



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

A very warm welcome to Eva Phizacklea, Finn Phizacklea, Areta Kahura, Kiwa Kahura, Maia Kahura, Phoebe Kirk and Tom Mason who have joined St Mary's since our last newsletter.

We are over half way through our first term of 2016 and have ticked off a couple of great events and are eagerly looking forward to more. The Outdoor adventure day of last week was a great example of us as a community. My thanks on behalf of our all to the PTA for running such an amazing event.

This week we completed auditions for our school production 'Trek to the Top'. Congratulations to all who have won lead parts in this production which will involve all year 2-6 students. To those who put themselves forward but were not successful again my congratulations for getting involved. I look forward to seeing you in action in your respective class parts.

Next week is Holy Week the most significant week in our Church's year. There is further information in regard to how we will be celebrating Holy Week within this newsletter and I encourage you all to join us at the liturgies.

Our school week will conclude with the praying of the stations of the cross on Thursday followed by the Easter Vigil Mass on Thursday evening at St Mary Immaculate.

We would like to welcome and congratulate Mrs Sandi Valentine who will be joining us in a full time capacity next term. Sandi will be joining Lisa Broadmore in Room 13 and teaching our Term 2 new entrant children.

We would also like to congratulate Anna MacKinnon who has won a position as a lead teacher across our Community of Learning (COL). Anna will still be our Deputy Principal but released for time to complete her COL responsibilities. Our COL is lucky to be able to benefit from her skills and attributes.

Emergency Procedures

I would just like to repeat the message I sent home via email last week.

As you may be aware schools are required to be prepared for many potential emergencies and be able to maintain the safety of students should an unforeseen event occur.

Traditionally we have practiced and prepared for the unlikely event of earthquake or fire. We also have plans in place in the event of a Tsunami and if required to go into lock down.

Recently schools throughout New Zealand have been the subject of bomb threats. Evacuation for such an occurrence would involve students being evacuated to a non-disclosed site adjacent to our school grounds unless advised otherwise.

We practice one emergency procedure each term

and as there are a range of emergencies we are required to prepare for, we carry out a different drill each term. Emergencies we prepare for include:

***Evacuation Procedure: Fire and Post Earthquake**

***Earthquakes**

***Reverse Evacuation (Lockdown)**

***Tsunami**

***Determined threats to safety**

If you would like to examine our Emergency Planning and Procedures in more detail please look at our school doc's policy site <http://stmarysga.schooldocs.co.nz/>.

Enter the user name (stmarysga) and password (1959).

In the event of an emergency a key aspect of responsibility we take very seriously as a school is the need to communicate with our parent community. Within our current communication systems is the ability to contact parents by email, alert (via our St Mary's app) and text alert. In the event of an actual emergency we would enact communication via all such means.

Included in the information would be brief details regarding the nature of the emergency, actions taken and further actions required by parents which may include the need to collect children from a detailed location. In doing so it is important that all parents / caregivers follow communicated instructions to ensure the safety of our children as they are likely to be based on the advice of authorities.

Extra Curricular Activities

Next week registration forms for Term 2 winter sports codes will be sent home with your child.

Please note we will be enforcing changes to our process made last year.

As you are aware, sport and other activities outside the classroom are "optional extras" and as such, will be treated as **pay before you play!**

This means, payment must be made at the time of registering your child, by eftpos at the school office, (no cash please) or by our preferred method of payment, which is internet banking. Please do not tick the internet payment option on the form until you have made the deposit into our school bank account. The bank account number is displayed on the registration forms. Your cooperation with this process would be much appreciated.

Payment must be received **BEFORE** your child will be registered into the sport of their choice.

Should you have any questions in relation to payment of either your school or sports account, please do not hesitate to contact Karen at the school office on kmulhern@stmarysga.school.nz.

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Principal

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2016 Dates to Remember

Thursday 17 March
St Patrick's Day
Thursday 17 March
Tauranga Moana Catholic Schools Whanau Group meeting Aquinas College (shared kail)
Friday 18 March
School Mass for St Joseph's Day 9.30am (Church)
Saturday 19 March
St Joseph's Day
Sunday 20 March
Palm Sunday
Friday 25 March
Good Friday school is closed
Tuesday 29 March
Easter Tuesday school is closed
Wednesday 30 March
Future Champs
Thursday 31 March
Room 9 Class Mass
Thursday 31 March
Whakapono Team Hobbiton trip
Thursday 31 March
Room 6 Art Gallery visit 12.45pm
Monday 4 April
The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday 7 April
Room 6 Class Mass
Thursday 7 April
Andrew Chinn visits
Tuesday 12 April
PTA Meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday 13 April
WBoP Swimming Sports
Thursday 14 April
Room 1 Class Mass
Thursdays 14 April
Room 7 Art Gallery visit 12.45pm
Friday 15 April
Room 8 Art Gallery visit 9.30am
Friday 15 April
Term 1 ends
Monday 2 May
Term 2 starts
Thursday 5 May
Room 2 Class Mass
Sunday 8 May
Mother's Day
Monday 9 May
Aquinas staff visit Y6 students & parents at St Mary's School 1.30pm-2.30pm
Wednesday 11 May
Aquinas Open Day 9am-10am or 12.30pm-1.30pm
Friday 13 May
School Mass Pentecost



SPECIAL CHARACTER

Aroha Retreat and Parish School Mass

Our Aroha Team Retreat on Thursday 3 March was a very special experience for our senior students. Facilitated by Karen Whyte and her team who were great and inspirational young role models for our students. The morning was very prayerful and reverent as the students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Classes then broke into groups for workshops on Prayer, The Beatitudes and The Meaning of Mercy. Some performed skits on what they felt Mercy meant, while others explained the meaning of Mercy by making posters.

Thank you to our families for supporting our Parish school Mass on Sunday 13 March. The Sursom Corda's debut as a choir was beautiful. They sang The Song of Mercy beautifully. Thank you Mrs Washer.

School Mass Friday 18 March

You are warmly invited to our School Mass in St Mary Immaculate, Cameron Road, at 9.30am to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph (19 March). This feast day has always been a significant day in our school history as St Joseph is the patron Saint of our Cluny Sisters. We look forward to sharing this celebration with you.

Holy Week Liturgies

Parents and caregivers are very welcome to attend any of the liturgies that we have during Holy Week. All liturgies will start at 9.15am in the Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Centre.

Monday: Palm Sunday - led by Mrs Wood and Room 5

Tuesday: The Last Supper and washing of Feet liturgy - led by Mrs Willemse and Room 2

Wednesday: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and his Betrayal - led by Mr Piceno and Room 4

Thursday: Stations of the Cross - Led by Mr Crowe and Room 7. There will be two sessions before morning tea held at stations around the school.

Easter Services

HOLY THURSDAY *Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm,

St Mary Immaculate

GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross 9am,

St Mary Immaculate

Stations of the Cross 10am,
St Joseph's

Ecumenical Walk of Witness 10.15am,
starts from St Mary Immaculate

The Lord's Passion 3pm,

St Joseph's and St Mary Immaculate

HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil 7.30pm

St Mary Immaculate ONLY

EASTER SUNDAY 8am Mass

St Mary Immaculate

9am Mass

St Joseph's

10.30am Mass

St Mary Immaculate

** It is traditional to bring an item of food for the poor to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, to be taken up at the Offertory.*

Andrew Chinn from Butterfly Music visits St Mary's

Since 2000 Andrew has been recording Christian music for children (and some for adults too) for use in Religious Education and liturgy.

The mission of Butterfly Music and Andrew Chinn is to provide quality resources to enhance the teaching of Religious Education with a particular emphasis on the Catholic faith, and to create and perform music to enhance the celebration of liturgies in school and parish settings. Andrew tours extensively around Australia, New Zealand and North America, visiting schools and parishes, sharing his faith through music.

At St Mary's we are very familiar with Andrew's music. Some songs you may know are; These Hands, This Day, Together as One and Rainbow to name just a few.

You are all more than welcome to join us for the Whole School Concert on Thursday 7 April at 1.35pm in the Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Centre.

Gavin Hesqua

Acting DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

Trek to the Top - Sir Edmund Hillary's Story

We were thrilled to have the Production Company Gobsmaeked in at school on Tuesday 15 March to audition those interested in the lead roles for our upcoming show Trek to the Top - Sir Edmund Hillary's Story.

The feedback from Gobsmaeked was that they were very impressed with the commitment the students had made to learning their lines and delivering performances of a high calibre.

Thank you for your wonderful effort and congratulations to those students who were chosen for lead roles.

Further opportunities are available for some speaking roles as classes are assigned various parts of the story. We look forward to exciting times ahead.

Trek to the Top - Roles

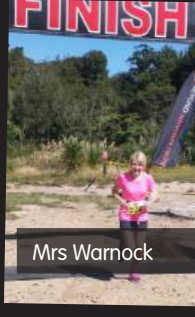
Edmund Hillary	Isaac Schuler
Tenzing	Ethan Nirmalaraj
Colonel Hunt	Conrad Grace
Evans	Emma Mitchinson
Bourdillon	Emma Thornton
Sherpa Ang	Charlie Way
Sherpa Tiger	Sophie Rogers
Queen	Jamie Lock
Old Hillary	Jack McClutchie
Amelia	Sophia Mason
News Presenter	Sofia Arias
News Presenter	Rupert Carter
News Presenter	Rose Hennessey
Glacier Singer	Anna Tusin
Royal Palace Singer	Charlotte Mitchell
Royal Palace Singer	Mikayla McGrory
Director Assistant	Charlotte Mitchell

Scholastic Bookclub

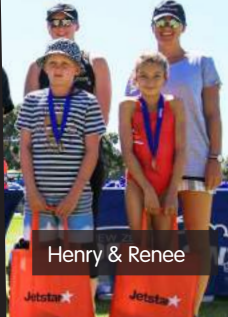
The next Lucky Book Club order will be in Term 2.



Sylvester with Wynton Marsalis



Mrs Warnock

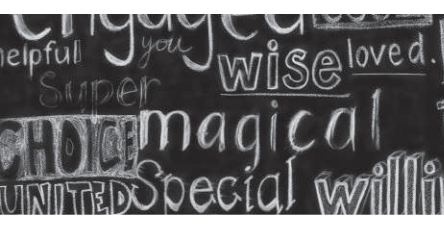


Henry & Renee



Nippers





COOL NEWS

A Lesson in Jazz

Last Friday three of our budding trumpet players Sylvester Green, Ned and Theo Shaw attended an educational hour 'Jazz for young people' at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington.

Wynton Marsalis is the artistic director at New York's Jazz at Lincoln Centre orchestra. He was in Wellington to perform in the NZ Arts Festival. This master trumpet player is widely considered to be the best current trumpet player in the world in both Jazz and classical music. Winner of nine Grammy Awards. The boys and their families were also lucky enough to attend the Friday night concert.

A chance meeting in the hotel lobby enabled Sylvester and his family to an invitation backstage. He was invited into Wynton Marsalis dressing room and played his jazz piece 'Daybreak' and was given inspirational coaching.

Congratulations

Many students, parents and staff have taken part in events or activities over the last couple of weeks that are worthy of note.

Congratulations.....

To Niamh Manning, Ciaran Manning, Sidney Orchard, Indie Scholes, Henry Scholes for winning their Mount Maunganui Surf Club Nippers Overall Achievement for their age groups and also to Jude Tarr and Ollie Jacobs who came second.

A wee story by Sidney Orchard from Room 16. We had to win most of our races to win the trophy - some of the races were beach flags, we had to do relay tag and we did relay races on our paddle boards. At first we felt very nervous but in the end it was lots of fun and really cool.

To Renee Carey & Henry Scholes for winning their age group in the OceanKids 200m event. Henry and Renee have now been invited to an all expenses paid, end of season training camp in Auckland with top New Zealand swimmers and coaches.

To Mrs Warnock (Room 1 Teacher) who has been training very hard and ran her first Offroad Half Marathon at the TECT All Terrain Park on Saturday 12 March.

To the school community for raising \$800 for Fiji.

To our amazing PTA who give tirelessly of their time to make sure our children and community get the opportunity to experience such great events. A special thank you to Mel Gash who led the organisation of the Outdoor Adventure Day.

Here is some feedback from the Adventure Day.

What a great day! I just wanted to say that in my

very short time as a St Mary's Mum, I am absolutely staggered by the kindness of the kids at the school. Today I saw children sharing their bake sale plates, sharing out their money and cheering each other along. Three times now on my short walk from the car to the class I have seen the older children racing to the little ones aid when they are hurt or sad and looking out for each other. Such a lovely ethos!

If you have something you would like to share please send your articles to Theresa at office@stmarystga.school.nz

CLASSROOM NEWS

Maramatanga - Room 14

We would like to share some writing experiences for the beginning of the year.

When I woke up it was bucketing down with rain. I woke up at 7 o'clock. When I was walking to school I had to wear my rain coat and I brought my umbrella.

By Ben Talbot

My friends are Cleo and Indy. We like playing in the playground at school and we like going to Baywave. We like jumping over the waves.

By Niamh O'Connor

SPORTS NEWS

St Mary's & South Cluster Swimming Sports

Well after a rather damp start to the day, St Mary's School Swimming Sports turned out to be a very competitive day with some very close racing and hard fought House and Championship Points. From the school swimming sports we sent a fantastic team of 23 swimmers to the South Cluster Swimming Sports. Congratulations to Renee Carey, Stella Roper, Niamh Manning, Jaime Lock, Mikayla McGrory, Charlie Hammerich, Henry Scholes, Asa Banbury, Max Broadmore, Georgia Verhoeven, Maia Kahura, Kate Dekker, Briar Davie, Nina Reijthar, Ava Sands, Zoe Wilkinson, Cara Butler, Zach Quin, Hugo McCarroll, Jack McClutchie, Steve Fonoheima, Finn Mossop and Mitchell Hubbard. The competition here was at a very high level and all our St Mary's swimmers competed well. Our year 5 boys were particularly strong, placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 22 events out of a possible 27 events. St Mary's also claimed 1st place in the girls relay, the boys relay and the grand relay. Other excellent performances in the water gives us a very strong group of swimmers heading in to Western Bay Champs on 13 April. Good Luck to our team, Zach Quin, Georgia Verhoeven, Maia Kahura, Renee Carey, Stella Roper, Niamh Manning, Henry Scholes, Asa Banbury, Charlie Hammerich and Max Broadmore.



PTA Outdoor Adventure Day, Swimming Sports & Beach Day





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