



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

be. informed

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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 last enrolments for the year. Isaiah Deo, Toby Williams, Charlie Williams, Rylee Jury, Miah Jithin and Caitlin Schofield and Mina Aaifou-Olive. We finish our school year with 496 students.

With less than three weeks of school remaining the acceleration towards year end is definitely in action. There are many end of year events, activities and procedures that we all need to be aware of at this time. Please ensure you take note of dates, times and information as it is distributed by differing means and appears from different sources. I am definitely looking forward to sharing in the many events to come this end of year.

2018 Parent information evening

My thanks to all those who came along last Thursday evening to share in the presentation of our school organisation for next year. The key organisational change is of course the move of our year 0-1 students to a class based foundation for 2018 and conversely the opportunity to work with Whakapono within a collaborative, connected space. For those parents who were unable to attend, the presentation from the evening is on our website under information.

2017 Ra Whakangahau

Also on the Thursday of last week was our opportunity to hand over the Mauri of Tauranga Moana Ra Whakangahau. The spirit of the event we have held since hosting last year. This occurred as a part of the Powhiri and was well supported by whanau.

Our Ropu then followed with the opening performance of the festival. It is was the fifth time in recent years that our school has performed at the Tauranga Moana Ra Whakangahau and having been present each time can honestly say the strength of the group continues to grow each year. My thanks on behalf of you all to Lisa Broadmore for her leadership, both Iwi and Tamoe Malcolm for their tutorial expertise and all whanau for their continued support (photo overleaf).

2018 Appointments

There are quite a few changes in regard to staffing for 2018 due to promotion, retirement and staff opting to take leave. Though much of the following has already been communicated it doesn't hurt to summarise.

- We congratulate Deanne Willemse for her career as she retires from teaching at the end of this year.
- We also congratulate Fay Warnock who has won a promotion to the position of Deputy Principal at Papamoa Primary School in 2018.
- Both Donna Vincent and Pip Berquist have been granted leave for the 2018 academic year.

New appointments include the following leaders and teachers

- Miss Jasmine Maddock
-Lead teacher Maramatanga
- Mrs Tania Yorke
-Lead teacher Whakapono
- Mrs Angela Cochrane
-Aroha
- Miss Adelle Mayhall
-Aroha

We are currently within the process of appointing a new Assistant Principal.

2017 School Magazine

As you are aware, we are once again putting together a school magazine which is of course a great collection of our year's highlights and achievements from classes and the many groups contribute to make our school great. These are available to purchase from the school office.

Second Hand Uniforms

If you are in possession of a second hand uniform that is no longer required by your family we will gratefully accept them at our office. There are a number of families in need within our community who will be extremely accepting of item received. If your items are of value to you and you would prefer to sell them a good place to do so would be through our parents facebook page (STM's Parents!).

2018 Enrolments

We are at capacity in most year levels of the school for 2018. It is important that we are aware of any intentions to leave St Mary's School. Also, if you have children turning 5 next year or know of families whose intention it is to attend St Mary's at any time during 2018 please ensure enrolment procedures have started.

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Principal

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2017 Term Dates

Thursday 30 November

End of Year Mass Year 0 to 4 at 9.30am

Friday 1 December

Year 6 Retreat

Monday 4 December

Liturgy - Advent 9am

Wednesday 6 December

Room 5, 10 and 16 Baking for Merivale School Camp

Thursday 7 December

Graduation Mass Year 6 students 6.30pm

Friday 8 December

- Farewell Liturgy for leaving staff 2pm

- PTA End of Year Disco 6pm

Monday 11 December

Liturgy - Christ in Christmas and a special Blessing for Sister Allison 9am

Tuesday 12 December

- Whakapono End of Year Baywave Trip 9.15am - 12.45pm

- Aroha Team End of Year Memorial Park 11am - 2.30pm

Thursday 14 December

- Prizegiving 11am - 12.30pm

- Year 6 Pool Party 3.15 - 5.30pm

Friday 15 December

End of Term 4, 2017

School finishes at 12 noon

2018 Term Dates

Wednesday 7 February (date change)

Term 1 starts

Friday 30 March

Good Friday - School closed

Monday 2 April

Easter Monday - School closed

Tuesday 3 April

Easter Tuesday - School closed

Friday 13 April

Term 1 Ends

Monday 30 April

Term 2 starts

Monday 4 June

Queen's Birthday - School closed

Friday 6 July

Term 2 ends

Monday 23 July

Term 3 starts

Friday 28 September

Term 3 ends

Monday 15 October

Term 4 starts

Monday 22 October

Labour Day - School Closed

Thursday 20 December (date change)

Term 4 ends



SPECIAL CHARACTER

Advent - Te Wa o Aweneti

Longing and waiting in our lives for the coming of the Lord.

Advent has a twofold character: as a time to prepare for the solemnity of Christmas when the Son of God's first coming to



us is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, the season of Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin word "adventus", which means "coming" or "arrival". Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus. We prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the anniversary of the first coming of Jesus to us. We also prepare for him to come again at our death or at the end of time.

The Sunday readings in Advent reflect these themes of waiting, longing and hope for the coming of Jesus. The readings of the First Sunday of Advent look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. On the Second and Third Sundays the readings are about the role of John the Baptist who came to 'prepare the way of the Lord'. On the Fourth Sunday of Advent the Gospel is about the events which lead up to and follow the birth of Jesus.

The liturgical colour worn of Advent is purple but it is a time of joyful preparation rather than being a penitential season. Purple was once the colour of royalty and it is used in Advent to signify the coming of Christ and his kingdom.

Advent Symbols

The Advent wreath has four candles to mark the waiting period before Christmas. One additional candle is lit each week, reminding us that Jesus comes to bring light to the world.

The Jesse tree is a branch or small tree which refers to Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots". The decoration of the tree with symbols during Advent records the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, beginning with Adam and Eve.

<https://www.nlo.org.nz/>

The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand Te Hoho Katorika ki Aotearoa

We wish those who are representing our school at the numerous events in the Bay leading up to Christmas. Two students - Eliana Hulsebosch and Callum Roberson are to be Mary and Joseph at the Christmas Carols at The Strand on the Waterfront at 5.30pm on Sunday, the 10th of December. Our Jump jam teams are performing at "A Night Before Christmas"- December 16th.

If I have not mentioned your child and they are taking part in a celebration please let me know so we can recognise them.

Teresa Rush
DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

Last Day for Buses

Route 406 & 552

Last bus for St Mary's on 14 December.

Route 519

Last bus for St Mary's is the Morning on 15 December. No bus in the afternoon.

Route 5, 6, 9, 553, 657

Last bus for St Mary's on 15 December at 12noon.

Route 7 & 12

Last bus for St Mary's on 15 December at 12.15pm.

All buses will be running as normal when St Mary's commences on 7 February 2018.

Extension to Route 552 and 553 in 2018

The plan is to extend route 552 along Lakes Boulevard as far as Te Ranga Memorial Drive, which adds three new bus stops to the route. In addition to this change, part of the route from Cheyne Road to Inverness Drive will be removed from route 552 and that section of the route will be added route 553. Visit the School Hopper website to download the routes and bus stops.

Baking for Merivale School Camp - Room 5, 10 and 16 - 6 December

A reminder that we have been asked by Merivale School to bake for their School Camp coming up on Wednesday 6 December. Therefore, could we please ask our remaining classrooms of Room 5, 10 and 16 to provide baking on this day.

SPORTS NEWS

Now that the weather is starting to settle and the sun is out, the students have been getting into the full swing of Term 4 summer sport. The Flippaball Pool will be warming up and the Touch Rugby players won't be getting so wet each time they play.

From the recently completed St Mary's Senior School Athletics Championships we took a team of 41 students to the South Cluster Championships. Congratulations to Charlie Hammerich, Emma Rogers, Erin Moore, Ferlyn Wijaya, Finn Curragh, Holly Fausett, Isaac Schuler, Kate Finlay, Luka Mahy, Oliver Grosso, Renee Carey and William Pepers who have all qualified for Western Bay of Plenty Championships

We were lucky enough to have two teams entered into the Junior World Cup of Cricket. Out of twenty four teams the team of Asa Banbury, Darcy Gilbert, Finn Pryor, Henry Scholes, Jack Williamson, Jake Bell, Lockie Aubrey and Max Broadmore won the competition. Congratulations on becoming Bay of Plenty Junior World Cup Champions for 2017.

I hope you have all had a fantastic year playing sport at St Mary's. I look forward to another action packed year next year, full of fun filled action and sporting excitement. **Steven Finlayson, Sports Coordinator**



OTHER NEWS

Private individual tuition in both reading and writing before school will be available in 2018. If interested please phone Noeline Hamill 07 5769699 or 0211142344.

TAYLOR BROS TRANSPORT FIREWORKS GALA

A little bit of rain did not dampen our evening, with 4007 people from all over the Bay of Plenty & beyond, turning out to enjoy our 2017 Fireworks Gala. We have had so many reports of families having a great night out, and our children experiencing a world class fireworks display in their own school grounds! Thank you to our wonderful sponsors Taylor Bros Transport, Vegepod, Willis Towers Watson & Zariba Properties – Terrace Views, without your support this event would not have been possible. Thank you to all our amazing parents, staff and families, who gave up their time to help set up and clean up, volunteered to manage and assist on stalls on the night, and donate fabulous prizes, our event was a huge success because of you all! We were thoroughly entertained by our talented performers & broke records with the huge number of Jar-a-ramas, and had a massively successful 'Winning Wheel'. Another highlight was the 'Wheelbarrow Race', congratulations to 'Accident & Healthcare' our 2017 Champions. Together we raised almost \$25,000, part of this will be spent on exciting outdoor play equipment and playground upgrades for all our children. What a great evening to showcase our beautiful school, its people and its sense of community. We are looking forward to 2018! **Fireworks Committee 2017**

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Other Supporters

Pak n Save ~Tauriko - RYE electrical – More FM – Bay Marine Works – Mainfreight – Triac – Tauranga City Council - Hellers – Kale Print - Hirepool.



Date	Room
Fri 1st Dec	1 & 2
Mon 4th	3 & 4
Tues 5th	5 & 10
Wed 6th	Aroha Team
Thur 7th	11 & 13H
Fri 8th	13A, L & J
Mon 13th	Maramatanga Hub
Tue 14th	Staff- teachers etc.

You may bring things after the date too..

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day you add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve you donate the contents to a foodbank



Encourage students/ staff from now to bring items in for the food bank...

On your stated date please bring items to the collection zone at the office. How exciting to see our deeds grow.



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