



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

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adj: having or showing knowledge of a subject or situation.

## Meet our new trustees

### Tracey Oliver-Marshall

We, my husband Arran, our boy Richard and 5 month old Charlotte, are a new-entrant family. The welcoming experience from the entire school community has been tremendous and I'm excited about participating in school life. My background is in project/programme management, strategic planning & stakeholder management from many years in Auckland's local government sector. We've also spent a number of years living and working in Asia, primarily Indonesia, but also Hong Kong and China, where I owned a trading company. Since being back home I've focused on my photography and simply enjoying precious family time in blessed Aotearoa. Our experience in Asia left me with a profound appreciation for the value of education and the responsibility we have as a society in providing our children the social and intellectual tools they need for their future. It's why I'm eager to contribute my professional skills and support Ben, his management team and our teachers.



### Ati Aaifou-Olive

My wife Charlie and I have three children, Ella Year 6, Salesa Year 3 and Mina Year 2. I was born and raised in Wellington and attended Catholic schools all my life. I am proud to be Catholic, proud to be Samoan. I spent a number of years playing rugby in the UK and Asia until my return where I have worked in the Industrial recruitment sector for the last 17 years. I am currently working with the Bay of Plenty rugby union as the Personal Development Manager. I love spending time with my family, coaching, growing junior rugby in the Bay of Plenty, and keeping Pasifika alive in our school community. I look forward to working with the new and existing trustees to ensure that St Mary's School remains the school of choice for Catholic Primary Education in the Bay.



### Matt Dalton

My name is Matt Dalton and I feel privileged to be elected to the St. Mary's School Board of Trustees. My wife, Kelly, and I have two boys who are both at the school – Jono in Year 2 and Oliver in Year 0. As a former student of St. Mary's School myself, it is with great pride that I see my two boys happy and engaged in their learning and faith journeys. Kelly and I consider ourselves blessed to have such a great Catholic school with its incredible culture, staff and community.



I will bring an educational background to this governance role. I have been in education my whole career in New Zealand and abroad. Furthermore as the Principal of Aquinas College, I will ensure I bring my Catholic lens through into my work as a governor. I look forward to working alongside the rest of the Board, school leadership, teaching team and wider staff to help bring about the best outcomes for our students and community. May God's blessings be upon us all.

### Monika Lolohea

My name is Monika Lolohea. I am Samoan, born and raised in a tropical place called Invercargill. I have three children, Jaidyn, Noa and Lennox.

Noa is currently in Year 3 at St Mary's and Lennox is due to start in the new year. I look forward to working alongside a team that will work together to make the best decisions for St Mary's School.



### The St Mary's Board of Trustees are:

**Parent Representatives:** Tania Wilson (previous Trustee), Tracey Oliver-Marshall, Ati Aaifou-Olive, Matt Dalton and Monika Lolohea.

**Proprietors Representatives:** Tony Lenton, Terry Consedine, Katy Wealleans, Sr Emeli Marafono

**Staff Representative:** Donna Vincent

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## 2019 Term Dates

Monday 10 June

**Aroha Cycle Safety Week**

Wednesday 12 June

- **Catholic Schools Day**
- **Sacramental Programme Parent Meeting 7pm**

Tuesday 18 June

**New board of trustees meet for the first time**

Wednesday 19 June

**WBoP Cross Country**

Thursday 20 June

**Class Mass Whanau Broadmore 9am**

Saturday 22 June

**PTA Quiz Night**

Tuesday 25 June

**Board of Trustee Meeting**

Thursday 27 June

- **Class Reps Mass 9am / Exposition**
- **Benediction 2pm**

Friday 28 June

**PTA Disco**

Saturday 29 June

**First Communion at St Mary Immaculate 5pm**

Sunday 30 June

**First Communion at St Mary Immaculate**

Friday 5 July

- **Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Feast Day - Mufti day and fun activity day**
- **Term 2 ends**

Sunday 7 July

**First Communion at St Therese 9am**

Monday 22 July

**Term 3 starts**

Thursday 25 July

**Class Mass Whanau Rush**

Saturday 27 July

**Murder Mystery Night set in the 1920**

Tuesday 30 July

**Grandparents and Grandfriends Liturgy 10am**

Friday 2 August

**Mufti Mania**

Tuesday 6 August

- **Welcome to new children and new families Liturgy**
- **Aquinas College 2020 interviews held at St Mary's School**

Wednesday 7 August

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## Catholic Character

### Prayers for Sr Allison

It is with great joy to let you know that dear Sr Allison has recovered really well from her operation. Doctors have given Sr Allison six weeks to fully recover. We thank God for all His blessings to Sr Allison and the Cluny Sisters. We give praise in thanksgiving. We ask for your continued prayers for Sr Allison.



### Thank you to our retiring trustees

Our heartfelt thanks Claire Stott (Chairperson), Sherm Banbury, Shay Hulsebusch and Anne Young our retiring Board of Trustees members. They were thanked at Mass this Sunday for their service to St Mary's School over the past three years.



Claire Stott receives a blessing from Fr Mark

### Congratulations Tom Callinan

On Sunday May 19 Bishop Steve presented Tom Callinan the **Papal Benemerenti Award**. An award for his ministry in the parish and the Church over many years. Although Tom's grandchildren have moved on from St Mary's School you may still see Tom assisting our Priests and myself at St Mary's School. Thank you for your faithful service to St Mary's School Tom, may you continue to be a blessing to us all.



Tom Callinan & Bev Joblin

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Every year Christians across the world gather in prayer for growth in unity. We do this in a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. Ours is a united prayer in a fractured world: this is powerful. However, as individual Christians and communities, we are often complacent with injustice, and yet we are called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for the brokenness of the world.

### Welcome home Fr Mark

As you are aware Fr Mark has returned from his Camino pilgrimage in Spain. Thank you for your continued prayer for us while you were on your journey. It's good to have you back!



God Bless  
Teresa Rush, DRS



Many of our students were Confirmed at a Liturgy held recently at St Mary Immaculate Church, thank you Bishop Steve, Father Rico and Father John for a beautiful celebration of Confirmation for our young people. Please continue to pray for these children, and their families, as they now prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist later in June.



This term the senior school is focusing on Inquiring about the world around us. We are curious about the cycles and systems that are part of our world. Students are tuning in and finding out about the Moon, Stars and Constellations, the Seasons, the planets, and how our Earth is changing because of the impact we have on it.

## Andrew Chinn visit

We recently had Andrew Chinn visit the whole school. Aroha were privileged to have Andrew to take our students for religious music. Andrew was also really excited to hear us sing our school song to him and was impressed by our singing.

Andrew worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic Primary Schools in Sydney, Australia for nearly twenty years before moving into his full-time music ministry. Andrew has visited more than 1000 Catholic primary schools, performing in 2000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, the USA and Canada sharing his music and his faith with children, teachers and parents.

## Young Vinnies

Our awesome Young Vinnies recently helped make 20 happy feet and happy students at Brookfield School. Thanks to a joint venture with Aquinas College to put shoes on the feet and smiles on the faces of children in Tauranga who walked to school with bare feet on cold days in winter.

## EPro8

Some Aroha students represented our school at the EPro8 Challenge recently. The students competed against other teams in our area and experienced a fun and rewarding introduction to science and engineering.

## Estuary Monitoring project

Last week Whanau Akkerman and the STEM leaders had their turn to participate in the Estuary Monitoring project. We gathered data about the animal and plant species living in the estuary. The students used scientific tools such as transects, quadrats, thermometers and pH paper to carry out their research. This data will be sent to the Regional Council to support their research. During our monitoring we recorded a lot of different species including mud crabs, marine worms, bivalves, sea snails, whelks and even triplefin fish! It was a great day that involved a lot of concentration, hard work and cooperation in a team. Thank you to the parents, teachers and Emma our expert scientist who helped to make the day possible.



## Look what's happening in Aroha Team



Young Vinnies

## EPro8 Challenge



Andrew Chinn



Estuary Monitoring project







Check out our Facebook page for heaps more photos

## Whakapono Team News



### Habitats

This term Whakapono were really excited to make habitats for animals out of small and big sticks, huge rocks, furry coconut husks and skinny string.

Each student had a partner from a different whanau class, it could be your friend if you wanted it to be. You had to work together as buddies. It was pretty easy for some people and pretty hard. They all had the same amount of materials to make it fair. A lot of students made these habitats at St Mary's School outside the huge classroom on the short grass. They made bird nests, tiki huts and more.

After the long exciting 30 minutes we all had to pack up. But first Mrs Yorke the awesome teacher came along and took a picture and sent it to our special Mums and Dads. Then we went inside to pack up from the awesome day we had outside.

By Finn and Elliot

### Friday Newspaper Challenge

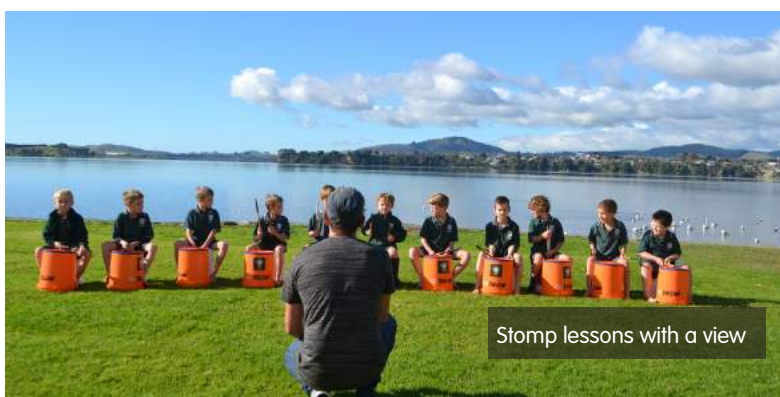
Whakapono Hub had a newspaper challenge. The task was to design and create an outfit using newspaper and cello tape.

We had to work in groups of three, one person had to be the model and the other two were the designers. We had 30 minutes to design and create our outfits.

After we were finished we had a catwalk, all the models marched down the aisle while the creators of the outfits watched from the side, there was loud music playing.

Mrs Harris was the judge and Caleb's group won because he had a full bodysuit.

By Francis Markham and Jake Swanson



Stomp lessons with a view

### Holy Week Resurrection Liturgy

During Holy Week St Mary's held a Resurrection Liturgy, it was very important. Whanau Walter led the Liturgy. It was a play, you could tell that they had practised a lot, because it was amazing.

If you don't know what Resurrection is, Resurrection is where Jesus died, waited for three days and rose.

Tom Mason played Jesus, Solomon Smith and Henoa Lolohea played the soldiers. Jessica was Mary Magdalene and Lucy Rabbidge was Mary.

By Lottie Mann and Lotte Jones



# Cross Country



More photos on our FB page



## St Mary's Cross Country results

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the races held recently.. Everybody tried their best, and there was some exciting racing. It was wonderful to have such support from our parent community, and an enormous thank you must go to all the parents who volunteered their time and effort, to help with the course marshalling.

The following children earned certificates for their year group;

### Year 0 – 1Boys

1st Gabriel Lewis  
2nd Arthur Inglis  
3rd Oliver Dalton

### Girls

Lucija Walker  
Cassidy Dobbs  
Ellie Jones

### Year 2

1st Jono Dalton  
2nd Flynn Gardiner  
3rd Ethan Lowe

### Year 3

1st Coen Bint  
2nd Kale Bint  
3rd James Hartman

### Year 4

1st Henry Hopkins  
2nd Samuel Farrelly  
3rd Tom Mason

### Year 5

1st Sidney Orchard  
2nd Jude Tarr  
3rd Oliver Laurie

### Year 6

1st Austin Roper  
2nd Kiwa Kahura  
3rd Ciaran Manning

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 place getters along with Eva Phizacklea, Maxine Yu, Addison Sands, Ruby Wheeler, Matthew Rogers, Harry Grosso, Mason Francis, Quinn Downes, Ashleigh Taitumu-Boot, Maria Tustin, Elia Szulakowski, Elena Jaswil, Cormac Gardiner, Joshua Fausett, Blake Gadsby, Ryan Donald, Isabella Young, Imogen Williamson, Naimh O'Connor, Seoyul Kim, Konrad Wisniewski, Samuel Waylen, Eli Banbury and Adam Rush competed at Waipuna Park in the South Cluster Cross Country at Waipuna Park on Thursday 30th May.

## South Cluster Cross Country results

As always it was a hard fought race at the South Cluster Cross Country Championships. Well done to all our students who ran the course, especially managing to finish the "Big Hill" which is a massive challenge all on its own, let alone running the rest of the course. It was a real privilege to see all our St Mary's students give their best.

Congratulations to the following students who finished inside the top 7, to qualify to represent the St Mary's and the South Cluster, at the Western Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships.

### Year 4 Girls

Phoebe Kirk 4th  
Eva Phizacklea 6th

### Year 5 Girls

Cleo Sands 1st  
India Scholes 2nd  
Liae Yang 3rd  
Niamh O'Connor 5th

### Year 6 Girls

Eva Jeffries 2nd  
Olivia Williamson 3rd  
Sophia Mason 4th  
Isabella Young 6th

### Year 4 Boys

Henry Hopkins 4th  
Tom Mason 5th  
Matthew Rogers 7th

### Year 6 Boys

Eli Banbury 4th  
Kiwa Kahura 5th





# JUMP JAM



St Mary's Jump Jam again showed its strength when our teams dominated the Tauranga Regional Competition on Sunday 26th May. 66 children from St Mary's took part in the competition.

The first team up was the Year 1-4 Strictly Jump Jam section. These children have not competed in Jump Jam before.

Our two teams were both amazing, achieving first and second place.

The All Stars section, is open to all Jump Jammers. St Mary's had a clean sweep of all the trophies, placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

"Proud St Mary's" came third, "Lightning Bolts" came second and "The Superstars" won. They even beat an intermediate aged team. Once again, the amazing team of coaches and parents combined to achieve something special. A special thank you to Kim Artus, Camella Murie and all parent helpers.

Our Jump Jammers are now working towards the Nationals at the end of the year in November.







**Catholic Schools Day  
Wednesday 12th June**

**Aquinas College**

**St Thomas More + St Mary's School**



Extending Christ's Call: to love, to be, to do  
Kia rangiwhāwhātia tā te Karaiti karanga:  
kia aroha, kia tūturu, kia mahi



9:30 Schools gather at Aquinas College  
183 Pyes Pa Road, Tauranga

9.40 **Mihi Whakatau**



10am **Mass of the Spirit**

11:30 Morning Tea

11:50 Celebration/ Connecting  
(Drama, Singing, Games)



1:00 Lunch

1:25 Farewells, Waiata: Tauranga Moana

1.50 St Thomas More, St Mary's return to school

4pm -5pm  
Catholic Schools and Parish Staff Afternoon tea  
BAMJC St Mary's Catholic Primary  
11 13th Ave

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All Saints by the Sea



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