

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 students Eve C, Maggie C, Sam C, Flynn L, Thea-Rose N, Alexa P, Ziphya T, Dylan W, Lucas Y, Georgia C and Eloise K and their families.

It is lovely to be back at school for Term Four. Whilst this term is always a busy one, it is also wonderful to be able to enjoy the excitement that builds as we move towards the Advent season and the end of the school year.

At the end of last term, we held a number of fundraising activities and we are happy to report that we raised the following:

Mission Fair - **\$2,157.80** - all proceeds go to support De Paul House.

Loud Shirt Day - **\$427.60** - all proceeds go to support The Hearing House, raising funds to help deaf children learn to listen and speak.

Math-a-thon - **\$5,121.10** - all proceeds go to our own school fundraising. We have a number of projects we are fundraising for at the moment, as detailed in the regular fundraising newsletters.

Finally, we have just found out that our Yummy sticker collection has also raised **\$2,021.00** for sports gear for our school.

I am incredibly proud of the efforts of everyone in the St Mary's community, for coming together to raise funds for our school and for other worthwhile causes. I would like to thank each of you for your support. It is very much appreciated.

Our athletics fun day was a great success last week. The children had a great time participating in a range of athletic activities. One of our mums told me that her house was very quiet after school on Friday, as her child was so exhausted after all the activity and fun!

Our Year 6 learners are currently at camp in Rotorua and by all accounts, are having a wonderful time. They attended a cultural performance at Tamaki Village last night and performed a haka and a number of waiata as part of the evening. I admit to having a tear in my eye when I watched the video of their haka and beautiful singing. It is wonderful that we are now able to hold our own in these kinds of performances, and our children display such mana in doing so. Miss Chapman and I are looking forward to going to Rotorua tomorrow to join the children at camp.

Over Term Four, there are a number of significant events that you may wish to attend and these are listed in the key dates below. Of particular note is the Cultural Day mass at 10:30am on Sunday 17th November. We would like all children to attend this important parish-school mass. We also have the Christmas Market Day on Saturday 7th December. Planning is well underway for this wonderful community event, and if you would be willing to help in any way, please contact Kate McIntyre on fundraising@sms.school.nz. On Thursday 13th December, we are holding our whole-school nativity at 5:30pm and all children will participate in this retelling of the Christmas story. As such, we need all children and their families to come along on the night. We look forward to a great evening of fun and

fellowship, as we come together as a whole-school community. Please keep an eye on the bulletin and school Facebook page for further information about all of these events and more that will be happening over the next few weeks.

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 Ten, Term Three:

C1 James B, C1 Dante T, C1 Latai T, C2 Aimee M, C2 Rhianna B, C3 Jeshuatropej N, C3 Sina-Maria S, C3 Nicholas M, C4 Joel P, C4 Mason ES, D1 Luc C, D2 Aaryan N, D3 Fran F, D4 Matthew G, D5 Adam W, D5 Angahiki L, D6 Tom B

Week One, Term Four:

C1 Maria T, C1 Melissa H, C1 Szymon M, C2 Kate B, C2 Alby D, C3 Joshua L, C3 Katelyn N, C3 Gene E, C4 Scarlett P, C4 Olivia C, D1 Isla M, D2 Amanda O, D3 Theo L, D4 Lotima T, D5 Ella B, D5 Maggie C, D6 Isabelle U

In and around our school in pictures



Last week we welcomed new students and families to our St Mary's School whānau in a whole school pōwhiri.



Students had a wonderful time at our annual athletics fun day. Such a joy to see so many engaged children, participating and having fun with their peers.



Our year six students are having an incredible time in Rotorua. Poi and haka were just some of the learning that took place at Tamaki Māori Village.

A Message from the DRS

Last week, during our welcome liturgy, it was heartening to see the number of new children and families becoming part of our school community. As part of the liturgy we prayed for our newcomers, hoping they enjoy learning with us and make new friends, as well as feel the hand of God on them as they begin to feel at home among us.

I feel this reflection, which was a part of the liturgy, is worth sharing with you as it is something we should all remember to do when we start our day. "Imagine you are getting dressed in the morning. Before you put on your clothes, you put on compassion and kindness. Then imagine yourself putting on layers of humility, gentleness and patience. After that, add some layers of mercy and forgiveness. On top of all of that, imagine yourself putting on love which holds everything together. Then put on your clothes and you are ready for your day. If you have on all these things, then your words and actions will reflect those of Jesus and you will be living like his true follower. Let us pause and pray that all the members of our community may dress in this way each day so that we may truly be centred on Jesus."

Let us pray that we may clothe ourselves in compassion and kindness and always be willing to care for others. That we may clothe ourselves in gentleness and humility and treat others as we would like to be treated. That we clothe ourselves in patience and tolerance and be willing to be accepting, kind and generous people. That we clothe ourselves in forgiveness and love and be prepared to listen to the Spirit guiding us to help others. That clothed in these virtues, we build a Christian community that is filled with the peace and joy that Jesus brings.

I hope your term has started well and that your children are all happy to be back at school.

God Bless
Maria Matthews

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Learning Without Walls

In 'learning without walls' this term, the children will be exploring what they need to make them happy. We began the term by provoking children with videos and stories about what makes people happy, coming up with our own success criteria for well-being. Children are exploring what they can do around the school, that will allow themselves and others to take notice of everything around them, to be active, to continue to learn in different environments, and to connect with others, all whilst being kind and generous towards each other. We have had some incredible ideas so far from the students, including a mud kitchen, a music wall, a water slide, as well as wanting to create a proposal for a bike track. We're excited to help facilitate, to ensure our children expand their learning, whilst also building an understanding of the importance of well-being and what they need to help them be happy at school. If any members of our community would like to offer their time or expertise to assist students with their projects on a Tuesday then please email colbyw@sms.school.nz.



Colgate Community Garden Challenge

St Mary's is competing in the Colgate Community Garden Challenge! By recycling oral care waste, we're in the running to win a recycled community garden set. Please bring in toothpaste tubes, caps, floss containers, toothbrushes, any packaging and mouthwash bottles. In order to recycle these products properly, please make sure all excess product has been removed (i.e. leftover toothpaste or floss).

You can also help our school to earn extra points by voting at: <https://www.terracycle.co.nz/en-NZ/contests/colgategardenvoting>. When voting please type "Northcote" while searching for the school. We will be collecting these products for recycling until 8th November at the office.

'Need to know' Information

Key dates

2019

Term 4

Week 2

- 21/10 No carline Monday AM
2019 Yr6 students go to camp (*Mon return Thursday*)
- 24/10 Parent prayer group (*meet in the staffroom*), 8:15am-9:15am
No carline Thursday PM
Yr 6 students return from camp
APPA Choir rehearsal, Pt Chev Primary

Week 3

- 28/10 **No School - Labour Day**
- 29/10 **All students must be wearing summer uniform**
- 30/10 2020 Yr6 Camp information (*for those who were unable to attend the August meeting*), 8am-8:30am
Walking School Bus, meeting for parents 9am-10am
- 31/10 C1 – Trip to Kadimah School, 11am-12:45pm
- 1/11 All Saints Day - Whole School Mass, 9:15am-10:15am

Week 4

- 4/11 Christmas Market meeting (*in the staff room*), 7:15pm-9:15pm
- 5/11 Carmel Orientation Day, 9am-12:30pm
Rosmini Orientation Day, 9:30am-12:30pm
- 7/11 BoT meeting, 7pm-9pm
- 8/11 Whole School assembly, 10am-11am

Week 6

- 18/11 Pōwhiri and Liturgy, 9:15am-9:50am, all welcome
Christmas Market meeting (*in the staff room*), 7:15pm-9:15pm
- 20/11 Kids for Kids, Bruce Mason Theatre Takapuna, 7:30pm-9:30pm
- 21/11 D2 & D5 – Trip to Auckland Council Refuse & Recycling Centre, 9am-2pm
- 22/11 Whole School Assembly, 10am-11am
Onepoto Cultural Festival, 9am-3pm

Week 7

- 28/11 Parent prayer group (*meet in the staffroom*), 8:15am-9:15am

Week 8

- 2/12 Christmas Market meeting (*in the staff room*), 7:15pm-9:15pm
- 5/12 BoT meeting, 7pm-9pm

7/12 Christmas Market, 10am-2pm



Week 9

- 10/12 Years 3-6 Prizegiving ceremony, 9:30am-10:30am
Years 0-2 Prizegiving ceremony, 11:30am-12:30pm
- 12/12 Nativity – whole school, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Week 10

- 19/12 Parent prayer group (*meet in the staffroom*), 8:15am-9:15am
Year 6 Leavers Mass & Function, 5pm

Week 5

- 11/11 Whole School photo (*weather permitting*)
APPA Choir ONLY rehearsal, Auckland Town Hall (evening, time tbc)
- 12/11 C2 – Beach Ed Mairangi Bay Beach, 9am-3pm
APPA Music Festival, Auckland Town Hall, 6:45pm-9:30pm
- 13/11 C1 – Beach Ed Mairangi Bay Beach, 9am-3pm
- 14/11 Parent prayer group (*meet in the staffroom*), 8:15am-9:15am
C1 – Beach Ed Mairangi Bay Beach, 9am-3pm
- 17/11 Cultural Day – Parish/School Mass, 10:30am-11:30am

20/12 End of School Mass, 11:30am-12:30pm

School finishes: school will be Closed at 1pm
(please collect your child/ren on time)

2020

Term 1

Week 1

5/2 School begins at 8:55am

6/2 No School – Waitangi Day

For the sports key dates, please see the Student Activities Bulletin emailed on odd weeks

Important Notices

2020 Student Leaders - notice for students

It is the time of year when we are looking to appoint our student leaders for 2020. Our student leaders next year will lead assemblies, support Mrs Holly and the teachers in continuing to make our school a great place for everyone and learn about what good leaders do.

If you are interested in applying to be a leader in 2020, please send a letter or short video to Mrs Holly. You need to drop your letter into Mrs Toombs in the admin building or send her your video on suet@sms.school.nz.

We are really excited to receive your applications. **Deadline: Tuesday 12th November 2019**

APPA Music Festival

Ticketmaster has released unsold tickets from our festival night which parents may now go online and purchase. Here is the link to the page [Ticketmaster](#) St Mary's School performance evening is Tuesday 12 November 2019.____

All school pre-ordered tickets will be delivered in due course.

No Carline Week 2, Term 4

Due to the buses for our year 6 camp needing to be in the driveway, carline will be unavailable to all families on the afternoon of Thursday 24 October. The year 6 students are travelling back from camp and carline needs to be available for students and parents to be unloading bags and gear out of the buses.

Please allow time to park on the street and collect your children from classes on Thursday afternoon.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

School uniform

All students **MUST** be wearing summer uniform from next week. Shoes should be plain black school-style sandals. Hats **MUST** be worn during break times, please make sure your child's hat is labelled with your child/children's name(s).

2020 Class placements

Teachers have recently started looking at class placements for 2020. Placing children in classes is a very complex process, involving a large number of factors, not limited to academic and social considerations. We ask respectfully therefore, that you do not contact teachers or senior leaders to request a specific teacher or class for your child/ren for next year. The teachers have a good understanding of the learning and social needs of each child and are very carefully considering where each child will be placed in 2020. Class placements will be shared with you at the end of term and children will have the opportunity to spend some time with their new teachers in the last week of term. For children who need extra support, a transition process will be undertaken. This will help this very small number of children adapt to the change of teachers and support staff. We will contact you directly if this applies to your child.

Once placement decisions have been made at the end of the year, we do not change children's classes, as this can create a domino effect, affecting the placement of other children too. Should you feel that there are issues with placement after three weeks of school next year, we are more than happy to discuss these with you with a view to resolving them, as our aim is for every child to be happy, settled and able to learn.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Measles Outbreak

From 1 January 2019 to 18 October 2019 there have been 1886 confirmed cases of measles notified across New Zealand. 1523 of these confirmed cases are in the Auckland region. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very serious. You can find information in this [link](#) on what symptoms to look out for, how to best protect yourself and others, as well as what actions to take if you've been in contact with someone with measles.

If you are concerned about measles call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or call your GP. Please do not just turn up to your GP, after hours or emergency department as you could potentially infect others.

Ezlunch

Ezlunch deliver lunches to school each week on Tuesday (sushi) and Friday (pita pit). Please follow the [link](#) to see how to make your order. Menu is [here](#)



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Our preferred time and day is Tuesdays, 2.30pm-3pm
