



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 e te Whanau o Hato Maria**

Greetings to all St Mary's Families. As we approach the halfway stage of Term 3, I am sure we are all now in anticipation of spring and some warmer weather. We have had a busy couple of weeks at St Mary's with still plenty of excitement to come.

### School Mass - Feast of the Assumption

Last Friday we were lucky enough to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption at our Parish Church, St Mary Immaculate. It was great to have a number of parents at our Mass to witness the exemplary behaviour of our students and the special service led by Father Mark. It is always a special occasion when we can combine in such a way to celebrate key aspects of our faith.

### Student Led Conferences

I was extremely impressed with our Student Led Conferences last week. As a parent I had the opportunity of participating and, as a Principal took time to observe and witness the great time reflecting and connecting with student learning. I would like to publically thank all teachers for the way they prepared their students for this event and congratulate our students for the way they so expertly shared their learning progress and achievement.

### 2016 Enrolments

We are already experiencing pressure on our school roll in regard to student places in 2016. It is likely that many of our new entrant enrolments next year will need to spend a small period of time on a waiting list prior to starting with us. We will of course give priority to those children who already have siblings at St Mary's but in order to do so we must have completed enrolment forms on file. Therefore if you have a child who is turning five at any time before or during 2016 please ensure enrolment procedures have been completed.

### PTA Quiz Night

Once again the annual PTA Quiz night will go down as one of the great successes of 2015 at St Mary's. A big thank you to Clair Stott and her team for the tireless efforts put towards the organisation and running of the night. At time of writing I understand estimated profits to be

approximately \$14,000 which is both an amazing achievement and of great future value to our school.

Congratulations to 'Teachers on Duty' winners of the quiz on the night! Your combined intellectual capacity should be reassuring for all parents.

### Uniform

I have been working with NZ Uniforms recently to continue to improve both supply and development of school uniform items. We have had a rather cold winter for Tauranga standards and though we hope the worst has past, NZ Uniforms now have thermals in stock that can be added as an additional layer. Black for boys and white for girls.

### 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.

### 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.

We welcome Ross Abernethy and Paul Broatch, our latest Gold Group Sponsors from Abernethy Broatch Law.

You will learn more about Abernethy Broatch Law in later issues of the newsletter.

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 front office.

Nga Mihi Nui

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*Abernethy Broatch*  
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## 2015 Dates to Remember

Thursday 20 August
<b>Room 8 Class Mass 9am</b>
Monday 24 August
<b>Ski Championships</b>
Monday 24 - 28 August
<b>Foodbank Appeal</b>
Tuesday 25 August
<b>Selwyn Ridge Sports Exchange 9am-12pm</b>
Tuesday 25 August
<b>Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm</b>
Thursday 27 August
<b>Room 9 Class Mass 9am</b>
Monday 31 August
<b>Tauranga Music Festival 7-9pm</b>
Tuesday 1 September
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Camp</b>
Thursday 3 September
<b>Room 16J Class Mass 9am</b>
Tuesday 8 September
<b>PTA Meeting 7pm</b>
Thursday 10 September
<b>Room 5 Class Mass 9am</b>
Thursday 10 September (new date)
<b>Maths Parent Workshop 9am-10am &amp; 1.30pm-2.55pm</b>
Sunday 13 September
<b>School Parish Mass (Sursum Corda to sing) 10.30am</b>
Thursday 17 September
<b>Room 4 Class Mass 9am</b>
Thursday 17 September
<b>Exposition / Benediction</b>
Monday 21 September
<b>Art Week starts</b>
Tuesday 22 September
<b>Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm</b>
Thursday 24 September
<b>Room 3 Class Mass 9am</b>
Friday 25 September
<b>Term 3 ends</b>
Monday 12 October
<b>Term 4 starts</b>
Tuesday 13 October
<b>PTA Meeting 7pm</b>
Thursday 15 October
<b>Room 2 Class Mass 9am</b>
Friday 16 October
<b>Sursum Corda Trip to Hamilton 8.30am-4pm</b>
Wednesday 21 October
<b>WBoP Tennis</b>
Thursday 22 October
<b>Room 1 Class Mass 9am</b>
Monday 26 October
<b>Labour Day - school is closed</b>
Tuesday 27 October
<b>Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm</b>

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## SPECIAL CHARACTER

### Feast of the Assumption

On Friday we gathered together as a school community in St Mary Immaculate Church to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Father Mark said the most beautiful Mass for us explaining in his homily how very special Mary is to us and why this is such an important feast day for us as Catholics. The students are to be congratulated for their outstanding behaviour. Thank you to the parents and family members who were able to join us for Mass.

### Grandparent Liturgy

It was wonderful to have over two hundred and twenty Grandparents and family members join us for our Grandparent Liturgy. It was very special for us to acknowledge the key role our Grandparents play in our lives and to celebrate our love for them and their love for us. Could you please pass on our thanks to all the Grandparents and family members who joined us for the Liturgy.

### Our School Value of Truth

During the remainder of this term and term 4 we will be unpacking the value of Truth with all our students- what it means, looks like, sounds like and feels like - at St Mary's School. The value of Truth was one of the key values the Cluny Sisters chose for us when founding our school.

### Farewell Liturgy for Mrs Margie Cooper

All members of our St Mary's School Community are warmly invited to attend a farewell Liturgy for Margie Cooper this Friday 21 August at 2pm in the Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Centre.

Margie has been on the staff of St Mary's for the past thirteen years and takes up her new position of Parish Administrator of St Mary Immaculate next Monday 24 August.

With kind regards and God bless

**Sally Washer**  
**DRS**

**PHOTOS: 1.** Olivia with her Grandparents **2-3.** Grandparents day with Mrs Ann Prendeville **4-5.** Sophie and Emma Rogers **6.** Student Council **7.** Miniball Bobcats Team **8-9.** Mikayla and Gabby playing for the Year 4 Sting **10.** Mrs Rosie Peacock, Dorim, Ella and the Mayor



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Principal and Deputy Principal for the day

#### Why are Principals important?

I think Principals are important because they thank people and look after the kids at school. Being a Principal is such a cool job. Especially when you have a great Principal like Mr Fuller.

On my special day of being Principal I got to say the thank you at Mass which Mr Fuller usually says. Then we had to make sure that everyone was coming in quietly, then after mass we went into the staffroom and had some morning tea. A great thing about being the Principal is the great food that they have in the staffroom after masses.

One of the jobs of the Principal is to show new families around our school.

I was lucky enough to show a family from Auckland around. We showed them the BAMJC, they listened to the choir in the chapel and we showed the girl her new classroom.

In the afternoon we went to Principal's Assembly and I got to hand out the Principal's awards.

By Sophie Rogers



### Deputy Principal for the Day

On Friday I got to be the Deputy Principal for the day. I was excited and nervous at the same time.

The first thing I did was to meet Mrs MacKinnon at the buses, ready for mass. That's when I started being the Deputy Principal. I supervised classes on the bus and sat at the front in mass.

When we got back to school, I had morning tea in the staff room with all the other teachers. I had a sausage roll and a hot chocolate - yummy!







After morning tea, I supervised Sursum Corda and Senior Singing. I chose the three best singers - they were great! Then it was time to organise children and the powerpoint for assembly.

Lunch time was fun, Mr Fuller took Sophie and I up to McDonalds for lunch. I don't think that Mr Fuller usually takes Mrs McCarroll and Mrs MacKinnon for lunch at McDonalds.

The final part of my day was hosting assembly. I had to talk in front of the whole school, greet everyone and also thank them. I had to give out the Christ-like Certificates, I was so nervous!

Overall I had a great day and I would love to do it again. Maybe next time, I could be the Principal.

By Emma Rogers

### Morning Tea with the Mayor

On the Thursday 6 August two senior International students from St Mary's were invited to meet and have morning tea with Tauranga's Mayor, Stuart Crosbie.

Dorim Kim and Ella Cho attended along with other students from Tauranga schools and tertiary education centers.

The children were welcomed by the mayor who spoke of the wide ranging benefits visiting students contribute to our city.

The Event was organised by Education Tauranga.

### Student Council

Hi, we are the new Student Council. We will regularly come to you with news and updates about the latest projects that we are working on. The members on the council are: Corbin McKay (Leader), Alex Brodie (Treasurer), Joshua Pinto (MinuteMan), India Mahy, Jordan Smith, Beth Leitch, Noah Kellett and the Teacher in charge is Mr Crowe. We were lucky enough to be elected by our fellow peers on to our new Student Council.

The Student Council is a group of students speaking for the students and asking our St Mary's community what they would like to see made or improved in the school, then we will talk about the idea and you may see the result in the school. The Student Council is also a fun way of working with others and the school community. Thank you.

### The Student Council



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### School Lunches

#### Pita Pit - Thursday

Pita pockets from \$4.50. Envelopes are available from the school office and orders must be recieved no later than 9am, Thursday morning.

#### La Brioche - Friday

Please write your order on an envelope and place the money inside. Orders must be in to the school office no later than 9am, Friday morning. The menu is available from our school office.

#### Foodbank Appeal

The Annual Schools Appeal will run from Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August. If you are able to donate an item please drop them in to the school office. Thank you for your support.

#### Caritas Appeal for Nepal

I just wanted to thank you and your students at St Mary's in Tauranga for your generous donation that we received here at Caritas recently. We will be sending your school a thank you letter and certificate to formally acknowledge your great efforts raising \$858.30 for the people of Nepal. Kind regards,

**Michael Stewart**  
**Social Justice Education Co-ordinator**

### PTA NEWS

#### The Quiz Night 'Outrageous' Fun Yet Again

Saturday 1 August saw the BAMJC come alive and be completely taken over by Pirates, Hippies, French mimers, Cowboys, Wally's, Superheroes, Duty Teachers, Ghouls, and Holiday Makers. But the Best Dressed of the lot were the Zariba Holdings team of Westie Bogans.

Our hosts Nicki and Brendon from More FM were very entertaining, keeping the questions coming, and the games flowing. The Live Auction also saw some fabulous prizes sold off to some very happy customers, including being the child to push the button to start the Fireworks this year, a child being "Principal for the Day", signed rugby jerseys and yummy catered dinners. Loads more items up for grabs saw some very happy customers with bargains as they left.

Our winning team this year was the 'Teachers on Duty' team. And for our winners in the 'no bought points' category were 'The Hard Hats', led by the Page's. Well done to you guys.

As always, we love to hear your thoughts: the good, the bad and the ugly! It all helps us work on making next year better in any way we can. Send your comments to Claire Stott [pitstott@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:pitstott@vodafone.co.nz) 021 073 0706.

The Quiz Team would like to say a huge thank you to all that attended and/or participated in one way or other to make this a fun and successful fundraiser for our school and our children.

To all those that donated prizes, time, or manpower, nothing works without the community chipping in and you do every time. So thanks St Mary's and friends.....

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Netball season comes to a close

After many games, goals, intercepts and whistle tweets, the netball season has come to a close for most of our school teams. Last week saw the Sting, Force, Diamonds and Flyers hang up their Saturday netball shoes. Yesterday our remaining teams pitted themselves against several other schools who entered an end of season tournament, with the Flames and Magic winning their respective sections, and the Rebels finishing 2nd. Well done to all of our players, along with their coaches, managers and sideline crews, for committing to the netball season. It has been great to hear about the improvements you have all made, and the fun you have had. We look forward to our sports exchange against Selwyn Ridge next week, and wish our competing teams the best of luck.

**Kellie Low**  
**Sports Coordinator**





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