



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

Hi Mihi Nui Kia Koutou

### Visit of Bishop Steve

The highlight of our week, last, was no doubt the visit of Bishop Steve. After being formally welcomed to Tauranga through a Powhiri at Aquinas College on Wednesday, we were lucky enough to host Bishop for the day on Friday. As a community we were extremely impressed with the way he interacted with our children and shared information in regard to how he became the Bishop of Hamilton. We look forward to a continued relationship with Bishop Steve and the community of St Mary's Catholic School.

### Holy Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to all students and families who were involved in the receipt of their First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday. As a school we are extremely proud of you all. On behalf of our school community I would like to thank the many people who contributed to the journey being such a success. The way candidates were prepared and presented is a testament to you all. Bishop Steve, Father Mark and Edwin were extremely impressed.

### St Mary's Cross Country and PTA Sausage Sizzle

Many thanks to our army of volunteers who turned out to help marshal for our school cross country and to those who hung around to help cook and distribute sausages to our hungry children. I am sure you will agree that the cross country organisation was up to it's usual high standard and many thanks to all those who adapted to the new money collection system for sausage ordering.

### Knowledge-a-thon

This Friday is our annual Knowledge-a-thon. I am sure your children have been busy gaining sponsors and studying the questions applicable to their year level. It is a great opportunity to learn new and exciting facts, as well as raise some additional funding for our school.

### 1st June - Queen's Birthday weekend

A reminder that this weekend is our final public holiday of the term. No school on Monday! Enjoy!

### Uniform

As the weather gets colder a reminder that acceptable additional layers include our fleece and soft shell jacket. Both these items have been designed to be worn in class if required. Should a further layer be required this can be worn under either the girls dress or boys polo. However, if this becomes visible it must be coloured white for the girls and black for boys and must not be visible above the neck line.

Shoes are required to be black leather with no additional colour or noticeable markings. Shoes of canvas construction or boots are not acceptable footwear. However, if your child currently has no other option then please provide a written note alerting to this fact with the time frame indicated.

### 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.

### Trade directory

A reminder to all those who would like to benefit from being included in the second edition of our community community trade directory. Being included is a great way to ensure the families of St Mary's are able to utilise the skills and services provided by members of our community. To ensure you are a part of our 2015 Trade Directory please attach \$20 to your business card and drop it in to the school office. Please also email a copy of your business card with some text (less than 50 words) describing your business to; tdunston@stmarystga.school.nz

Nga Mihi Nui

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## 2015 Dates to Remember

Tuesday 26 May
<b>Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm</b>
Thursday 28 May
<b>Whole School Mass 9.30am (Church)</b>
Tuesday 2 June
<b>South Cluster Cross Country</b>
Thursday 4 June
<b>South Cluster Cross Country postponement</b>
Thursday 4 June
<b>Room 14 Class Mass 9am</b>
Tuesday 9 June
<b>PTA Meeting 7pm</b>
Wednesday 10 June
<b>South Cluster Young Einstein</b>
Thursday 11 June
<b>Room 15 Class Mass</b>
Sunday 14 June
<b>School / Parish Mass 10am</b>
Thursday 18 June
<b>Room 13 Class Mass</b>
Friday 19 June
<b>Impact Gym Competition</b>
Friday 19 June
<b>Performance Day for Jump Jam and Hip Hop 1.30pm</b>
Tuesday 23 June
<b>BoP Cross Country</b>
Wednesday 24 June
<b>Art Gallery visit 11am-12.30pm</b>
Thursday 25 June
<b>Room 16V &amp; 16W Class Mass</b>
Thursday 25 June
<b>Exposition / Benediction</b>
Friday 26 June
<b>PTA Disco from 6pm</b>
Tuesday 30 June
<b>BoT Meeting 6pm</b>
Wednesday 1 July
<b>WBoP Young Einsteins</b>
Friday 3 July
<b>Closing date for 2016 Aquinas College Enrolments</b>
Friday 3 July
<b>Room 10 Art Gallery visit 9.30-11am</b>
Friday 3 July
<b>Room 6 Art Gallery visit 11am-12.30pm</b>
Friday 3 July
<b>Term 2 ends</b>
Monday 20 July
<b>Term 3 starts</b>
Thursday 23 July
<b>Room 16B &amp; 16J Class Mass</b>
Tuesday 28 July
<b>Grandparents Day Liturgy 10am</b>

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## SPECIAL CHARACTER

We were delighted to welcome our new Bishop, Bishop Stephen Lowe to our school community last Friday. We had a special liturgy to welcome him with our Kapa Haka group and Sursum Corda Choir performing.

Bishop Steve was very keen on this visit to meet "the people" and spend as much time as he could talking to the children.

During the Liturgy he talked to us about his role of being "our shepherd" and how, like God, he is called through his love of God to love his people and to look after and lead us to God.

He was very interested to learn about the charism of our school and we were able to share with him our gratitude to our beloved Cluny Sisters and their foundress Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey.

He visited all classes and our students responded very enthusiastically to his friendly and relaxed manner. They had an opportunity to ask him questions and enjoyed his quick sense of humour.

We hope that this is the first of many more visits from Bishop Steve to St Mary's School.

### First Communion and Confirmation

On Sunday 80 young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion for the first time. 66 of the candidates were from our St Mary's School.

It was certainly the most beautiful Mass and we were so proud of our children, how they had prepared for the day and how they conducted themselves at this most special celebration. They looked absolutely gorgeous as well!!

We hope and pray that this is the beginning of a lifelong commitment to them meeting and receiving Jesus in the precious gift of the Eucharist.

A huge thank you to all those staff involved with the teaching, administration and running of the programme, for the Mass itself and for the Communion Breakfast – a outstanding team effort which resulted in the most wonderful and memorable day.

With thanks and God bless

**Sally Washer**

**DRS**





## SPORTS NEWS

On Tuesday 19th June our wonderful students were sent racing around the streets surrounding the school, in an attempt to challenge themselves over the cross country courses. Thank you to our teachers who have supported the daily exercise programme. With five weeks of training under their belts, most children looked like they certainly had made the most of the opportunity.

Again our fabulous parent community helped make this day a success. Many offered to wear the bright orange vests and assist with safety, while our mighty PTA kept everyone fed and watered.

The big event for the seniors was the traditional Cup Race to find the fastest runner from all of the senior students at our school. This year the Year 6 students took line honours in both the boys' and girls' races – well done Sean Curragh and Molly Cachemaille.

Boys	Girls
1st Sean Curragh	Molly Cachemaille
2nd Max Williamson	Jasmine Watene
3rd Hugo McCarroll	Anna Tustin

Below are the results for all of the year group races;

Boys	Girls
<b>Year 0</b>	
1st Matthew Rogers	Ruby Wheeler
2nd Nelson Santos	Rhiannon Webb
3rd Tyson Holden	
<b>Year 1</b>	
1st Quinn Barton	Cleo Sands
2nd Joshua Fausett	Jahren Ralia
3rd Sidney Orchard	India-Rose Scholes
<b>Year 2</b>	
1st Eli Banbury	Isla Martin
2nd Austin Roper	Eva Jeffries
3rd Ciaran Manning	Isabella Young
<b>Year 3</b>	
1st Will Quin	Emma Rogers
2nd Henry Scholes	Holly Fausett
3rd Aidan Dobbs	Eliana Hulsebosch
<b>Year 4</b>	
1st Jack Williamson	Renee Carey
2nd Max Broadmore	Stella Roper
3rd Darcy Gilbert	Destinee Benge
<b>Year 5</b>	
1st Hugo McCarroll	Anna Tustin
2nd Jack Quilty	Myscha Barry
3rd Zach Quin	Emma Thornton
<b>Year 6</b>	
1st Sean Curragh	Molly Cachemaille
2nd Max Williamson	Jasmine Watene
3rd Jordan Smith	Daisy Clark

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 winners, along with Josh McCarroll, Jacob Ormrod, Joshua Pinto, Jaspar Collins, Lily Richards, Taliyah Carter, Paige McKay, India Jarden, Jack Gundry, Jack Fitzpatrick, Scott Breebaart, Jacob Lewis, Briar Davie, Ava Sands, Georgia Verhoeven, Cara Butler, Thomas Richardson, Asa Banbury, Flynn Knight, Isaac Schuler, Rozalia Wisniewski, Maddie Kerr, Teresa Tustin, Holly Van den Borst, will compete at Waipuna Park in the South Cluster Cross Country on Tuesday 2nd June.

Well done to all of the children that participated, particularly to those who ran so superbly within their year groups. Good luck for the next level of competition at Waipuna Park.

### Gymsports Success

A well drilled Gymsports team competed in the recent WBoP competition at Argos Gymnasium. These students have been training at school for over 12 weeks under the guidance of Mrs Charly Watene.

#### Girls' results

India Jarden	1st Trampoline, 2nd Open Gymnastics
Sophie Summerville	1st Open Gymnastics, 2nd Trampoline
Taliyah Carter	3rd Open Gymnastics, 4th Trampoline
Jasmine Watene	3rd Trampoline, 5th Open Gymnastics
Selena Dobbs	3rd Flyer Novice
Dorim Kim	6th Springer Novice
Isla Wills	1st Trampoline, 1st equal Open Gymnastics

India, Sophie, Taliyah and Jasmine claimed the overall team award for their superb performances.

#### Boys results

Cullan Fuller	1st Springer Novice
Sylvester Green	4th Springer Novice

Successful competitors will compete again at the Impact Competition on Friday 19th June. A very big thank you to Mrs Watene, and her helpers, for all of your time and commitment to the gymnastics programme at St Mary's School.

### Prize Giving

Trophies and certificates will be presented at the Principal's Assembly this Friday 29 May for both events.





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