



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

Greetings to all parents and members of our school community. It is amazing how quickly a term goes when you throw in a school production in week 5! Trek to the Top was of course the highlight of this busy term and the memories of the experience, I am sure, will remain for some time to come.

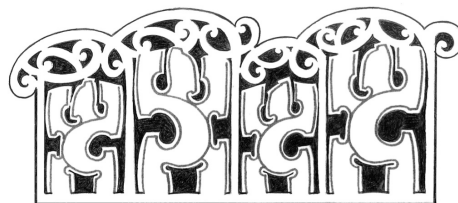
Welcome to Teresa Rush

Next term we welcome Mrs Teresa Rush to our staff as Director of Religious Studies. As previously announced to our community, Teresa brings experience as a DRS and a teacher from St Mary's in Rotorua. We look forward to welcoming her and her family into our school community.

In welcoming Teresa we also thank Gavin Hesqua for the work he has done acting in the role this term. With the support of staff Gavin has ensured our Religious Education programmes and our Liturgical observances have remained to the high standard traditionally displayed at St Mary's. On behalf of our school community my thanks to you Gavin for the commitment you have shown to the role.

Tauranga Moana Ra Whakangahau Kapa Haka Festival 2016

As previously announced, this year Hato Maria (St Mary's) will be hosting the 2016 Tauranga Moana Kapa Haka Festival on the 24th and 25th of November. As the first Catholic School to host this event we will be looking to work with our other Catholic Schools and wider Whanau to impart Kaupapa o Katorika (aspects Catholic) throughout the festival.



To date we have presented to the combined Whanau of St Mary's, St Thomas More and Aquinas College and as a combined whanau community have a clear understanding and commitment to staging an amazing festival for our wider Tauranga Moana Community. In moving forward we will be looking for volunteers to form a part of the 100 plus work party required to fulfill a number of tasks and responsibilities over the two days of the festival. If being part of Ra Whakangahau excites you please keep a look out for further information early next term.

PTA Math-a-thon and Disco

This term our PTA has been extremely busy supporting many aspects of our school. Our thanks on behalf of students and whanau for the efforts put into our major fundraising effort of the term, our Math-a-thon and the fun provided through our 'Crazy Hat' disco. We are extremely fortunate to have such a hard working group of people supporting our school.

In closing for the term I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the many people who contribute to the success of our school in so many ways. I wish parents and children a safe, fun and (if able) relaxing holiday break.

2017 Enrolments

With a growing demand for places at our school we are now looking at places for 2017. At the time of writing we have approximately 20 new entrant places for students who will turn 5 during 2017 and a number of spaces across other year levels. Our first priority is to ensure all siblings of students currently enrolled are in receipt of a place at our school and Catholic families within our community have the opportunity to attend our school.

Therefore, if you do anticipate having a child start at our school in 2017, please ensure enrolment procedures are completed asap.

75th Jubilee September 2017

2017 marks the 75th Anniversary of the commencement of St Mary's Catholic School in Tauranga.

St Mary's Catholic School began in September 1942 managed and staffed entirely by the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny, many of whom came to New Zealand from Ireland.

To celebrate this significant event in the life of the school a Jubilee weekend is planned to take place on September 22, 23 and 24 September 2017. A committee, under the chair of Michael Cooney has been formed and planning is underway to make this a very memorable occasion. Registration and programme information will be available on our school website and Facebook page in the next few weeks but in the meantime we ask that you register your interest here <http://bit.ly/29lzbz0>.

To make the jubilee a success we would be grateful if you would pass on this information to past pupils, parents, staff and friends of the school.

Once you have submitted this form you will be emailed a registration form in the near future.

Ben Fuller

Principal

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2016 Dates to Remember

Monday 25 July

- Term 3 starts
- Science Week starts
- Liturgy to celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey and also a welcome for Teresa Rush our new DRS

Tuesday 26 July

Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

Thursday 28 July

Room 10 Class Mass 9am

Monday 1 August

Cook Islands Language Week

Tuesday 2 August

Grandparents Liturgy and Open Day 10am

Thursday 4 August

Room 9 Class Mass

Monday 8 August

Parent information workshop - Assessment procedures in the first year of school 9.15am

Tuesday 9 August

- Welcome liturgy for new children and new families
- PTA Meeting 7pm

Friday 12 August

School Mass 9.30am (Church)

Monday 15 August

Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday 16 August

Wig BoP Rugby

Thursday 18 August

Room 8 Class Mass 9am

Tuesday 23 August

Author Dawn McMillan visits

Wednesday 24 August

- Parent information workshop - Assessment procedures in the first year of school 3.15am
- "Bad Moms" movie night out 5.30pm

Thursday 25 August

• Room 7 Class Mass 9am

• Tauranga Moana Catholic Schools Whanau Group Meeting held at St Mary's School 6pm

Tuesday 30 August

Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

Thursday 1 September

• Room 6 Class Mass 9am

• Science Roadshow Rm 3, 4 & 5 (9.30am)

• Science Roadshow Rm 1 & 2 (12.30pm)

Friday 2 September

Sursum Corda trip to Taupo

Saturday 3 September

PTA Quiz Night

Monday 5 September

Tongan Language week

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

As you are aware Teresa Rush our new DRS takes up her position at the beginning of Term 3. We are having a special liturgy to welcome her into our school community on Monday 25 July at 10.00 am. All parents and caregivers are very welcome to attend and join us in welcoming Teresa.

The following Tuesday 2 August at 10am we will be having our Grandparents Liturgy all grandparents are warmly welcome to attend this liturgy which will be followed by morning tea and an open day for all classes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support while I have been Acting DRS. I wish you all a blessed, relaxing and warm holiday.

Gavin Hesqua
Acting DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

Parent information workshops

St Mary's will be running a series of parent information workshops during the rest of this year. Please see the calendar for the first two workshops which will be a repeat of the same topic to enable choice of dates and times:

Monday 8 August, 9:15 - 9:45am - Assessment procedures in the first year of school.

Wednesday 24 August - 3.15 - 3.45am - Assessment procedures in the first year of school (repeat).

We look forward to seeing you during the year.

Interim Reporting

Today you will receive your child's Interim National Standard Report.

This Interim Report, discusses your child's current strengths and next steps and identifies how your child is tracking to meet the End of Year National Standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

There are different National requirements for reporting depending on Year level:

In Years 1 to 3, a judgement is made on your child's birthday (anniversary) and a judgement is made between each birthday (interim). These judgements are reported to you mid year and end of year.

In Years 4 to 6, a judgement is made mid year (interim) and end of Year and reported at the same time.

Our teachers continue to use many different ways to find out where your child is at and how your child is tracking, according to meet the National Standard, in Reading, Writing and Maths. This is called an Overall Teacher Judgement (OTJ).

This includes:

- using a range of formal tests/assessments
- watching your child working in the classroom
- talking with them about their learning
- your child assessing their own and each other's work

We encourage you to spend time discussing your child's report with them, their next learning steps and congratulating them on their progress and effort. We look forward to working together with you and your child in Term 3 and 4 to help them achieve their learning goals.

Anna MacKinnon,
Deputy Principal

PTA NEWS

"Bad Moms" Movie Night Out

St Marys School PTA invites you and your friends to a pre-release screening of 'Bad Moms' as one of our winter fundraisers on Wednesday 24 August 2016

Join us from 5.30pm followed by the Movie which starts at 6.00pm. The bar will be open to purchase beverages.

Tickets are \$20.00 and must be paid in advance to reserve your seat, but get in quick as tickets are limited.

Please use the following link and fill in the form to register (payment details are on the form)

<http://goo.gl/forms/Oz7YsMh7zXEOqx752>

Thanks for your support and we look to a fun night comparing our parenting to that of the Bad Moms.

Watch the trailer here: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=iKCw-kqo3cs> :)

CLASSROOM NEWS

Maths in Room 2

Completely spontaneousI know that $y=5$ and $x=8$. Maths is all about having a try and going for it. When you get used to maths, it is actually fun.

by Josh Farrelly Year 3





From Friday 24 June
view Communion and
Confirmation photos here
[www.snaphappy.co.nz/
fhccpage.html](http://www.snaphappy.co.nz/fhccpage.html)

SPORTS NEWS

Bay of Plenty Cross Country

We sent a small team of runners to the Bay of Plenty Champs in Opoitiki. All of our runners finished in the top 20 in their respective age groups.

Emma Rogers 5th - year 4 girls

Holly Fausett 17th - year 4 girls

Renee Carey 2nd - year 5 girls

Hugo McCarroll 12th - year 6 boys

Anna Tustin 16th - year 6 girls

A special mentions must go to Renee for placing 2nd in the whole of the Bay of Plenty.

Miniball World Cup

St Mary's sent 2 teams of year 5/6 children along to the Miniball World cup. A fantastic day of basketball was had by all. With over 400 children taking part there was a real festival atmosphere inside ASB Arena.

Team Switzerland, coached by Kevin Schuler took out best dressed team and with some good wins and some very close loses had a very fun day .

Team Greece coached by Robin Deal landed in a tough pool including the eventual winners but played with good spirits and determination all day.

Our year 3/4 teams took to the court yesterday and we will report on them in our next newsletter.

A huge thank you to all our coaches. Kevin Schuler, Robin Deal, Di Kahura and Wayne Fausett.

Cathy Pini - Sports Coordinator

COOL NEWS

Representative Sports Selection.

- Jayden Hyland and Pateriki Parker U9 representative football team for WBOP.
- Anika Hyland and Maraih Gardiner-Hano U11 Tauranga City Basketball
- Briar Davie and Maia Kahura U13 Tauranga City Basketball.

Congratulations to these children. It is a fantastic effort to reach representative level and we wish them all the best for the season.



BOT NEWS



Kia Ora Koutou

As the newly elected chair of St Mary's Board of Trustees, I wanted to take the opportunity to say hello to you all and thank you for participating in the recent election for our 5 new parent representatives.

Our first meeting last week showed we've got a very strong, skilled team and we're all keen to keep building on the great work our last Board have done. We thank Kelly Quin and her team for handing things over in a very thorough and helpful way.

We will obviously be using the next few weeks or so to get up to speed as a new Board but we are looking forward to working closely with Mr Fuller and the school community to ensure we meet our current strategic priorities as set out in our school charter: all with the focus of helping our students learn and achieve to the best of their ability.

Look out for more information from your Board next term.

Have a fabulous holiday and take care.

God bless
Claire Stott
Board of Trustee Chair





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