



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

Kiaora Koutou e te Whanau o Hato Maria

Greetings to all St Mary's Families. As you are no doubt aware we are at the conclusion of an extremely busy and dynamic term of learning and opportunity at St Mary's Catholic School. I am sure, as students think and reflect on this term, there will be a number with primary school highlights and lifelong memories in place as a result of participation in one of the many activities this term.

Reporting Term 3

By now you should have received notification that your child's interim report in Writing is available to view in their online portfolio. This report completes our interim reporting requirements for the academic year. If you have not yet seen this report and the attached learning story please take time to view it with your child. Should you have any questions or queries in regard to the content of the report then these should be addressed to the classroom teacher.

Art Week

In 2013 we celebrated an amazing week focused on the visual arts. It was the success of this week that prompted the immediate planning of a follow up Art Week this year and the inclusion of a longer term visual arts focus on an alternate year basis.

What the children have accomplished this term in Art is truly amazing and the compilation of this work is a testament to our focus and value placed on the Arts. I therefore strongly recommend that you make the effort and time to come in and view your children's work and if able attend our Arts evening on Thursday where a number of our performing groups will also be on display.

Of course a week such as this would not be possible without effective leadership and organisation. Laura Grace and Sally Washer have been the team driving this organisation and supporting teachers to help students to produce the amazing work I have referred to.

My thanks, as Principal, to them both.

Uniform

Next term we will move across to the summer season which will signal a change in uniform to varying degrees. For all students currently in our new uniform this will simply mean a change in footwear. Black shoes and socks will

be substituted for black roman sandals. For all students still wearing our old uniform, it is the summer version that should now be worn. The change over date for the summer uniform is Monday 19 October.

WBoP Winter Sports

This year we have had a total of 8 teams progress to the finals of the Western Bay of Plenty Winter Sports tournament, with all but our two football teams winning the right to compete in the division one finals and verse the top teams from the six other clusters. At time of writing I am unsure of results across the codes but do know that our rugby boys, though up against some much bigger opposition, have represented our school well.

2016 Enrolments

We are currently experiencing high levels of inquiry in regard to prospective 2016 enrolments, with some year levels already at capacity. 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.

Self Review at St Mary's

Currently we are asking for feedback in relation to several aspects of school operation. Last week you would have received notice of a survey regarding the reporting of student achievement. In addition to this we are reviewing our complaints and behaviour management policy at at governance level.

Walking School Bus

We are exploring the following options for the walking school bus.

Route 1.

Meet at the corner of Fraser St/16th Ave – walking along Fraser St across 15th Ave & 14th Ave then turning down 13th Ave to school.

Route 2.

Meet at Memorial Park car park (Mini golf/ railway end) OR QE2 car park, then walk along Fraser St, Harvey St (entering at back entrance of school) OR walk along Grace Rd to 13th Ave – school. Look out for a meeting early next term for more information

Nga Mihi Nui

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2015 Dates to Remember

Thursday 24 September
Room 16B Class Mass 9am
Thursday 24 September
Art Week Exhibition & Performance 6pm
Thursday 24 September
Ice block day \$2.00
Friday 25 September
Mufti Day for Pastoral Care at St Mary's
Friday 25 September
Term 3 ends
Monday 12 October
Term 4 starts
Tuesday 13 October
PTA Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 13 October
Winter Sport Photos
Thursday 15 October
Room 2 Class Mass 9am
Friday 16 October
Sursum Corda Trip to Hamilton 8.30am-4pm
Monday 19 October
Individual School Photos
Tuesday 20 October
Class Photos
Wednesday 21 October
WBoP Tennis
Thursday 22 October
Room 1 Class Mass 9am
Thursday 22 October
Aquinas Orientation Evening 7.00pm
Friday 23 October
Mufti Day for the refugees (Student Council)
Monday 26 October
Labour Day - school is closed
Tuesday 27 October
Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm
Thursday 29 October
WBEET Maths
Friday 30 October
School Mass - All Saints/Souls Day
Friday 30 October
PTA Fireworks
Tuesday 3 November
Welcome to new children and new families liturgy 10am
Thursday 5 November
St Mary's Poetry Competition
Thursday 5 November
Room 15 Class Mass 9am
Friday 6 November
Senior Athletics
Saturday 7 November
Jump Jam Nationals in Christchurch
Sunday 8 November
Parish / School Mass - Sursum Corda to sing
Tuesday 10 November
Aquinas Transition Day 11am - 2pm

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

Parish / School Mass

Thank you to all our families who attended our Parish/School Mass on Sunday 13 September. Your presence was very much appreciated.

Last week was Social Justice Week and at our Liturgy last Monday we explored with the students what social justice means. Mr Crowe and Room 7 talked about what is happening in Syria at the moment and explained what the word refugee means.

We had our day of Exposition last Thursday when all classes spent a time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Our day concluded with Benediction. The students are to be congratulated for their reverence and respect during this beautiful ancient Catholic devotion. We thank our Priests for making this possible. The day was timely as Pope Francis has recently written "The Lord tells us the first task in life is this: prayer. But not the prayer of words, like a parrot, but the prayer of the heart: gazing on the Lord, hearing the Lord, asking the Lord."

This week our Liturgy focused on 'What is Art', and we heard the beautiful reading from Jeremiah about the potter working and creating the vessel made from clay. We unpacked with the students how God can be the potter in our lives, how He can shape, mould and restore us, but for that to happen we must put our trust in Him and work with Him so we can get rid of the things inside us that are preventing us from becoming the most beautiful creation He planned us to be. Again we emphasised the importance of prayer - that it is through prayer that we put our trust in God and open ourselves to His plan for each of us.

With kind regards and God bless

Sally Washer

SCHOOL NEWS

Art Exhibition and Performance Evening

A reminder that we are having our Art Exhibition and Performance Evening on Thursday 24 September at 6pm in our Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Centre. You are very welcome to view the exhibition from Wednesday 23 September.

You are all warmly invited and encouraged to come.

At the Exhibition you will be able to view a work of Art from every student in the school as well as an opportunity to purchase art work from guest artists.

The following groups in our school will be performing

Sursum Corda, Fuse Band, Kapa Haka, Samoan Group and Irish Dance students.

Entry is by gold coin donation. All proceeds from the purchase of art works will be for Visual Arts at St Mary's School.

It promises to be a wonderful night and we hope to see you there.

Parent Maths Information Workshops

On Thursday 10 September, parents gathered at school for two sessions on 'How we can best support our students to learn and love maths'.

For parents who were unable to attend these opportunities, you can find a link to the Power Point Presentation on our school website, with links to the video clips shared, and useful websites for you to support our goal 'that every student at St Mary's can learn, love and excel at mathematics'.

Sursum Corda Ice Block Fundraiser

A reminder that we will be selling ice blocks for \$2.00 each again this Thursday to raise money for Sursum Corda's trip to sing at the cathedral on Friday 16 October. Your support for this wonderful opportunity for our students is greatly appreciated.

Mufti Day Friday 25 September

This Friday 25 September we will have a Mufti Day to raise funds for Pastoral Care in our own school community. Students wearing mufti are asked to give a gold coin donation. Thank you again for supporting those in need in our own St Mary's family.

Mufti Day Friday 23 October

There is going to be a mufti day on Friday 23 October, this is because we are going to try to fundraise for the refugees. All you need to do is bring a gold coin donation, to be able to wear the mufti. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross NZ.

Student Council

Powerco and Sparky visit

Powerco and Sparky have been in to visit us to share their power safety messages.

Please look at their website www.sparky.co.nz and follow the prompts to the Power Safety QUIZ.

Speech Competition

Lucy Johnson and Bella Rejthar-Oliveira recently competed in the South Cluster Speech Competition. Congratulations to Lucy for coming first at the South Cluster competition and representing St Mary's admirably at the WBoP competition.

Well done girls!





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PTA NEWS

Taylor Brothers Fireworks Gala Wheelbarrow Race

Back due to popular demand is the St Mary's Wheelbarrow Race. Again this year the winning Wheelbarrow/Class will be crowned the champions and win the coveted St Mary's Wheelbarrow Cup!

Each class will enter a wheelbarrow in the race and will require one or more sponsors equaling \$250 for each wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrows will be decorated using the sponsor's logo and / or colours, so your business will get fantastic exposure. There will also be a prize for best dressed wheelbarrow.

Contact your class rep for further info or if you are interested in sponsoring a wheelbarrow.

Volunteers Pretty Please!

We can't make this Fireworks event a success without your help. So please, sign up on your class roster and put your name in a couple of slots.

We also require extra parents to help set up on the day and pack down that night, as well as a general clean up on the Saturday morning.

If you can help in any of these areas, please sign up on your class roster or contact us at fireworks@stmarysga.school.nz

Jar-a-rama

Start making your jars over the holidays. Ideas of what to include could be:

- Small toys: McDonalds toys, cars, figurines
- Lollies, snack bars, non-perishable items
- Stickers, tattoos, craft items, bouncy balls
- Stationery - pens, pencils, erasers
- Hair ties, clips, bracelets, loom bands
- Marbles, knuckle bones, hacky sacks
- Balloons, water bombs

Tickets

Tickets will be on sale in the first week of Term 4 from the BAMJC. Days and times to be advised.

\$25	St Mary's Family Pass (2 adults and up to 4 children)
\$10	Adult (over 18 years)
\$5	Child
Free	Under 5's

Michelle & Tracey
PTA Fireworks

SPORTS NEWS

Winter sports round up

After two long terms of basketball and hockey, our winter sports teams have dunked their last basket and taken their last penalty corner. Congratulations must go to all of the students who have represented St Mary's School over the long season. Various teams managed to secure placings in their respective grades;

Hockey

- Titans - Winners A3
- Blasters - 3rd= A3
- Mustangs - 3rd A7

Our fabulous Kiwisticks coaching staff of Simone Heeney, Mike Stott and Mark Hooper, and wonderful Ministicks coaches Dave Gilbert and Lance Workman, are very proud of our five teams. A tremendous finish to the season, and an exciting few years to look ahead to.

Miniball

- Grizzlies - 3rd Year 5/6 boys C grade
- Blazers - 3rd Year 3/4 boys D grade

With seven teams in the competition the coaches and players have been busy since April. Special thanks to Te Rina Coffin, Caroline McClutchie, Jordan, Kevin Schuler, Wayne Fausett, Anita O'Connor and Kelly Jeffries for all of their time and effort.....we couldn't have managed this without you all. Please enjoy a few weeks off before the summer codes get underway!!!

WBoP Winter Tournament

Yesterday our eight teams mentioned by Mr Fuller earlier met their match in the form of other top primary school teams from the Western Bay of Plenty. Congratulations to our Year 5 hockey team who claimed the only podium finish from a St Mary's team. Well done to Zach Quin, Eilah Barriball, Myscha Barry, Grace Finlayson, Christian Stark, Lachie Stott, Jael Krauskopf, and Jack Gundry. Our other school teams in hockey, netball, football and rugby certainly tried hard, and all get first place for sportsmanship and effort!!

Sports Photos

On Tuesday 13 October, the winter sports team photos will be taken. Students who competed in hockey, netball, miniball, skiing and rugby will be photographed during the first block. Team uniforms will also be collected on this day.

Kellie Low
Sports Coordinator

OTHER NEWS

Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club

You are invited to learn to sail as part of the TYPBC School Holiday Programme. This year we have three different types of course on offer at TYPBC for young people who want to get into sailing or get better at it. We would love you to come along especially if you've never sailed before. We have beginner courses on Tuesday to Friday of both weeks of the school holidays from 2-5pm. Please contact Alice Tauranga.coach@gmail.com / 0220853143 or check out the website for more information
<http://www.yacht.org.nz/HolidayProgram>



28 October 2015 | 9am - 2pm | Te Akau Ki Papamoa School

Primary School Performances | Food Stalls

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Lucy Johnson and
Bella Rejthar-Oliveira



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