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newsletter



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Message from the Principal

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

A special welcome to Alexander Carter.

I am very excited to announce that Ben Fuller is now back from study leave. Welcome back Ben, it is great to have you back with us!

Taylor Bros Transport Fireworks & Gala

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fireworks gala this year. We definitely wouldn't have had the success that we have had without the input from so many. In particular I would like to thank Taryn Joseph (parent and owner of Thyme Management), Lee-Ann Taylor, Ana McFarlane, the whole of the PTA and St Mary's staff for your hard work and dedication. The gala is a huge undertaking and I have a whole new appreciation of the organisation involved.

We had approximately 5000 people through the gate and it was a busy night. The fireworks finale was incredible. I will keep you informed of the money raised once that has been finalised.

Jump Jam

Congratulations must go to all of our Jump Jam Teams and their coaches.

1st year 1-4 open Team called Enchanters doing "Magic 2.0".

1st in year 4-8 all boys Team called the Misfits, doing "Captain Jack".

1st in year 4-6 advanced open (the toughest division) Team called Senior Swifts doing song "Shake it off".

3rd in year 4-6 open, Team called Crazy Circus doing song "Afro Circus".

4th year 1-4 open Team called Muchachas doing Borriquito.

Learning Through Play

In Week 3, I was very lucky to attend a two day seminar run by Nathan Mikaere Wallis. This was an indepth look at the developing brain! I walked away with a much deeper understanding of neuroscience research and it's practical implications.

Nathan is passionate about the importance of the first 1000 days of a child's life and the development of the brain from conception to 32 years, with an emphasis on the early years of childhood and schooling. He emphasises the importance for children to develop positive dispositions towards their learning and their culture, and to develop their creative and thinking skills.

I highly recommend that you spend 40 minutes of your time listening to the following interviews, with Nathan, on Radio New Zealand:

What 3 - 7 Year olds Need to Learn - 26 mins

<https://bit.ly/2Fb1lbc>

Kids With Interpersonal Skills Come From Homes Where There Are Rich Conversations - 17 mins.

<https://bit.ly/2ShGH50>

I will be running two information sessions on Play based learning in the BAMJC on Tuesday 20th during our Open Morning, 9 - 10:30am.

Thank you for your support.

That's me signing off for the last time as Acting Principal. Thank you for being such a supportive community during my time in this position, I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it and gained a great insight into the very diverse nature of the role of the principal.

Nga mihi nui

Anna MacKinnon

Acting Principal



Congratulations Jump
Jammers!



2018 Term Dates

Monday 19 November

South Cluster Athletics

Tuesday 20 November

- Parents Open Morning 8.50 - 10.30am
- Learning through play workshop 9.00 - 9.45am & 9.45 - 10.30am

Thursday 22 November

Class Mass 9am

Friday 23 November

- He Paku Whakangahau
- Principal's Assembly 11.45am

Tuesday 27 November

- Aquinas Transition Day
- Maramatanga Art Gallery Visit
- Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 28 November

WBoP Athletics

Thursday 29 November

Class Mass Whanau Rush 9am

Monday 3 December

Boys Jump Jam perform for the US Ambassadors presentation at Tauranga Intermediate

Thursday 6 December

- End of Year Mass for Year 0 - 4 9.30am
- Sursum Corda Concert 7pm

Friday 7 December

PTA Disco 7pm

Tuesday 11 December

Whakapono End of Year Water Day

Thursday 13 December

End of Year Mass for Year 5 and 6.
Graduation Mass for Year 6

Wednesday 19 December

Prizegiving 1pm

Thursday 20 December

School finishes at 12 noon

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 - Thurs 19 December
(end date to be confirmed)

School Photos

Yesterday you would have received information on how to purchase school photos. You have until midnight on Sunday 2 December to place your online order using the shoot key code provided. Orders before 2 December will be delivered to school. Orders after this date will be delivered to your home at an extra cost.

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

This term our focus is on the Sacrament Strand- Aroha team, year 5 and 6.

Healing

Confirmed in the Spirit

There are times in people's lives when they are in need of healing in body and soul.

The Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the sick bring people the grace of reconciliation, healing and peace. Each Sacrament gives to people its own special grace or gift from God and makes God present in a special way.

All of the Sacraments make Jesus present because they bring new life, tapu and mana, healing and strength and peace to people. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are the Sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. Through these Sacraments people commit themselves to live as full members of the Church involved in the Church's mission, prayer and celebrations.

Through the rite, rituals and symbols of the Sacrament of Confirmation confer the full gifts of the Holy Spirit and increase the grace of baptism to enable people to spread the gospel of Jesus. The rituals and symbols of the Sacrament can be seen but they have a deeper meaning that cannot be seen. In celebrating the Eucharist the community celebrates the sacrifice or gift of Jesus' life to God on the cross

November - Month of the Holy Souls

During November we pray especially for our loved ones who have passed away. Father Mark has encouraged all students to be able to recite the following prayer. Please use it at home and pray together as a family for those you love who have died.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

Amen.



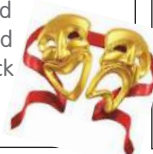
St Mary's Catholic School's Whakamana Korero Scholarship Announcement:

It is with great pleasure that St Mary's School, along with Dee Ellwood – our Speech and Drama teacher, gift a year-long Whakamana Korero Communication Skills/Speech and Drama Scholarship to a Year 5 or Year 6 student in 2019.

An application form has been emailed home, copies are also available from the school office.

2019 enrolment forms were also emailed to you for Dee's very popular Speech and Drama lessons. You are welcome to pick up a copy from the school office.

P: 021 581917, dee.ellwood@gmail.



Students from Aroha Team after All Souls Mass went to the cemetery where they prayed for the Cluny Sisters who have died.

Parihaka

Whakapono team led the school in liturgy on Monday and the focus was on Parihaka. Students learnt how following the bible Te Whiti and Tohu encouraged violence to be met with peace.

In the late 19th century, under the leadership of Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi, Parihaka became a place of non-violent resistance to the confiscation of land. The small village on the western slopes of Taranaki continues to be a place of gathering to discuss issues of the day, and look for a collective response to injustice.

Catholic Social teaching

Violence has no place in a just society. The Catholic Church teaches that true peace is made possible only through forgiveness and reconciliation. As part of this process, Catholic social teaching asks us to acknowledge past wrongs as a means to reconciling our past and its shortcomings on our way to building a better future. Te Whiti and Tohu recognised that there must be a better way to fight the injustices that they were faced with. They chose to lead their people in non-violent resistance. They ploughed fields in order to be heard. Te Whiti and Tohu chose not to physically fight eviction and arrest. Peaceful intentions were at the forefront of their resistance, as was the building of a community committed to finding a way to live together. Caritas Parihaka resource.

(www.caritas.org.nz)

Teresa Rush, DRS.

2019 Enrolments

With 2019 fast approaching it is important that we are aware of any new enrolments for next year.

If you have a child turning five next year or know of a family who are intending to come to St Mary's School and have not enrolled then it is important that they do so immediately.

An application for enrolment, accompanied by a preference card and supporting documents should be handed in to the school office as soon as possible.

Enrolment



2018 School Magazine coming soon!!

What's happening in Tika

A very exciting and unexpected development happened in Tika Team this term.



We had all decided to make Gingerbread Men, so that we could talk about Science Concepts like mixing and melting, heating and cooling, when we all got the biggest surprise! We had all made Gingerbread Men and the very special Gingerbread Man that we made for Mrs Harris, disappeared! Mrs Harris was very, very disappointed. The next thing we know is that Mr Veitch had footage of our Gingerbread Man being very mischievous around St Mary's School in the night time. The naughty Gingerbread Man even went into Mrs MacKinnon's office!



Mrs Harris was very disappointed her Gingerbread Man disappeared. The next thing we know our mischievous Gingerbread Man has been spotted all around the school.



Well, we had lots of questions that we had to learn to ask about that. Why did he run away? When would he come back? We were very excited and decided to make wanted posters and write letters to the neighbours to see if they had seen him. At Play Based Learning time we made games for the Gingerbread Man, families and pets for him to play with, food that he might like to eat, towns for him to live in, but he still didn't come back. So we thought that we would design Gingerbread Man traps. There were traps that dropped and traps that snapped. Some of us even put lollies in our traps to tempt him and do you know what? That sneaky old Gingerbread Man even took our lollies! The last time he was seen was with a suitcase getting into a car outside St Mary's School. The Tika children don't think that will be the last time that they see The Gingerbread Man...

Room 4 designed their own Gingerbread Men. Room 3 made Wanted posters and Meila and Indie made traps to catch the Gingerbread Man.



Coaching Clinic with Tottenham Hotspurs International Development Coaches

This year the Year 3 & 4 Whakapono children participated in the NZ Healthiest Schools Challenge. They learned about the importance of being active everyday and ways we need to look after ourselves to keep healthy.

Mrs Broadmore entered our school in a competition and won a visit by two Tottenham Hotspurs International Development Coaches, Anton Blackwood and Shaun Harris. The coaches ran a coaching clinic on Monday the 5th of November at school. About 40 of our football players had the opportunity to attend the clinic.



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