



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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Message from the Principal

Tena Koutou Katoa - Haere mai Nau mai haere mai

We are continuing through a busy and dynamic term at St Mary's, with some exciting learning and events continuing to bring reward to students, teachers and parents alike. Last week was again filled with examples such as these, which made our school such a contrast to the terror, devastation and loss experienced by some of our fellow New Zealanders last Friday afternoon. I am sure like all, we are shocked, angry and deeply saddened to think such an event could happen in our country. As a school we gathered on Monday morning in prayer to remember those affected by this tragic event. The key message was one of love and peace, remembering that this is the message from within our Gospels.

Outdoor Adventure Day

My thanks goes to the PTA and the leadership of Mel Gash for another great day of fun in the form of our Outdoor Adventure Day. This day is not just about kids, even some of the adults had a fun lap of a creatively designed course. It is a day of community. This starts with our connection to our houses through the colourful and creative demonstration of house pride, and continues with the many activities that bring us together on this day. It is a great part of our Term One calendar and one that I again thank the PTA for.

Early drop offs and Late Pick ups

Lately we have been having to assist a number of children whose parents are often late to pick them up from school. This is both distressing for children and for staff who are placed in the position of having to ascertain after school arrangements. The first point I would like to make is that school concludes at 2.55pm and if you intend picking your child up after school, this is the time that parents should be here to do so. Secondly, it is not safe to suggest that children play in the playground until parents arrive. Our playgrounds are busy with parents and children immediately after school, meaning those children in need of supervision are hard to identify.

Should you be running late or have misjudged traffic on the odd occasion, please contact the school so that we can instruct children to wait

in the office for you to arrive. However, if your circumstances mean you are unable to pick up your child at 3pm on a regular basis, we have an after school care service that provides a safe environment for children after school. Enquire at the school office should you need to access this service.

Board of Trustee Elections 2019

This is a further notification that 2019 is an election year for Board of Trustee parent representatives. In the coming weeks, information will start to be circulated in regard to becoming a parent trustee and the election process. I have been lucky as Principal to work with some great parent trustees who have had the genuine best interests of our school community at heart. I therefore encourage anyone who would like to know more, or is currently interested in standing as a parent representative on our Board of Trustees to look out for upcoming information.

Traffic Safety

The safety of our students is paramount. We therefore request that all parents take due care and diligence in respect to driving and parking around our school. The best place during summer months to drop off and collect children is our Harvey Street boundary. If this is not possible please remember that no child should be left to cross roads by themselves after being dropped at school.

On another note, our bus bay is a no parking zone from 8am - 9am and 3pm - 3.30pm. We have been advised by our bus drivers that this is a current concern.

St Mary's Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/stmarystga/>)

We still do the majority of our communication through email and will continue to do so, but will also ensure the same communication is given through our FB Page. I am aware that the majority of our community is among our 500 followers but for new parents or those still new to the social media game the link is above.

**Nga mihi nui
Ben Fuller
Principal**

Thanks to Mel Gash and her team of helpers for the OAD



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2019 Term Dates

Tuesday 26 March

Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 27 March

Sacramental Programme Parent Meeting 7pm

Thursday 28 March

• **Class Mass Whanau Tanner 9am**

• **Exposition 10am**

• **Benediction 2pm**

Friday 29 March

• **Caritas visit Aroha 9-10.30am**

• **Principal's Assembly 11.30am**

• **Fia Fia Night 6.30pm**

Saturday 30 March

Fia Fia Night - starts at 5.30pm. Get your tickets from the school office. \$35 per head.

Monday 1 - Friday 5 April

Aroha Art Gallery visits

Thursday 4 April

Class Mass Whanau Laban 9am

Friday 5 April

• **Whakapono Term 1 Celebration of Learning 9-10.30am**

• **Liturgy - Palm Sunday 11am**

Monday 8 April

Liturgy - Washing of the feet 10am

Tuesday 9 April

• **WBoP Swimming Championships 9am-2pm**

• **Liturgy - Last Supper 10am**

Wednesday 10 April

• **Liturgy - Garden of Gethsemane 10am**

• **Aquinas Cross Walk arrives 12 noon**

Thursday 11 April

Liturgy - Good Friday 10am

Friday 12 April

• **Liturgy - Way of the Cross 10am**

• **Principal's Assembly 11.30am**

• **Term 1 ends**

Friday 19 April

Good Friday

Monday 22 April

Easter Monday

Thursday 25 April

Anzac Day

Monday 29 April

Term 2 starts

Wednesday 1 - Friday 3 May

Book Fair

Thursday 2 May

Class Mass Whanau Wood 9am

Tuesday 7 May

Welcome to new children and new families liturgy 10am

Wednesday 8 May

Sacramental Programme Parent Meeting 7pm

Thursday 9 May

Class Mass Whanau Cochrane 9am

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Chatholic Character

Feast of St Joseph husband of Mary

St Joseph facts:

A few verses in Matthew and Luke tell us all we know about St Joseph. They provide just enough information to demonstrate why he was the divine choice to become the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph was genealogically perfect for these roles. A distant descendant of King David, he gave Christ the King his royal lineage. Joseph also came from the right hometown. He was from Bethlehem, the city that Scripture predicted would produce the messiah (see Micah 5:1). And as a carpenter (see Matthew 13:55), Joseph was poor—Christ's condition of preference.

For further information see this Loyola Press link here <https://bit.ly/2YaUwWA>

Very important to our school is St Joseph. Our Cluny Sisters, are in full name, The Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny.

The life of a Cluny sister is one that is centered in God, with whom we enter into an ever-deepening relationship, nourished by daily prayer and a life-time of responding to God's call within our lives.

Therefore we wish our Sisters a very happy Feast Day.

As a school we have celebrated a St Patricks/ St Joseph's day Liturgy on Tuesday and will be had a Mass on Friday at St Mary Immaculate Church.

Sacramental Programme

58 students from St Mary's School are preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep these students in your prayers.



Ash Wednesday

Today we got our Holy Cross, Representing His Holy death. Ash Wednesday is the day, When we wash our sins away Clear we are from our sorrow, Closer to God tomorrow.

His heart is burning Ashes, They go across the world. His lips speak the Word of God, Who is in our hearts. Let us rejoice, for he has come Let His Holy Will be done.

The Cross - more than just a symbol, More than we can know. Bringing us Joyfully to Him, God's great love for us.



Christchurch Mosque Liturgy

On Monday the school had a lovely liturgy to pray for those who were killed and injured in the Christchurch Mosque Attack.

All classes have signed a card which will be sent to the Tauranga Mosque to show our love, prayers and support.

The Liturgy focused on peace and faith, tolerance and unity. Students all prayed the St Francis of Assisi peace prayer.



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

- St Francis of Assisi

Happy Anniversary Father Mark - 7 March

Happy 11th Ordination Anniversary Father Mark.

"For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

-Luke 22:27

Thank you for all you do for us at St Mary's School. God Bless you.

Congratulations to Paige Eastergaard

Paige was recently baptised during her class Mass. Paige, May God grant you all the blessings of His gentle love.



God Bless
Teresa Rush, DRS.



More photos of events can be found on our Facebook page.



Maramatanga Hub children wrote messages for the Tauranga Mosque and Muslim community. These messages were included in a special card made for the community that included contributions from all children at St Mary's School.

We are thinking of you. We hope you get better soon. - Jono Dalton

I am so sorry that some of your folks died. I hope that you will feel better. - Lucy Hertnson

We are thinking of you. We hope that you have a good life in heaven, you will be safe with Jesus. We are so sorry that you died and we will always be sorry that you died. You should still be alive. We will think of you everyday. - Ella Younger

We are thinking of you. We hope that you are safe. - Brayden Nix

We hope you are ok. We love you. We hope you cheer up. Everyday we will think of you. We are sad. - Mollie Gleaves

We hope you feel good. And we feel so sorry to hear what happened. - Tommy Lumsden

I hope you feel better. We are thinking of you. I hope I see a smile soon. - Layla Brunson

We are thinking of you. I hope you are okay in heaven. - Rylee Jury



We also wrote special messages for the Cluny Sisters for St Joseph's Feast Day:

Thank you Cluny Sisters for helping me and thank you for making our school. I love you. You are the best. - Josh Binny

Thank you Cluny Sisters for everything you have done. Cluny Sisters you are nice to us. Cluny sisters you are cool. Cluny sisters we love you. You are so special! - Mitchell Parry

Thank you Cluny Sisters for praying to God. - Maddy Wheeler

Thank you Cluny Sisters for being so kind and thank you for your love. - Zainab Syed

Cluny Sisters thank you for a beautiful school. Cluny Sisters thank you for praying for the Christchurch people. - Toby Williams

I like the Cluny Sisters because they pray to God. They let me talk to them. - Indie McKenzie

Thank you Cluny Sisters for helping the children and thank you Cluny Sisters for following God. - Faith Santos

Thank you Cluny Sisters for healing children and praying. - Jope Veitaladrua

South Cluster Swimming Championships

Once again Mr Finlayson organised an amazing South Cluster swimming event where our top senior swimmers competed.

St Mary's School won every race except one!

Year 5 girls results:

India Scholes - 5 x 1st place, 3 x 2nd place, 1 x 5th place

Liae Yang - 4 x 1st place, 2 x 2nd place

Loimata Paaka - 1 x 1st place

Cleo Sands - 1 x 2nd place

Year 5 boys results:

Tiare Workman - 7 x 1st place, 1 x 2nd place, 1 x 3rd place

Austin Roper - 3 x 1st place, 2 x 2nd place, 2 x 3rd place

Jack Quin - 5 x 2nd place, 2 x 3rd place

Sidney Orchard - 1 x 1st place, 3 x 3rd place

George Hopkins - 2 x 4th

Year 6 girls results

Yeva Parshikova - 9 x 1st place

Gia Dumbleton - 9 x 2nd place

Olivia Williamson - 1 x 3rd place

Isla Martin - 1 x 3rd place

Nina Young - 1 x 4th place, 2 x 6th place, 1 x 7th place

Eva Jeffries - 1 x 4th place

Year 6 boys results

Austin Roper - 3 x 1st place, 2 x 2nd place, 2 x 3rd place

Ben Haydock - 3 x 1st place, 2 x 3rd place

Kiwa Kahura - 1 x 1st place, 4 x 2nd place, 2 x 3rd place

Cairan Manning - 1 x 1st place

Eli Banbury - 3 x 2nd place, 1 x 3rd place

Relay results

Cleo, India, Sidney and Jack: 1st place

Olivia, Gia, Ryder and Kiwa: 1st place

Areta, Tiare, Yeva and Austin, 1st place in the grand relay.

Our St Mary's students were exceptional in and out of the pool. Congratulations!



Estuary Science Tidal Discoveries

The students in Whanau Rush and our STEM student leaders enjoyed their first science experience in estuary monitoring today. They used authentic scientific methods to collect data about what plants and animals are living in our local estuary. This data will be used by scientists and the Regional Council as part of their ongoing research into the health of our Tauranga Harbour environment. Thank you to the parents, Mrs Rush, Mr Mills and our scientist Emma Richardson (Discovery Through Nature) who supported our learning today.



Theory Music lessons

Learning the theory of music is an essential key to understanding and independence in music! I will work with a small group on reading music and understanding it using fun and informative workbooks. Sessions will be during school time on a Friday and cost \$15 per half hour lesson, payable at the start of each term. The workbook costs \$12.

Ukelele lessons

Learn to play this versatile and highly enjoyable instrument. I will have groups suitable for beginners and players with some experience. Age 8 years and up. We will meet on Fridays for an hour during school time, to learn songs for the exciting Auckland Ukelele Festival. This year the festival will be on Saturday 16th November.

Students will need their own ukulele or to hire one from the school, and a clear file folder for copies of the music.

Sessions cost \$15 each, payable at the start of each term directly to Cherrie. Lessons starting next week, please contact Cherrie Leefe on 0212158196 or cjleefe@hotmail.com

Sat 30th March \$25 Ticket

ALL NIGHT PARTY

FIA FIA NIGHT

DRINK PRICES (approximate)
 Wine bubbles - \$25.00 bottle
 - \$4.00 glass
 Cider - \$5.00
 Beer Bottle \$5.00: Starliner
 - Hanks
 - Montezuma Pilger
 - Mac's Green Beer PA
 - DB Citrus
 RTD Bottle \$5.00: Jim Beam
 - Gin & Tonic
 - Vodka Lemon & Lime

LIVE BAND - Polyhythm
 Party Hats & Dance Hats

DINNER
 Yummy and meat, cooked on hot rocks and more!

VENUE: QUEEN ELIZABETH YOUTH CENTRE, Tauranga

DOORS OPEN - 5:30pm till Midnight

ADULTS EVENT ONLY

Contact 02108394835 for tickets

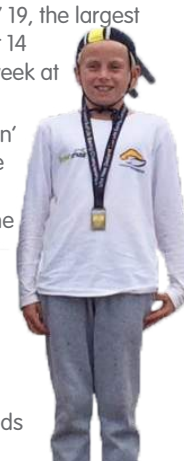
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Congratulations to Ciaran Manning

Ciaran competed in Oceans' 19, the largest Junior Surf Life Saving Under 14 Event in New Zealand last week at Mount Maunganui beach.

'Competitive, exciting and fun' with 100 plus boys in his age group from all over New Zealand. Cairan placed in the following events:
 Beach flags - 3rd place
 Beach sprints - 4th place
 Mixed beach sprint relay - 1st place
 U12 board relay - 9th place

Most importantly he had loads of fun. Awesome Ciaran!



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