

St Mary's  
School



## Kōrero

A Bulletin for the St Mary's School Community

### A Message from the Principal

**Kia ora, talofa lava, malo e lelei, bula, mabuhay, greetings to you all.  
A very warm welcome to our new student Phoenix and her family.**

Unbelievably, it is the last week of Term 2 and the holidays are almost upon us. I hope that, whatever your plans for the break, you are able to spend some quality time as a family before the busyness of Term 3 begins. As a parent of school-aged children, I always enjoyed the break from routine that the holiday brought, in particular, not having to make creative packed lunches every day and having more than just a couple of hours to spend with my children in the evening!

This last week of term is a busy one, with Tuesday's and Thursday's learning progress conversations and Friday's Mufti Mania Day. Please see the notices below for more information about these events. I am looking forward to the face-painting on Friday!

This week, if you attend the learning progress conversations, you will be given some information about the Spotlight reports which are now available on our parent portal and your child and teachers will also share with you the learning story they have written about the learning they have done so far this year. I hope you enjoy reading these as much as I have. The children's voices come across very strongly in these and I am so impressed by the depth of reflection of many of our students.. I would like to acknowledge the children and the teachers for the work that has been put into the reports this term. If you are unable to attend the learning progress conversations, your child's learning story will be sent home on Friday, along with information about accessing the Spotlight report on the parent portal.

Last Sunday, we celebrated a lovely Term 2 parish-school mass. It is always a joy to see so many of you at these masses and I love seeing the children attend too. Your support of these masses is always very much appreciated. Once again, a large number of our children led different aspects of the mass and they did so beautifully. Well done to every one of them!

We have decided to make a small change to the bulletin next term. On odd weeks, we will send home a student activities bulletin. This currently sits in a link on the weekly bulletin and we are concerned that it is not read as much as it should be. We hope that the new format will make sure it is read more widely and that more of you access the information it holds. We will send the normal bulletin home on even weeks. It is very important that you read this, as the information it contains really keeps you updated about what is happening at School.

On Friday of Week 3, Term 3, we are holding the second PSG disco of the year. The proceeds of this disco will support our children who are attending camp in Term 4 this year and in Term 1 next year. For health and safety reasons, we have made the decision that this will be a child only disco and so, the format will be different to that of previous discos. The theme will be 'Winter Wonderland' and it promises to be a great social event for our children. Please keep an eye out for further information about this event over the next few weeks.

Finally from me, last week, we published the names of the children who had received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion and unfortunately missed the name of Quillan D off the list. Apologies to Quillan and his family. I know you will join me in praying for Quillan as he becomes a full participant in our Catholic faith.

With God's blessings.  
Mā te Atua koe e tiaki.

Michelle Holly  
Tumuaki/ Principal

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded 'Great Learner' certificates in **Week 9 Term 2:**

C2 Marlow W, C2 Jaiden R, C3 Cara O, C3 Robbie H, C3 Rieleigh O, C4 Ruby R, C4 Finlay H, D2 Leo C, D3 Jared C, D4 Alek M, D5 Domenic R, D5 Nathan F, D6 Jakob F



Last Thursday we held our first Matariki Liturgy. The Catholic Character group lead this beautifully and we were so pleased to have so many parents and members of our community present

## Thank you for your support

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### Iron Bridge and Paul Foster

- Parent and active member of the school community
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## 'Need to know' Information

### Key dates

#### **2019**

#### **This week**

- 1/7 Road Safety – junior classes
  - 2/7 Learning Conversations, 3:15pm-7-30pm
  - 4/7 Learning Conversations, 7:30am-8:30am and 3:15pm-5:30pm  
Road Safety – junior classes
  - 5/7 Road Safety – junior classes  
Mufti Mania – Pasifika themed, *gold coin collection*
- End of Term 2, normal school finish 2:55pm**

#### **Term 3**

- 22/7 Start of Term 3, 8:55am**

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## Important Notices

### School Prayer Group

Our Lord is a God who loves us, and is always waiting for us to come to him with our needs and thanks. All are welcome to join our school prayer group. We meet briefly around drop off a few times each term to pray together for the school, be with each other in prayer, and bring the school and community to Jesus.

We meet usually on a Thursday in the school staffroom at 8.55am. Our meeting dates for Term 3 will be updated early next term. All are very welcome including preschoolers, babies, extended family.

Contact Sarah 021 106 1943, Louise 021 590 271 or Summer 021 701 014

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## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Pasifika theme



### Mufti Mania



Gold coin donation



Face painting



Shared lunch



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## Sports and Student Activities

The weekly Student Activities Update is your first port of call for information relating to extra-curricular activities such as team sports, music lessons, drama lessons, after school and school holiday programmes.

Please click on the link below for the weekly sports and activities updates. You'll also find registration times for upcoming sports and other activities.

The sports/activities offered both within school and as extra-curricular activities are

Cricket tournament (Term 1)	Interschool Swimming competition (Term 1)
Netball (Terms 2/3/4)	Hockey (Terms 2/3/4)
Basketball (all year)	Flippaball (all year)
Rippa rugby tournaments (Terms 2/3)	Soccer /Football (Term 4)
Touch Rugby (Term 4)	Cross country (Term 3)
Athletics (Term 4)	

Music lessons: Guitar, Piano/keyboard, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Recorder, Trumpet - within school hours

Drama lessons: both at lunchtimes and after school

Playball - sports skills for year 1-4 students, after school sessions

For registrations and player of the week, please [click here](#)

### Chess

Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

We are pleased to continue the Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children. Click [link](#) for a short survey.

#### Why Chess?

- \* Improve concentration and focus
- \* Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- \* Tactical & Strategic thinking
- \* Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- \* Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking

What happens in a Chess Power Coaching Programme?

Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

Q. Where can I learn more? Visit our website, [www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz) and click Parents Centre.

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Here's what the kids have to say about PKC.....

*"I love going to PKC ' cause the boy teachers play with us like big brothers"*

*"The food that they give us after school is way yummiier than we get at home !"*

And here's what parents say.....

*"My daughter has been going to PKC before and after school since she was five, and she LOVES it!!! Alanah and her crew are very hands on with all the fun activities and it is obvious they care about each and every one of the kids. Couldn't recommend it more!"*

*"i love that my kids don't miss out on their after school activities because I have to work"*

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Scratchpad, a leading technology learning centre, has recently opened a learning centre on Lake Road, Northcote. Scratchpad's vision is to take technology learning to every New Zealand child and that through their sessions children will experience:

- enhanced logical thinking and a desire to think outside the box
- improved analytical and creativity skills
- learn to code
- increased interest in technology in a manner that they never thought possible
- enhanced ability to solve problems by writing code

For more information click this [link](#)

## Term 2 Mass Roster

Please [click here](#)

## 2019 Term dates

See [link](#) for more information

## Community Notices

Please [click here](#)

## Flexibuzz app

If you haven't already downloaded the Flexibuzz app please follow this [link](#). It is another useful communications tool we use.

## Second Hand Uniform Shop

To make an appointment to visit the shop please contact Glenda, [office@sms.school.nz](mailto:office@sms.school.nz).  
Our preferred time and day is Tuesdays, 2.30pm-3pm

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