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Catholic School
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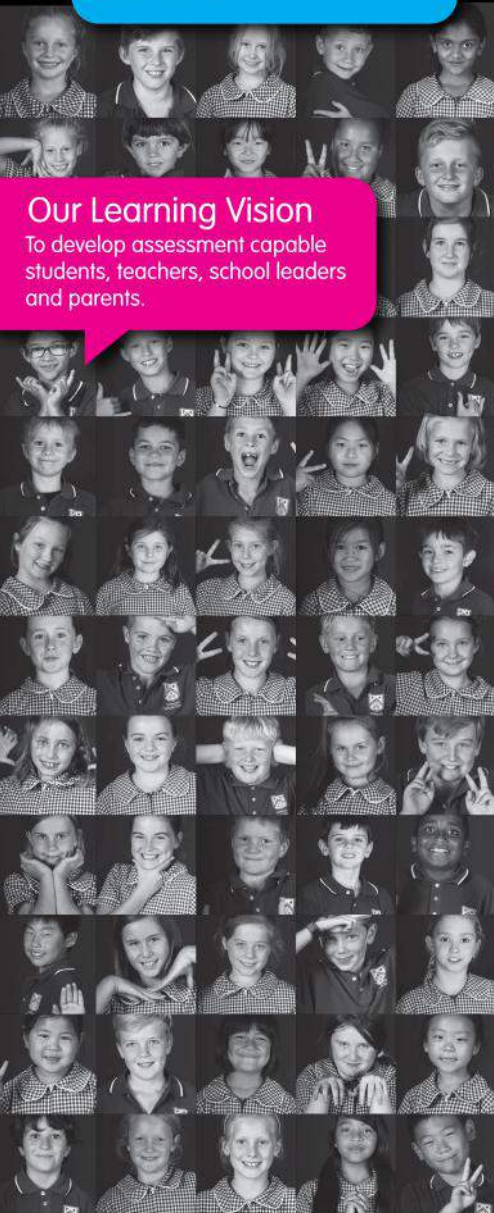
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Our Vision

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

Tena koutou katoa, Talofa Lava and a very warm welcome to everyone in our school community.

I can't believe that it is the end of the term already! It has certainly flown by with our theme of Innovation and Enterprise overarching much of our learning. Our students are so lucky to have had the following experiences that contributed to their learning this term - 'Mad Pearse Takes Flight' production, Life Education Trust, Bully Free week, Samoan Language Week, Matariki and many more.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Xavier Tustin who has joined our school family.

Key Competencies

In the last newsletter I touched on the importance of the Key Competencies in our learning at St Mary's. The New Zealand curriculum defines the key competencies as "capabilities for living and lifelong learning" (p.12). We need to think carefully when planning learning opportunities so that we are extending our students capabilities in 'doing' and 'becoming'.

Over the next term, through the newsletter, I will be looking more in depth at each key competency.

This week I am focusing on Managing Self:

This sounds pretty straight forward. At five years old, we want our students to be bringing their bags in to school themselves and managing their own belongings. At 10 Years old students can be helping to make their own lunches, stand up for what they believe in and set goals.

Another major component of Managing Self is the importance of taking risks. We need to develop environments where our students feel safe and supported in doing this and we need to provide learning that is challenging so that our students are stretched. Open-ended tasks and problem solving, where there is no right answer, develops risk taking. Making, creating and thinking aloud develops risk taking.

Students need to "accumulate experiences that support their sense of being a successful learner and knower. They begin to develop a productive identity as a learner: someone who can take the initiative, make sense of, and work on increasingly complex problems. In other words, they can now "stand on their own two feet" as learners, and know that they can go on doing so in their learning

futures." Insights into Important Aspects of the Key Competencies TKI, 2014

Absence and Lateness

It is a concern for us that several students have high absences from school and many students arrive late to school on a regular basis. Children who are not at school or are regularly late do not learn as easily or with the same rate of progress as other children. Staff, parents, children and the community have responsibilities in this area. Ayn Harris and I will be contacting parents early next term if we are concerned about your child's absence or lateness.

Children are considered to have unsatisfactory attendance at school over the course of the year if they miss 16 days of school or 8% of their time at school. This means that if a child has had 4 days off school in a term the school is concerned.

It is interesting and alarming to note that 10% of a child's time at our school (Year 1 – Year 6) is 32 weeks (3 terms), and 20% is 64 weeks (6 terms).

"If students experienced more than a day between one opportunity to interact with a new idea and a subsequent opportunity to interact with the new idea, then forgetting occurred and instructional opportunity was wasted"

(Alton-Lee, 2003, p.50).

Positive Behaviour For Learning

Accompanying our newsletter today is a brochure to provide you with specific information on how we deal with behaviour, in particular more serious behaviour, at St Mary's Catholic school. We address:

- what we value at St Mary's
- teaching, Learning and Practising Great Behaviour
- more Serious Behaviours and how we can work together to provide a safe and happy environment for all.

I wish you all a safe, happy and exciting July break and look forward to seeing you all back ready for learning on Monday 23rd July.

Fa'amanuia le Atua (God bless)

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2018 Term Dates

Monday 23 July

Term 3 starts

Thursday 26 July

- **Class Mass Whanau Rush**
- **Seasons for Growth**

Friday 27 July

Gymsport Festival

Tuesday 31 July

- **Grandparent / Grandfriend morning from 9am - Liturgy 10am**
- **BoT Meeting**

Thursday 2 August

Class Mass Whanau Cochrane

Tuesday 7 August

- **Welcome to new children and new families liturgy 10am**
- **Art Gallery Aroha Rua 6 12.30pm**

Wednesday 8 August

- **Class Mass Whanau Rush**
- **Art Gallery Aroha Rua 7 12.30pm**

Thursday 9 August

- **Class Mass Whanau Hesqua**
- **Art Gallery Aroha Tahi 8 12.30pm**

Friday 10 August

Art Gallery Aroha Tahi 9 12.30pm

Tuesday 14 August

PTA Meeting

Friday 17 August

School Mass - Assumption 9.30am

Thursday 23 August

Class Mass Whanau Mayall

Tuesday 28 August

Board of Trustee Meeting

Thursday 30 August

Class Mass Aroha Team Whanau Laban

Monday 3 September

Tongan Language Week

Thursday 6 September

Class Mass Whanau Robbie

Sunday 9 September

Parish / School Mass 10.30am

Monday 10 September

- **Maori Language Week**
- **Social Justice Week**

Thursday 20 September

Class Mass / Exposition for Korean Whanau 9am - Benediction 2pm

Thursday 27 September

- **Class Mass Whanau Broadmore**
- **Sports Exchange**

Friday 28 September

Term 3 Ends

Monday 15 October

- **Term 4 starts**
- **Aroha Camp**

Thursday 18 October

Class Mass Whanau Wood

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to our students who made their First Communion. We thank Father Mark and the teachers who assisted them on their journey.

Farewell to Father Danny

Thursday 26th July 10.10am the school will hold a special Liturgy to give thanks to and farewell Father Danny. Followed by Morning Tea. We thank him for all the knowledge and assistance he has given our school. We wish Father Danny all the best in his new role as Parish Priest. We will miss him.

Grandparents/ Grandfriends Day.

Please have students phone up their Grandparents and Grandfriends.

Liturgy 10am Tuesday 31st July.

Classrooms will be open to visitors from 9am, so arrive early and see today's classrooms and explore your child's learning environment.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Sir Peter Blake Young Leaders Award: Ariana Workman

In Week 8, we had representatives from our local Westpac Branch come to our school assembly, to present The Sir Peter Blake Young Leaders Award. This award is presented to one worthy leader from schools across New Zealand.

These awards celebrate young people whose outstanding leadership uplifts their school community.

By acknowledging leadership at this young age, The Sir Peter Blake Trust hopes it encourages these talented young people to keep going and to aim higher.

Ariana Workman a worthy Y6 Leader, was this years recipient. She received a \$100 that was placed in a Westpac account, a medal, a framed award and a prize pack including a pair of red socks.

We congratulate Ariana on receiving this award.



Science

In Week 10, Aroha Teachers and Students were fortunate to have Anthony Mills, the DRS and Teacher from St Thomas More, come and take a Science lesson on Forces with all of our students. Anthony had received a Scholarship recently to upskill in this area, so it was exciting to have him share his knowledge and expertise with us.

The children were all in small groups and had to create a balloon powered car. Then they had to change some of the variables and see if that made a difference to how the car travelled.

Lots of excitement followed as various groups measured the distance their car travelled, wondered if it could be dropped from a height and tried to see if it would still move forward as it travelled down the stairs.

The key was to promote wonderings and allow the students to experiment further as they discussed what was happening.



BOARD NEWS

Term 2 seems to have flown by and here we are at the end of it already. I'm sure you're all ready for a chance to wind down for the next 2 weeks and recoup somewhere out of this chilly weather.

As our DRS mentioned in the last Newsletter, a number of teachers and Board members were fortunate to attend the NZ Catholic Education Convention in Wellington in early June. This is an event that comes around every 3 years and is an excellent forum for those involved in Catholic Schools to reconnect with their core purpose, get updated on new teaching methods and principles based on our Catholic premise, upcoming RE curriculum changes, and review processes, and listen to teachings from some very wise and faithful educators.

The theme of the Convention was 'Christ's Call: To Love, To Be, To Do', and a common thread throughout the key speakers related to 'Accompaniment'. That we are not alone on our journey, but must be open to receiving that help and enlightenment with those that accompany us. A very uplifting message.

One key speaker, David Wells, I found particularly inspirational. Check out some of his talks on YouTube if you have time: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8VYCdyPOgM>

On that note, have a fabulous holiday break all, and take care

God Bless

Claire Stott, BOT Chair

Makerspace

It has been a great term and we have begun using our new learning space called the 'Makerspace'. The home of our 'Makerspace' is in the classroom by the office which was the old Room 10. Here are some of the children from Aroha creating and making in the new space.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for this space. We are still in need of some items for this space. If you have any of the following items at home and you are happy to donate, we would very much appreciate them. Please contact me via email if you have any of the items listed below.

Lego, Sewing machines, Knitting needles, Cotton/thread and tools.

We would also like to utilise the experience of our parent community. If you have skills or a background in any of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) we would love to hear from you.

Ayn Harris; aharris@stmarystga.school.nz

OTHER NEWS

Basic Incredible Years - BoP DHB and Ministry of Education Special Education

Some families may be interested in attending an Incredible Years Parenting programme. We would like to invite you to select a programme from the list below that best suits your family/whanau. As this 12-14 week (approx.) programme focuses on strengthening parenting skills and consists of components which build upon each other, a commitment to ongoing attendance is required.

"Kia hiwa ra kia hiwa ra"

He panui tenei kia koutou nga Matua, whanau whanui hoki

Haere mai! haere mai! haere mai!

Haere mai ki te whakarongo ki te titiro ki nga mahi whakanui

Kei roto i te hotaka o nga tau miharo hei awhina

Hei whakakapakari ai koutou.

Term 3, 2108

Course 1: For parents or caregivers with basic understanding of Te Reo me Ona Tikanga.

Thursday 2nd August 2018, 9.30am-12pm @ Marae IY-Huria Marae Te Kaponga St, Judea.

Age group: Preschool (3-6yrs)

Course 2: Age group: Preschool (3-6yrs)

Wednesday 8th August 2018, 9:30am-12pm @ St Peters Church Spring St, Tauranga

Course 3: Age group: School age (6-12 yrs)

Wednesday, 8th August 2018, 9:30am-12pm @ MICAMHS, 881 Cameron Rd, Tauranga

Course 4: Age group: School age (6-12 yrs)

Tuesday 14th August 2018, 6pm-8.30pm @ Hillier Centre, Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui

Course 5: Age group: Preschool (3-6yrs)

Wednesday 15th August 2018, 6pm-8.30pm @ Katikati Community Centre

Course 6: Age group: School age (3-6yrs)

Monday 27th August 2018, 12pm-2.30pm @ Ministry of Education, 132 First Avenue, Tauranga

These courses are popular and fill up very quickly. The groups have limited numbers so please contact the phone number below as soon as you receive this letter to reserve your place.

Please respond by phone 0800 333 061 or email incredibleyears.referral@bopdhb.govt.nz with names and contact numbers of those wanting to attend and which is your preferred course. Your placement on this course will be confirmed by the facilitator of the course prior to commencement.

Incredible Years Administrator,

MICAMHS, Tauranga Hospital, Private Bag 12024, Tauranga 3143, PH: 0800 333 061 or 07 579 8380

Re-advertised further in this newsletter are more providers that offer support for parents.

PB4L Positive Behaviour for Learning Be. Token Assemblies

At the end of each term the four jars of Be. Tokens that have been collected from each House (Viard, Ryan, Pompallier and Cluny) are weighed to see which House has received the most Be. Tokens for the term. This term it was RYAN! All children in the winning House received an ice block.

The excitement continued to mount as children's names were then drawn by the House Captains. When drawn, the children chose prizes from an impressive array of toys, stationery and games. Very exciting! Congratulations to all children who have earned Be.Tokens this term for following our school expectations. Tino pai!

Nga mihi nui, **Lisa Broadmore, PB4L Leader/Coach**



SPORTS NEWS

What a fantastic finish to term two we have had.

Basketball World Cup

At the recent Year 5/6 Basketball World Cup, our St Mary's team of Caden Lowe, Jayden Hyland, Kiwa Kahura, Finn Curragh, Oliver Grosso, Pateriki Paaka, Emma Rogers and Holly Fausett competed as Puerto Rico. Not only did they have a fantastic time, the team came runner up in the best dressed competition and finish 5th out of the 32 teams who competed. On behalf of everybody involved I would like to say a huge thank you to Lisa Hyland, who coached the team for a very full on and long day.



South Cluster Cross Country Championships

St Mary's competed as part of the South Cluster Cross Country Championship team, where the top 15 finishers in each age group qualified for Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships. It was an outstanding day, run in perfect cross country conditions and St Mary's results were a great reflection of the day. Our results were Year 6 Girls: Holly Fausett 1st, Emma Rogers 3rd. Year 6 Boys we had a clean sweep of: Reef Joseph 1st, Jacob Kleinsmith 2nd, Aidan Dobbs 3rd and Caden Lowe 5th. Year 5 Girls: Summer-Ann Joseph 1st, Eva Jeffries 3rd, Imogen Williamson 5th, Sophia Mason 6th. Year 4 Girls: Areta Kahura 1st, India-Rose Scholes 4th, Cleo Sands 6th and Naimh O'Connor 7th. Year 4 Boys: Sidney Orchard finished 6th.



Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships

From there our students competed in the Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships to qualify for the BoP Cross Country Championships, where 420 students from 92 different schools competed. The BoP Cross Country Championships is the pinnacle cross country event for our school and all of our students ran with courage, conviction and determination. Congratulations to the following students who ran very well to achieve their great results.



Eva Jeffries 23rd 9 Year Old Girls. Holly Fausett 1st and Emma Rogers 5th 10 Year Old Girls. Reef Joseph 5th and Jacob Kleinsmith 9th 10 Year Old Boys. A special mention for our new Bay of Plenty Champion. Congratulations Holly Fausett. The best in the Bay!

Argos Gymsport Competition

A team of 13 Gymnasts represented St Mary's School and competed in the annual inter-school Gymsports festival. After many many hours of training and learning routines for beam, floor, vault and trampoline we came away with many medals, certificates and super happy girls. The routines were flawless on the day and their attitudes were outstanding. Well done girls all your hard work paid off. Our team was lead by the amazing Megan Wills had some incredible results.



These results are not only a reflection of the passion of Megan, but also of our enthusiastic gymnastics students.

Addison Sands-6th overall and 1st team overall

Cleo Sands-5th overall and 1st team overall

Liae Yang -1st floor, 1st vault, 2nd beam, 2nd overall, 1st team overall

Grace Gundry placed 13th floor, 5th vault, 23rd beam

Summer Joseph 23rd floor, 8th vault, 9th beam

Alana Perrett 16th floor, 7th vault, beam 4th

Eva Jeffries 1st floor, 1st vault, 4th beam, 1st overall and 1st team overall

Briar Grace 1st vault, 4th beam, 2nd floor, 1st team overall

Isla Martin 5th floor, 2nd vault, 30th Beam, 1st team overall

Greer Wakelin 3rd floor, 10th beam, 6th beam, 1st team overall

Milla Mason 16th floor, 10th vault, 9th beam, 1st team overall

Isla Wills 1st trampoline, 6th floor, vault 2nd, beam 6th, 6th overall

Olivia Williamson 1st floor, 1st vault, 3rd beam, 1st overall



For the first time in quite a while we had two Rhythmic Gymnasts compete at the same competition. Congratulations to Sophie Van Den Borst who finished 4th in the Club Level year 3/4 competition and Imogen Williamson who finished 2nd in the Club Level year 5/6 competition.

MORE SPORT.....

North Island Synchronised Swimming Championships

Yeva Parshikova competed in the North Island Synchronised Swimming Championships that were held in Wellington on 18-20 May. The competition attracted over 80 athletes from the North Island. Yeva achieved the following fantastic results:

12 & under Figures	3rd	(in a large field, and in her first year competing in this category)
12 & under Team	2nd	

OTHER NEWS

St Mary's Speech and Drama Term 2 News!

Hello St Mary's Catholic School families! We are now into the second half of the year – dramatically scary to say the least! However, us drama and communications enthusiasts have not let the year get away on us, thus we have thrown ourselves into comps, exam prep and performance pieces across the speech and drama and communication skills syllabuses. We've been busy!

As we nearer mid-July, we have several speech and drama students – Sophia Mason, Gia Dumbleton, Ivy Barrett-Hodgson, Imogen and Saoirse Williamson, Chloe Evans, Eve Jeffries, Amelia Muller, Abby Moore and Lila Drummond – all gearing up for the Tauranga Performing Arts Competitions, Speech and Drama Section, to be held in at Baycourt from 12th – 14th July – best of luck all!

Heading into August from 21st – 23rd, we also have several students sitting Trinity College London Speech and Drama, Acting in Pairs, Group Scripted and Communication Skills exams.

It will be all systems go closer to comps – and much holiday practise for exams no doubt – so we wish them a rewarding journey and experience ahead and look forward to hearing all about!

Term's 3 and 4 will also see all St Mary's speech and drama students preparing play scripts for an end-of-year Xmas concert to be performed for fellow students, teachers and parents – stay tuned for the date!

Wishing all families a safe and enjoyable mid-year break ahead! All speech and drama queries should be directed to Dee Ellwood: dee.ellwood@gmail.com, 021 581917.

Dee Ellwood and the St Mary's Catholic School Speech and Drama Students

Dove Retreat 27-29 July

Come away to be refreshed, renewed & restored – Dove Retreat 27-29 July.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women National team is delighted to invite all women to a retreat weekend with special guest speakers Wilma Conroy and Anne Claessens. download a Registration Form) visit www.dove.org.nz.

For further information contact Shona Williams 07 543 0101 or email shonawilliams58@gmail.com

Some changes have been made to 2019 Urban School Bus Routes

A few weeks ago the Bay of Plenty Regional Council published their 2019 school routes on their website. They received some feedback on various routes that have prompted some further thought and some changes.

Please note that Bayhopper routes for 2019 are not yet available, but hoped to be published as soon as possible.

Changes since the first set of routes were published are below:

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| 703 | (Aquinas College)
altered to include Beaumaris Blvd/St Andrews Drives |
| 806 | (TGC, TBC, TIS, St Marys)
now covers The Lakes only |
| 807 | (TGC, TBC, TIS, St Marys) covers Condor Drive/Inverness Drive, Pyes Pa Road to Aquinas College, and Cheyne Road |

Please email all feedback via transport@boprc.govt.nz.



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In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create software not just consume it. Coding NZ's classes empower students with the technology tools they need and help give them the best chance at being successful in our increasingly digital age. Signups are open now at codingnz.com/signup (course costs \$15 per lesson).

Tween Book Club

There are two Tween Book Club meetings being held during August at Greerton Library and Papamoa Library.

-Thursday 16 August (4pm-5pm) at Greerton Library (9-14 year olds)

-Tuesday 21 August (4pm – 5pm) at Papamoa Library (9-14 year olds)

Support for Parents

The Parenting Place

www.theparentingplace.com.

E: reception@theparentingplace.com

Triple Parenting

www.triplep.net

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