



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.



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Our People Our Place

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adj: having or showing knowledge of a subject or situation.

Message from the Principal

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

A very warm welcome to our new students Faron Mobberley and Bella Ferguson.

At the time of writing we are looking towards the end of what has been another exciting, busy and of course memorable term for St Mary's. Our big community shared event this term was our Art's week that culminated in a sharing of Art works completed by children and the celebration of performing groups and individuals. The focus of our week was on the wider arts and so included, aspects of dance, drama, music in addition to the visual arts focus you witnessed. My thanks to all who came along to support our school on Thursday evening and to Pip Berquist for her organisation.

Collaboration (working together)

As you are aware we are currently exploring ways in which teachers can work effectively together in a collaborative learning environment to enhance learning outcomes for our students. I am not often one to quote research to parents but current views of researchers such as John Hattie are that the number one factor in influencing student achievement is termed, Collective Teacher Efficacy. This basically means teachers working together with the belief that through the efforts of many (teachers) we can make a greater difference for students.

The ideal physical conditions to create this are aligned to the design of our new learning environment but as you know many of our buildings are not at this time able to meet such ideals. As a result, you have seen and will continue to see creative ways of collaborating as teachers in the spirit of the above theory. Connected to this is approach is students working collaboratively together, again in an effort to achieve collective efficacy as students. This may make you reflect on how you work best in your chosen profession or how interaction with colleagues makes for more effective outcomes in your field.

Student Led Conferences

Our term 3 student led conferences will be held on Wednesday 2 August. This is a further opportunity for parents and caregivers to connect with examples of their child's learning and achievement. Information regarding the booking of conference times will accompany your child's mid year report. As in previous years school will

close at 12.30pm on this day. All parents will need to make alternative care arrangements for children from this time. There will be no afterschool care on this day.

Before School Procedures and Punctuality

Thank you to all who have been making an effort with ensuring children are at school on time. It definitely makes a difference when a child is set up and ready to learn at the start of the day. Equally in our colder months it is not ideal to have children waiting in the cold for classrooms to open. All classrooms will be open and supervised from 8.30am which means children who arrive before this will need to wait in an outside area. Ideally any time from 8.15 - 8.45 is a good time to get to school.

Late students

If your child arrives to school after 8.50am then they are late. All late students must report to the school office to be marked present on the attendance register.

From the beginning of Term 3 your child will need to obtain a late pass from the office and take this to the classroom teacher. This is a procedure we have adopted to keep your child safe at all times.

Absences

A reminder that you must ring the school office if your child is sick or going to be absent from school. The best form of communication for absentees is by texting our absentee mobile number **021 2969437**, alternatively you could ring the school office and leave a message. This is a tremendous help to our office staff so your help with this would be much appreciated.

75th Jubilee

We look forward to a very exciting Term 3 when we celebrate the 75th birthday of St Mary's Catholic School. More information will come home at the beginning of next term to see how you can be involved in this very special occasion.

Happy holidays and keep safe.

Ben Fuller



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75 YEARS
1942-2017
Jubilee

2017 Dates to Remember

Friday 7 July

- Term 2 ends
- Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Feast Day and Muffi Day
- PTA Disco 6 - 8.30pm

Monday 24 July

- Term 1 starts
- Liturgy - School Values 9am

Tuesday 25 July

Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

Thursday 27 July

Room 12 Class Mass

Monday 31 July

Cook Island Language Week

Tuesday 1 August

Grandparents Liturgy and Morning Tea 10am

Wednesday 2 August

Student Led Conferences - school will close at 12.30pm

Thursday 3 August

Room 1 Class Mass 9am (change of date)

Tuesday 8 August

- New children and new families liturgy 9am
- PTA Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 9 August

Catholic Character Review starts

Thursday 10 August

Room 13 Class Mass 9am

Saturday 12 August

Sursum Corda sing at Vigil 5pm

Monday 14 August

Liturgy - Assumption 9am

Friday 18 August

School Mass St Mary Immaculate 9.30am

Monday 21 August

Liturgy - Mary Queen of Heaven

Wednesday 23 August

Speech Finals

Monday 28 August

WLiturgy - St John the Baptist / Father Day

Thursday 31 August

Room 11 Class Mass (change of date)

Monday 4 September

- Tongan Language Week
- Liturgy - Nativity of Mary
- Music Festival at Baycourt 7pm

Monday 18 September

Liturgy - 75th Jubilee

Wednesday 20 September

Playhouse Theatre - Puss n Boots

Thursday 21 September

Room 3 Class Mass Exposition and Benediction 2pm

Friday 22 September - 24 September

75th Jubilee / Reunion starts

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

School Feast Day - Feast of Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey

This Friday as a school we will celebrate the feast of Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey.

We will start the day with a Liturgy with our special Cluny Sisters joining us. Students will then learn more about the needs in Fiji. The middle block students will be doing a variety of service activities, followed by fun games in the afternoon.

We would love whanau to join us for the day or part of the day.

Muffi day to raise funds for the Cluny Sisters work in Fiji. Gold coin donation please.

Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Feast day 15 July

In 1800... One night she heard a voice say, "You will accomplish great things for me." A few nights later, St. Teresa of Ávila with black, brown, and bronze children appeared to her. "God wants you to found a congregation to care for these children," said the saint.



In 1801, Nanette and her three natural sisters opened a school for poor children near Chamblanc. During the next decade she ran two day schools and an orphanage. In 1812 she founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny. In 1817, Mother Javouhey sent sisters to the African island of Reunion to open her first missionary outpost.

Anne-Marie Javouhey spent the last years of her life in France directing the work of her burgeoning congregation. When she died in 1851, her sisters were in thirty-two countries and colonies www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/blessed-anne-marie-javouhey

We start next term with some key dates on our calendar:

Week 2 - Tuesday 1st August: Grandparents/ Grandfriends Liturgy 10am - phone the Grandparents and Grandfriends now to invite them along.

Week 3 - Tuesday 8 August: New Families Liturgy 10am.

Week 4 - Friday 18 August: Assumption Mass at St Mary's Immaculate Church 9.30am.

Catholic Character Review

During week three we welcome our Catholic Character Reviewers who will be at school for three days.

Sacramental Program

Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of Eucharist.

**Teresa Rush
DRS**



SCHOOL NEWS

Information Sharing that informs Students Learning Across the Curriculum

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

This Interim Report is student driven and shares your child's current strengths and next steps.

Your child's teacher will identify 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.

At St Mary's we have been focusing heavily on learner agency, learners being actively involved in the decisions about their learning. This year, our interim report will reflect learner agency, with your child personally sharing the information about their learning - what they are doing well and their next steps. Your child will have been involved in discussions with their teacher/s to co-construct their successes and next steps. It is important to let your child share their report with you and talk to you about their learning as we move from a 'One-way reporting of achievement' to 'Information sharing that informs learning'.

Student Led Conferences will then be held at school on Wednesday 2 August.

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
DP**

Art Week

St Mary's Art Week focused on various aspects of the Arts Curriculum and was a great success. All students enjoyed participating in the activities, and many talents were discovered.

In the BAMJC there was a display of masterpieces from every student in the school. This was the result of our teachers being creative and teaching various art skills in the class, to produce a magnificent schoolwide exhibit.

We had two visiting Drama teachers; Dee Ellwood and Eunice Driller, who instigated opportunities for each

student to be creative and have a lot of fun improvising and truly stepping beyond their comfort zone.

It was wonderful to welcome back Tauranga artist, Rob McGregor, who sure made painting look really easy! He shared the inspiration behind many of his pieces on display and helped us understand perspective, colour blending and assured us that everyone is an artist - all it takes a creative mind and plenty of practise.

Mrs McIntosh set out on a mission to teach the Year 0-2 students how to 'Shake It Off' just like Taylor Swift. The end result was a well choreographed, energetic display of rhythm, co-ordination and a whole lot of fun.

Rosie McMahon is a 16 year old film maker who is on her way to becoming extremely famous! She showed us what to look for when taking amazing photographs, and shared her short film, explaining the role of a director. Some students were fortunate enough to take part in a workshop, and armed with an iPad were taking extraordinary photos of ordinary things around the school.

In the Junior classes, an army of Sock Puppets were created with Mrs Strange. What a great way to instigate a dynamic display of impromptu performances! There was much delight amongst the students as their own puppet was brought to life sporting scraggly hair, googly eyes, talking tongues and personality plus.

Thursday evening brought in fabulous support from our St Mary's community, viewing the school wide art on display in the BAMJC, and enjoying the outstanding performances from some of our extracurricular groups. Students from the KapaHaka extension group, our own St Mary's School Band, the Jump Jam teams, Ned Shaw on trumpet, Pilgyu Chang on piano, and Sursum Corda, all put on an amazing display of their passion and talents. Many thanks to those students involved in this performance, and to our friends and families for supporting this event.

EPro8 Challenge

Recently some St Mary's School students took part in the EPro8 Challenge - the engineering and problem solving competition. Our EPro8 students came second at the regional competition. They will now compete at the final for Year 5 and 6 students next Friday 7 July in Rotorua.

So now it's the adults turn. On Wednesday 23 August your workplace or organisation can compete against others in the Bay of Plenty region. You will work as a team to solve a range of fun engineering based challenges. This is a fantastic team building opportunity.

For details and to register see www.epro8challenge.co.nz/business-events

Music Term 3

Is your child keen to learn a musical instrument?

There are still spaces available for music tuition in the following classes:

Flute, Recorder, Guitar, Keyboard, Singing and Fuse Drumming. Please contact Karen at the school office or email kmulhern@stmarystga.school.nz

A reminder that school will close at 12.30pm on Wednesday 2 August for Student Led Conferences. After School Care will not be available on this day.

SPORTS NEWS

It has continued to be a very busy term for sports; once again we have had some fantastic results, from our talented students. It is extremely pleasing, that so many of our students are performing so well, at such a wide variety of sports.

A massive congratulations to Keiran Death, who won the National Rock Climbing Championship under 12 years old division, in the top rope event. What makes this result even better, is the fact that Keiran still has another year competing in this division.

Yeva Parshikova had an outstanding North Island Synchronised Swimming Championships, finishing 1st in Group Routine (as part of a group of 10) and 2nd in Individual Figures category. Yeva is also a very talented swimmer, breaking Bay of Plenty under 8 swimming records in: 50m freestyle, 25m backstroke, 100 Individual Medley and 100m Freestyle

Two of our students represented St Mary's at the Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships. Holly Fausett finished 18th in the Year 5 Girls and Renee Carey finished a magnificent 2nd in the Year 6 Girls. Both of these results are fantastic when you consider that it took three separate events (School, South Cluster and Western Bay of Plenty) just to qualify for the Bay of Plenty Championships.

Congratulations to the St Mary's Rebels Netball team of Emma Rogers, Hannah Greaves, Holly Fausett, Jessica Kum, Niamh Byrne, Greer Wakelin, Jessica Taane and Millie Lochore, who won their division of the Year 5 Harbourside Junior Netball Tournament. A fantastic result that you should all be very proud of.

Recently we had two year 5 & 6 teams represented the school at the Basketball World Cup. The French team of Harlem Gardiner-Hano, Henry Scholes, Isaiah Barry, William Peppers, Max Broadmore, Jake Bell, Madison Smith, Naimh Manning, Darcy Gilbert, Isaac Schuler and Lokie Aubrey, finished 7th out of 33 teams and won the best dressed competition. The Year 5 team of Finn Curragh, Jas O'Connor, Jayden Hyland, Benjamin Petrik, Holly Fausett, Emma Rogers, Lia Hesqua, Pateriki Paaka, Caden Lowe and Kiwa Kahura, played as Spain. They had some very tough games, against some very good Year 6 teams. I am looking forward to watching them play again next year.

It is great that we can highlight the success of our students, who are involved in so many different sports. If your child is having success in their chosen sport, please let me know. I would love the opportunity to help them celebrate their success with the school and our community.

**Steven Finlayson
Sports Coordinator**

OTHER NEWS

Baking for Merivale School

Thank you for helping make our recent bake sale such a success. As you know some of the cakes were shared with the Merivale School students. The baking was so appreciated and it was a great boost for the students that day.

We are asking each family to bake once a month until the end of the year. So if you have more than one child

at St Marys, do not feel obliged to provide baking for each of their classes. We would initially like to trial this idea until the end of the year. This is of course, entirely optional but we have experienced first-hand how much it is appreciated. It is also a very special way we can serve and bless our local community.

Starting Wednesday 26 July we ask Rooms 1, 6 and 13 to please bring baking to your child's classroom.

Your support will be greatly appreciated by the Merivale community.





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