 March (new event)
Mufti Day for Vanuatu

Thursday 26 March
Exposition / Benediction

Thursday 26 March
Class Mass Room 9

Friday 27 March
WBoP Swimming 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday 27 March (new date)
PTA Outdoor Adventure Day

Saturday 28 March
Surfing Competition

Monday 30 March
Holy Week Begins

Thursday 2 April
Term 1 ends

Thursday 2 April
Mass of The Last Supper 7.00pm

Friday 3 April
Good Friday Service 3.00pm

Monday 20 April
Term 2 starts

Monday 20 April (date change)
Sacramental Programme 3.30pm

Thursday 23 April
Class Mass Room 1

Saturday 25 April
Anzac Day

Monday 27 April
Anzac Day Observed - school is closed

Wednesday 29 April
Book Fair starts with Dress Up Day

Thursday 30 April
Class Mass Room 2

Friday 1 May
Book Fair finishes

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

Holy Week

We are fast approaching the great feast of Easter. Only one more week until Holy Week – the most important week in the church's year.

During Holy Week we will be following events of Jesus' last week on earth. There will be a Liturgy each morning in the Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Centre which you are warmly invited to so you can journey with us as we approach Easter.

The timetable for the week is as follows;

Monday 30 March 10.00am

Liturgy to recall Palm Sunday, led by Mrs Wood and Room 5.

Tuesday 31 March 9.00am

Liturgy to recall Jesus' time of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, led by Mrs Robbie and Room 3.

Wednesday 1 April 9.00am

Liturgy to recall the Last Supper, led by Mr Hesqua. At this Liturgy we will have a re-enactment of the washing of the feet and Sursum Corda will be singing.

Thursday 2 April

Stations of the Cross led by Room 10. Miss Benson has been busy preparing the students for this. All the school will be involved in coming together to pray the Stations. If it is fine we plan to hold the Stations outside in the grounds of the school. The Stations will take place at 9.15am and 11am.

Thursday 2 April 7.00pm

Mass of the Last Supper St Mary Immaculate Church, Cameron Rd.

Our Sursum Corda Choir will be leading the singing for this. They have been practising hard and I'm sure will sing really beautifully for this very special Mass.

Wishing all members of our St Mary's School community the blessings and joy of Easter!

Reconciliation

The pictures below were taken at a special Reconciliation Liturgy for our Year 5 and 6 students. As part of the Liturgy, before telling the Priests their sins, the students had the opportunity to write their sins down on a piece of paper. The priests then put the pieces of paper in a fire to burn, symbolizing to the students how once our sins are confessed we have the opportunity to start again as out of ashes new life comes.

Sally Washer, DRS



SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Teacher Learning Conversations

We warmly invite you to make a time to meet your child's teacher for a Parent Teacher Learning Conversation on Tuesday March 24th between 1pm and 7.30pm.

You can book your ten minute Learning Conversation with your child's teacher online following this link:

<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
Event code: VYQPH

We know that a great working relationship between parents and a child's teacher, where the child is placed at the heart of the matter, has a significant impact on student learning outcomes.

We value your role as equal stakeholders in your child's learning development and have designed these Parent Teacher Learning Conversations, as an opportunity for you to tell us about your child the learner.

Your child's teacher will also share with you indications of how your child is tracking from observations and latest diagnostic assessment information.

Students will be supervised at school on Tuesday 24 until 2.55pm and the buses will run at their normal times.

You are welcome to take your child home early, if your Parent Teacher Learning Conversation finishes before 2.55pm.

We look forward to talking with you on Tuesday.

Fundraiser for Caritas Vanuatu Mufti Day

We will be having a Mufti Day this Wednesday 25 March to raise money for Caritas who will be using all funds collected for relief work in Vanuatau following the recent devastating cyclone.

We ask that students wearing mufti give a gold coin donation. A receipt may be obtained from the office for donations over \$5.00.

We thank you for your generosity supporting this very worthwhile cause.

Book Week Book Fair is coming.....

Exciting range of popular titles will be supplied by Scholastic.

When: Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1 May
Where: St Mary's School Library
Times: 8.30am to 3.30pm

During the book fair there will be fun competitions – come in and check them out!

Dress Up Day Wednesday 29 April

Children can dress up as their favourite Book Character from history (Pre 1915). For more ideas see the list in the School Library. The costume needs to include a badge with the name of the character. Each child must be in an individual costume. Two children cannot share one costume.

No props / things that need to be carried please (eg swords, weapons etc).



Children can come to school in their costume, but they **MUST** bring their uniform to school to change into later in the day.

If your child chooses not to wear a costume then they must come to school in uniform.

There will be a costume parade which begins at 9.15am on the tennis court (if fine) or the BAMJC (if wet). Parents most welcome to come and watch.

Help needed for Book Fair Week

Some assistance needed with book fair sales during peak times – 8.30am–9.30am, 12.30pm–1.30pm, and 3.00–3.30pm Wed and Thu. Just 8.30–9.30pm on Fri. If you can help please contact Debbie in the Library. Many Thanks.

Debbie Nowell, School Librarian

School Trade & Services Directory

To all our St Mary's families who own or work for businesses, big or small. Would you like to advertise in our school Trade and Services Directory?

Due to the outstanding success of our Trade Directory last year we have decided to do it again this year!

We are preparing an A5 size colour booklet of businesses and services that would like to be listed in our directory. It is a great way to expose your business or service to our school community.

For a small cost of \$20, your business can be listed in the directory. Once the directory is completed it will be sent home to every family in our school community.

If you would like to be listed in the directory please attach \$20 to your business card and drop it in to the school office before Thursday 2 April.

Please also email a copy of your business card, along with some text (less than 50 words) describing your business to;
tdunston@stmarysga.school.nz

PTA NEWS

Outdoor Adventure Day - Urgently require volunteers

The PTA Outdoor Adventure Day is now scheduled for this Friday 27 March. Come along, help out and enjoy our awesome Fun Day!!

If you are able to offer your time for either set-up, marshalling or clean up can you contact Mel Gash ASAP. If you previously were able to help can you please confirm if you are available with date change.

Email: melgash3@gmail.com

Mobile: 0212067959

Please bring your yummy home baking for bake stall to the classroom on Friday morning.

Cancellation will be posted on Friday 27 March by 7.30am via our school website, Facebook and Twitter. If cancelled we will still hold our bake sale for the children.

PTA AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of St Mary's Catholic School PTA will be held:

At: St Mary's School Staffroom
On: Tuesday, 21 April 2015
At: 7.00pm

As per our Constitution, the officers of the association are elected at each AGM. Nomination forms are available at the school office or by contacting the Secretary, Maria Trott, ph. 5431039, email: mariaandbrian@xtra.co.nz.

Officer Nominations:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Nominations close: Monday, 20th April 2015, 3.00pm. Nominations are to be addressed to:

The Secretary, St Mary's Catholic School PTA, 13th Avenue, Tauranga.

Please leave at the school office for collection.

SPORTS NEWS

Catholic Schools Swimming

What an amazing day for our St Mary's top year 4,5 and 6 swimming team. The team (pictured below) representing St Mary's Tauranga were;

Year 6: Jess Carey, Jamie Hammerich, Corbin Mackay, Jackson Roper and Connor Delaney.

Year 5: Georgia Verhoeven, Cara Butler & Briar Davie, Zach Quin, Lachie Stott, Christian Stark and Jack McCutchie.

Year 4: Renee Carey, Stella Rope, Isaac Schuler and Charlie Hammerich.

All students had an amazing day out in Matamata with 14 Catholic Schools competing and all our outstanding swimmers were fantastic to watch.

St Mary's Tauranga came 2nd school Overall!!!

With the results of final overall winners:

Open Medley boys - Jackson 2nd & Corbin 3rd

Open Medley girls - Jess 3rd

25m 8yr boys breaststroke - Charlie 2nd

25m 8yr girls breaststroke - Renee 2nd

25m 10yr boys breaststroke - Corbin 2nd

25m 10yr girls breaststroke - Jess 2nd

25m 8yr girls backstroke - Renee 3rd

25m 10yr Boys backstroke - Jackson 3rd

50m freestyle open event - Corbin 2nd

50m Freestyle open event - Jaimie 3rd

25m 8yr girls freestyle - Stella 3rd

25m 10yr boys freestyle - Corbin 3rd

25m 10yr girls freestyle - Jaimie 3rd

Team relay 6 x 25m freestyle - 2nd

Corbin Mackay, Jaimie Hammerich, Zach Quin, Georgia Verhoeven, Charlie Hammerich & Renee Carey.

South Cluster Swimming

Congratulations to our team of 29 swimmers who competed at the interschool swimming last week. Five of our team qualified for the WBoP event this coming Friday. Well done to Jess Carey, Jaime Hammerich, Georgia Verhoeven, Kate Dekker and Briar Davie. Good luck for your races...we look forward to hearing how you go.

Kellie Low, Sports Coordinator

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BAYLEYS



Modern real estate sales requires a very extensive set of skills, it is impossible for one person to be the best at all of these skills, hence our team approach, Craig and I take care of all your real estate needs while Hollie manages the advertising and administration.

We also employ

photographers, writers and the team at Bayleys to ensure team "Jeremy Pryor" is consistently providing the best service for you and your property.

It is through competition we achieve our great results. Marketing, an extensive database, and a fantastic team ensure we get the best result. With any of these vital aspects missing we may achieve an outcome like most companies but not the best one for you. It takes time to get a true understanding of a client's needs and sometimes that can come too late and opportunities are missed.

With my thorough knowledge of the rural market, and Craig's skills searching the residential possibilities, all options are uncovered and presented. Whatever your needs Craig can market your residential property and find you a rural or lifestyle property that suits your needs. Vice versa we can sell your lifestyle property when you decide you want to downsize and head back to the hustle and bustle. The best part of this team approach is you do not have to repeat your requirements to multiple sales people until you find the right person to cater to your needs.

Jeremy Pryor





The St Mary's PTA encourages you to support our Gold Group Sponsors



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adj: 1. pleased and relieved. 2. expressing gratitude.



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