



St Mary's
Catholic School
Tauranga

newsletter

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, kia orana kotou and a very warm welcome back to Term 3.

Grandparents and Grandfriends

We were blessed with a huge turnout for our special celebration liturgy of our grandparents and grandfriends this week.

It's our hope that all of our grandparents feel that they are a part of St Mary's and as I moved around the school on Tuesday morning, the unconditional love that they were sharing with their own grandchildren was evident.

Education is changing rapidly but something that hasn't changed, and in fact has become even more important, is the ability to build relationships with and relate to people of all ages. Relationships is an area that we spend a considerable amount of time on at St Mary's.

Grandparents are often the ones who reinforce the values that we are instilling in our students. The St Mary's values of Truth (tikā), wisdom (maramatanga), Faith (whakapono) and Mercy (aroha). They are often also the ones that bring our Catholic faith alive. We never underestimate how important grandparents are for us as a community and to develop that special relationship with their grandchildren.

Welcome

A special welcome to Ella Saunders, Vincent Hodgson, Shania Addlington, Francis Morado, Jodi Gilmour, Jules Youn, Sally Ryu and Wonjun Jung who have joined our school family.

Term Three Learning

The term ahead sees the teachers and students inquiring into our brain. In particular thinking about thinking (metacognition) and having a growth mindset.

Term 3 has historically been our term for the performance of speeches and poetry. Our finals will be held in Week 6.

Key Competencies

At St Mary's we understand the importance of the Key Competencies. Over the next term, through the newsletter, I will be looking more in depth at each key competency. Last term I wrote about Managing Self. This week I am focusing on 'Relating To Others'. This is at the forefront of my mind after the Grandparents Liturgy on Tuesday.

Relating to others is about interacting effectively with a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts. This includes listening, recognising different points of view or being able to 'walk in another's shoes', negotiating, and sharing ideas. Knowing when, and being able to ask for and offer help, is also an important aspect of this key competency.

Students who relate well to others are open to new learning and can take on different roles in different

situations. They are aware of how their words and actions affect others. They can work together with others, collaborate and cooperate.

Reporting

August is the final month for first reports to go out to parents and whanau. If you missed an interview it's not too late to book one in with your child's whanau teacher.

Staff

Congratulations to Angela Cochrane who has been appointed to Team Leader for Aroha Team until the end of the year.

We are very sad to farewell Bryan Crowe from his permanent teaching position and Siyeon Crowe from her ESOL / International teaching position. Siyeon left at the end of last term and Bryan will be leaving at the end of Term 3. Bryan and Siyeon are heading back to Korea to teach. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them all the best. There will be a more formal farewell for Bryan at the end of the term.

We welcome Donna Vincent as teacher of our ESOL and International students. Donna will be working closely with teachers, students and their families to provide an effective English Language Programme to our English as Second Language and our International Students. Donna will work both within the classroom and in small groups to provide this instruction.

Nuts and Bolts

Lost property: The lost Property bin is getting so full that we can hardly close it each night. One fine day over the next week, we will be laying out the lost property on the tennis courts. All un-named remaining clothing will then be washed and kept in the office for spare, to give to families in need, or to resell. We will alert you by Facebook, app and email so that you have a chance to come in and pick up what belongs to you. We will also be encouraging the children to have a thorough look.

After School: We will be encouraging all children to wait inside the gate for parents at the end of the day, in order to keep them safe.

Lunches: Please ensure lunches are healthy options for your children and packaging is kept to a minimum so that we are doing our bit for the environment.

Health and Safety: We are currently going through the process of practicing our evacuation procedures. These include lockdown (reverse evacuation), fire, earthquake and tsunami. If any parents are on site during these drills, it is important that you follow our procedures also.

Fa'amanuia le Atua (God bless)

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2018 Term Dates

Friday 3 August

Principal's Assembly 11.45am

Tuesday 7 August

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

Wednesday 8 August

- **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

Wednesday 15 August

School is closed due to strike action

Friday 17 August

School Mass - Assumption 9.30am

Thursday 23 August

Class Mass Whanau Mayall

Tuesday 28 August

Board of Trustee Meeting

Wednesday 29 August

School Speech Finals

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**

2019 Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 4 February - Friday 12 April

Term 2

Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3

Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Thursday 19 December (end date to be confirmed)

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

Please pray for Ben Fuller and his whanau

Ben's mother, Freda passed away unexpectedly last weekend. Please pray for Ben, Gen and family during this very sad and difficult time.

Hehu Karaiti-Jesus - Term 3 Religious Education

This term our teaching focus is on Jesus- Hehu Karaiti and our school value Truth- Tika

Students will be reflecting on the main question:

How can I be an excellent follower of Jesus?

The focus for each area of the school is:

Tika and Maramatanga: Jesus my friend, Jesus showed his love in different ways.

Whakapono: Jesus gives himself in the Eucharist; Jesus came to show people how to live and lead them to God.

Aroha: The Life of Jesus; Jesus - the fullness of God's revelation.

Service

This week I would like to highlight the great service provided by the students who run the "Fun Factory" This club is open on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime by room 10.

Milli Banbury, Lottie Mann, Willow Murie, Fenella Price, India Scholes, Niamh O'Connor and Cleo Sands from Whakapono.

"The Fun Factory is where kids who don't have anyone to play with can come to play games, do art, read books. When they are here we talk to them and see how they are going." - Milli Banbury.

"We started it because when I was walking around the school one day we noticed people without friends sitting around trees doing nothing." - Willow Murie

"We thought that we should do something to help people make friends." - Lottie Mann

A PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear God,

Please bless our grandparents.
Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.
For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.
For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.
For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.
Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.
Let them find peace and rest from their work.
Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.
And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren.
Bless them always until they come to rest in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Farewell Father Danny

Students, Staff and community farewelled Father Danny last week with a Liturgy. We gave God thanks for Father Danny and all he has done for us. We wish him well in his new appointment as Parish Priest in Melville and Hospital Chaplain.

Father Danny has done many things for our school. You have taught many students the wonders of God and I have learnt an amount from you too. If you hadn't have come to St Mary's, I don't think I would know much about R.E as I do now. You've made a huge contribution to our school in the time you've been here. We will all miss you and we wish you the very best in continuing your journey as a priest.

(Samuel - Aroha)

Dear Fr Danny I'm so sad that today I am writing to say goodbye to you. so, I have decided more to focus on the positive memories you have made at St Marys.

You are a truly amazing person and you inspire me to love God with all my heart and to continue to do so all my life.

Your beautiful kind spirit has touched the hearts of not just the children but the school staff and the teachers too.

(Sophia - Aroha)

Thank you Father Danny for your commitment and service to St Mary's School. We will miss you!

School Feast Day

Thank you for all your support on the School feast day. All the students had a great day. It was fantastic to see the students interacting with learning in their house groups and the way the seniors helped the junior students. The learning based on Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey was excellent and many students really amazed us with their knowledge and thoughts about how we serve God today.

**Teresa Rush
DRS**

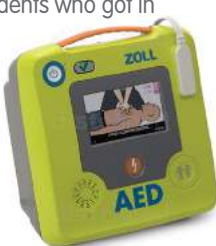
Grandparents Day Liturgy



PTA Defibrillator

CONGRATULATIONS to all our students who got in behind the school cross country fundraiser; you raised just over \$2,000 for the PTA's defibrillator.

It is times like this that I am reminded what a fantastic school community we have. Thank you very much to all of you. **Steven Finlayson**



SPORTS NEWS

Sports Exchange

After last year's successful term 3 sports exchange with St Thomas More, we have decided to expand this year's event. We are really happy to announce that St Mary's Rotorua will be joining St Mary's Tauranga and St Thomas More on the last week of term 3 to compete in Netball, Basketball and Football. This sports exchange will be open to all our Year 5 and 6 students. As soon as all the information is finalised we will send more information.



National Taekwondo Championships

Jazmine Official competed in the 9 – 12 year old age group at the National Taekwondo Championships finishing an amazing 1st in Sparring, 1st Pair Poomsae (forms or defined pattern of attack and defensive movements), 1st Individual Poomsae. With two more years in this category, I am sure she will continue to have great success.

Miniball World Cup

In the last week of term 2 a St Mary's team of Areta Kahura, Louie Gash, Kees Schiphorst, Makae Fuller, Alexander Bayliss, Loimata Paaka, Joshua Fausett, Cormac Gardiner, Kahlia Gardiner-Hano and George Hopkins competed as Russia in the Miniball World Cup. Out of the 32 teams who competed at the tournament, our St Mary's team WON THE COMPETITION!!!!



To top off what was a fantastic day, they also finished 2nd in the best dressed competition. On behalf of everybody involved I would like to say a huge thank you to Wayne Fausett, who coached the team for a very full on and long day.

I would also like to congratulate Areta Kahura, who was named in the tournament team from the Miniball World Cup. This team does not play any games, but is made up of the best players from every team who competed.

Soccer Success

During the July school holidays, Benjamin Petrik competed in the Christchurch International Cup. There are over 1,000 players at this

football tournament, for teams from the Asia-Pacific region. Congratulations to Ben and his team who finished 4th against some very high quality teams. Ben has also been chosen, as part of the Tauranga All Stars Football Academy to travel to Scotland and England in



December this year to play against four academies there (Rangers FC, Kilmarnock FC, Manchester City FC and Burnley FC).

Whakapono

Changes in Pono Rua

This term we have made some changes in our learning hub. We have to manage ourselves more. The activities help us to think and learn. Some of our new activities are, Word of the Week, Word Challenge, Hub Story, Poem of the Week, Memory Challenges and Brain Breaks. - Rhiannon



Car Challenge

On Friday we had a car challenge. Our car had to carry two marbles and it had to move across one whole table. Some moved, others did not. One car cheated because it could not carry two marbles but it could move. We learnt that our models needed to be light and small because they



The Brain

This term we are learning about the brain and how it helps us think, remember, see, hear, feel. The brain has many parts that do all kinds of different jobs. Some new words for us are cerebrum, cerebellum, amygdala, hippocampus. Our brain grows very fast in our first ten years of life. - Vani

Positive Behaviour for Learning - PB4L

Class Treaties Pono Tahi

At the beginning of each term classes revise their Class Treaty. The Class Treaty is an agreement constructed and agreed to by the children during the first few weeks of the first term. Four to five rules are established based on our four Values.

Truth	Tika
Wisdom	Maramatanga
Faith	Whakapono
Mercy	Aroha

The children also carefully consider our three school rules -

- Be. respectful to self**
- Be. respectful to others**
- Be. respectful to the environment**

Revisiting our Class Treaties over the past week has seen children write and record songs, perform skits and explain their class treaty to their learning buddies....

Pono Tahi tamariki agreed to their Hub Treaty by creating and signing feathers for their korowai.

Please note the following behaviours that we will be focusing on during the next two weeks -Week 3: I wear the correct uniform when I arrive and leave school.

Week 4: I hang my bag on the bag hook and ensure it is always closed.

Nga mihi nui

Lisa Broadmore
PB4L Leader/Coach



PHOTO: Pono Tahi tamariki agreed to their Hub Treaty by creating and signing feathers for their korowai.

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