



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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Message from the Principal

E Mihi Nui Kia Koutou

Fireworks Gala Fireworks Gala Fireworks Gala!

What an amazing evening our Fireworks Gala was. St Mary's definitely knows how to attract a crowd. As a community event it was unsurpassed and as a community we thank the tireless work of our PTA. This year the fireworks event sub committee was led by Michelle Pine, who, with the support of those around her delivered nothing but success.

On behalf of our school community I thank the entire PTA for their work in organising our Fireworks Gala and all those parent and student volunteers who contributed in so many ways to the event. Final figures are still to be calculated but we look forward to seeing the results of all this hard work benefiting our school and students.

One of the events on the night that drew some attention was our inaugural wheelbarrow race. I was extremely impressed with the work that went into decorating these fine machines and am happy to announce that the winning entry was from Room 1 sponsored by **Abernethy Broatch Law**. Our best dressed wheel barrow was a very impressive shark design from Room 11 sponsored by **Domett Trailers**. Both of these classes and sponsors were recognised at Friday's assembly.

Sursum Corda Choir

At time of writing I am looking at a fantastic group of choir members awaiting to board a bus to Auckland. This is another example of St Mary's taking things to the next level. Our Susum Chorda Choir has been invited to sing at St Patricks Cathedral, Auckland. I look forward to reporting back in regard to their success.

2015 Enrolments

As at this time last year we are approaching capacity at most year levels for 2015. Therefore it is likely that we will once again have to start operating a waiting list for 2015 places at some point before now and the end of the year. Therefore should you, or anyone you know wish to enrol their child at St Mary's for the 2015 school year it is imperative that contact be made with the school office promptly. This includes those parents who have new entrant children starting at some time during the coming year. Also,

knowledge of any families intending on moving before the start of the new school year would also be of assistance.

School Bus Changes 2015

If you haven't already, make sure you check out the Schoolhopper route information – including the interactive maps which are all available from the Baybus website at www.baybus.co.nz/schoolhopper.

Schoolhopper buses will be replacing Ministry of Education urban school buses from next year and there are some key differences, such as the introduction of a fare, so make sure you are aware of what these changes are.

If you have any questions about the service, please email the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's transport team at transport@boprc.govt.nz or call them on 0800 884 880.

Welcome to Miss Michele Pettifer

You may have noticed a friendly new face in the school office. Miss Pettifer comes to us from Papamoa Primary School where she works part time in their office one day a week. Miss Pettifer will be fantastic part time support for Mrs Dunston and Mrs Mulhern as we head toward our busy end of year.

I hope you will join me in making Miss Pettifer feel welcome and part of our friendly school community.

EOTC Meeting

I invite parents to participate in a workshop where desired experiences and objectives of outdoor experiences can be brainstormed and discussed. The new date for this workshop is 5.30pm Thursday 20 November.

Congratulations Jump Jammers

Congratulations to our Jump Jam teams who did such a fantastic job at the North island Championships, with two teams coming away Champions and one team coming second. We are very proud of the hard work and effort you put in to achieve these results. A very special thank you to Kim Artus for doing such an incredible job coaching our teams each year. We appreciate all the time, enthusiasm and inspiration you give to St Mary's School.

Nga Mihi Nui
Ben Fuller
Principal

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Dates to Remember

Monday 17 November
Welcome to new children and new families Liturgy

Monday 17 November
South Cluster Athletics

Monday 17 November
Sacramental Programme 3.30pm

Tuesday 18 November
Class Mass Room 8

Wednesday 19 November
Sacramental Programme Parent Session

Thursday 20 November
Class Mass Room 3

Thursday 20 November
Room 2, 4 & 5 Tauranga Girls College
Show 9.30am

Room 1, 3 & 16 11.00am

Friday 21 November
Ra Whakangahau - Tauranga Moana
Schools Kapa Haka

Friday 21 November
Magazine orders are due

Monday 24 November
Sacramental Programme 3.30pm

Tuesday 25 November
Rap-unzel whole school show

Tuesday 25 November
Board of Trustee Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 27 November
Year 3, 4 & 5 End of Year Mass

Friday 28 November
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-6pm

Wednesday 3 December
WBoP Athletics

Thursday 4 December
Year 1 & 2 End of Year Mass

Friday 5 December
PTA Disco

Tuesday 9 December
PTA Meeting

Thursday 11 December
Senior School Waimarino

Thursday 11 December
Year 6 Graduation Mass 7pm

Tuesday 16 December
End of Year Prizegiving

Wednesday 17 December
School ends for the year at midday

Monday 2 February
Term 1, 2015 starts

Thursday 2 April
Term 1, 2015 ends

Monday 20 April
Term 2, 2015 starts

Friday 3 July
Term 2, 2015 ends

Monday 20 July
Term 3, 2015 starts

Friday 25 September
Term 3, 2015 ends

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

Parish School Mass

Thank you to all families who attended the Parish/School Mass last weekend. It was encouraging to see so many families present, especially to support and affirm their faith with those students who have just begun the Sacramental Programme.

Sacramental Programme

Our Sacramental Programme began last Monday night with 80 students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation next May 19, 2015. A special thank you to our very dedicated and committed teachers who are so generously teaching the programme and leading our students to a deeper faith. As Father Mark has mentioned in his newsletter this is a very sacred task the teachers are undertaking and such a wonderful role modelling of service.

Tree of Remembrance

Many of you will have noticed our tree of remembrance which is on the blackboard in the foyer. Teachers and students have been writing the names of our loved ones who have died on the leaves of the tree as we remember in this month of the Holy Souls our loved ones who have died. Parents are very welcome also to add names of loved ones on leaves so we can add these special people to our prayers.



End of year dates

Please check the calendar in this newsletter for end of year dates for our special Masses and liturgical celebrations all of which you are very welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sally Washer DRS

SCHOOL NEWS

Sursum Corda's trip to Auckland

On Friday our Sursum Corda choir travelled to Auckland to sing at the midday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. This was the most enriching and wonderful experience for all who took part. We were very privileged to have Father Edwin accompany us and also to have our Principal Mr Fuller with us for the day. A special thank you to the parents Mrs McFall, Mrs McCann, Mrs Rejthar, Mrs Curragh and Mr Sokimi who joined us.

We were warmly welcomed by Monsignor Bernard Kiely and his assistant priest Father Larry Rustia who celebrated the Mass with Father Edwin. Sursum Corda sang at the Offertory, during Communion and at the end of Mass. Following Mass Sister Mary Neven, former Principal of St Mary's College spoke to us about the Cathedral and allowed Sursum Corda to have time to explore this most beautiful church. They sang absolutely beautifully and their outstanding behaviour during the entire day made us feel very proud of them. They represented our school superbly. The congregation at St Patrick's midday Mass was very appreciative and complimentary and in fact Father Larry asked if we could come back every Friday to sing at the Cathedral!

Our congratulations to Sursum Corda!

PTA NEWS

Taylor Brothers St Mary's Fireworks Gala

We hope you all enjoyed the Taylor Brothers St Mary's Fireworks Gala on Friday night!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contributed in one way or another, in making the event an outstanding success.

To all who donated prizes, cash, wheelbarrows, jars, baking, crock pots, electrical gear etc. just to name a few, and of course those of you who worked tirelessly giving up your valuable time to organise, set up, run our stalls on the night and then to clean up afterwards. You were all amazing! We would also like to thank all of our sponsors of the event:

Taylor Brothers Transport - Gold Sponsor

Zariba Holdings - Silver Sponsor

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Our wheelbarrow sponsors, class reps, teachers, staff, parents and of course students, who did all the hard work in making our inaugural St Mary's Wheelbarrow Race such a fun, competitive race.

Wheelbarrow Sponsors:

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Unlock-a-Trolley raffle, donated by New World Gate Pa.

Aaron McGarva from Flooring Xtra (a gold group school sponsor), was lucky to be the one to hold the winning key (#53) and unlocked the padlock. Thank you to New World Gate Pa and Aaron who is paying it forward and kindly donating the goods to Waipuna Hospice. Congratulations Aaron.

And not to forget the following who also donated their services to the event:

- **Decibel NZ Rock Band**
- **RYE Electrical**
- **Triac Light & Sounds**
- **Hirepool**
- **Priority Logistics**
- **Fulton Hogan BoP**
- **It's Earthmoving Ltd**
- **St Mary's Whanau Group**
- **Hereford Kitchens**

This event involves a huge amount of effort to put on and we could not do it without the support from our fantastic St Mary's Community.

We appreciate any feedback on the event, so if you have any please email it to;

fireworks@stmarystga.school.nz

Also, if you took any photos on the night, we would love to see them, so please also email them to the above address. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Fireworks Gala Event Team

Michelle Pine, Tracey Nirmalaraj, Rebecca Honeybone, Lee-Ann Taylor

SPORTS NEWS

Cricket Carnival

What a fantastic day out with two fabulous boys teams! Well done to our Golden Eagles, representing England, who triumphed over the other nations and won the WBoP title. A mighty effort in the wind and rain!!

Also doing very well were the Super Strikers, UAE, who finished a credible 6th from 16th nations. An additional highlight for the teams was to see the REAL World Cup trophy, which was brought to the Bay Oval by Chris Harris.

Thanks to Paul Wills, Julie Wilkinson, Rachel Dew, Kel Jones and Ross McCurran who supported the teams.

Kellie Low, Sports Coordinator

Jump Jam Champions!

For the second year running, St Mary's was the most successful school in New Zealand at competitive Jump Jam. At the North Island finals held on 1 November, our Boys team and the Senior team were North Island Champions, and the Junior team performed out of their skins to get second place in their first year of jump jam. The secret to our success was the huge team effort from everyone involved; from the coach, and the parents who did an incredible job assistantant coaching and costuming. Also we mustn't forget our three teams of children who performed with such confidence and did everything asked of them and more. A special mention of Tewi Curtis-Lowe, Toby Taylor, Jasper Hawkes, Jo Vincent, Dominic Piceno, Alisha Yeatman and Bella Broadmore, who leave St Mary's this year after three wonderful years of jump jam success. Also a very special mention of Colleen Curtis-Lowe and Lee Ann Taylor who have done an amazing job over the last three years, with their costumes for the boys resulting in perfect scores every year. We are sooo going to miss these mums!

Kim Artus

Jump Jam Coach

PHOTOS:

1. Sursum Corda sing in St Patricks Cathedral, Auckland
2. Fireworks display
3. Aaron McGarva winner of the Unlock-a-trolley raffle
4. Wheelbarrow race - Damian Barton and Jack Mear
5. Room 11's wins Best Dressed Wheelbarrow
6. Ollie Kerr in action at the Cricket Carnival
7. Boys Team - North Island Champions
8. Junior Team - Second Place
9. Senior Team - North Island Champions





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