

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 Adelina S, Sophia O, Isla M, Luc C and their families.**

After a very busy Term Three, it is hard to believe that we are about to break before coming back for the final term of the year. We had a wonderful celebration of our successes at last week's assembly. So many of our children have enjoyed academic, cultural, arts and sporting success this term and we congratulate them all for their outstanding achievements.

We are looking forward to the mission fair on Thursday at 12pm. The children have been working really hard to produce wares for the fair and there is a buzz of anticipation across the school this week, as they put the final touches to their products. I love that this act of service to raise funds for De Paul House, is also closely linked to the learning the children are doing in technology, maths, English and a number of other curriculum areas. Please come along to the fair on Thursday if you have the opportunity, and please also pray for good weather on the day.

The senior leadership team and I have been holding data conversations with teachers this week to discuss the learning and progress of each child in the school. Our teachers work so hard to ensure they know their learners well and meet their needs so that they can each make progress across the curriculum. It is always great to hold the data conversations and see the joy the teachers experience when a child who has struggled in their learning, suddenly begins to make progress and grows in confidence in their learning. As this term draws to an end, I would like to acknowledge my whole staff for their work, and thank them for the many ways in which they go above and beyond for the children in our school. We believe in 'our not my' learners at St Mary's and work collaboratively to support every child to achieve. In that vein, we would also like to acknowledge and thank you, our parents and whānau, for the many ways you have supported us in this very important work.

I hope that you all have an opportunity to spend some quality time with your child/ren this break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back at school on Monday 14th October at 8:55am. Please also remember that we will begin the term with a Pōwhiri/liturgy at 9:15am to welcome our new students and their families.

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

Michelle Holly  
Tumuaki/ Principal

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# Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded 'Great Learner' certificates in

## Week 8 Term 3:

C1 Neve H, C1 Amelia H, C1 Dylan G, C2 Matilda G, C2 Lauren S, C3 Alex GB, C3 Jonathon K, C3 Jonty C, C4 Arabella H, C4 John L, D1 Luke R, D2 Eva W, D3 Lewis C, D4 Carol W, D5 Alex O, D5 Dominic E, D6 Alex H

## Week 9 Term 3:

C1 Diego F, C1 Elizabeth F, C1 Isabelle B, C2 Gabby C, C2 John H, C3 Andy Tran, C3 Esther L, C3 Hana M, C4 Briana B, C4 Saoirse OF, D1 Jeanluca T, D2 Samara A, D3 Jonathan K, D4 Lily-Anne R, D5 Kataraina ST, D5 Thomas D, D6 Aidan O

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## In and around our school in pictures



Congratulations to the winners of the St Mary's speech competition for 2019



Thank you C4 for your wonderful efforts and the money that you raised for De Paul house



All the St Mary's School competitors put in a huge effort at the Catholic Schools Cross Country Competition last week

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## A Message from the DRS

There will be a third and final registration for the upcoming Sacramental Programme, where your child will make their first reconciliation, first holy communion and be confirmed. Your child must be 8 years old and already baptised. Please bring along proof of your child's baptism and \$30 to cover the cost of the programme. The registration is an hour long and is for parents only, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm. The programme itself will be starting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call the parish office. There will be no further registrations after this date.

[mariama@sms.school.nz](mailto:mariama@sms.school.nz).

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# 'Need to know' Information

## Key dates

### 2019

#### Week 10

- 24/9 Sports/Cultural teams and new students to St Mary's photos
- 25/9 2019 Yr 6 Camp - parent information evening – current Year 6 parents ONLY, 5:30pm-6:30pm  
Christmas Market parent meeting, 6:30pm, in the staffroom
- 26/9 Mission Fair, 12pm



**27/9 Math-a-thon money due in today.  
Loud Shirt Day!  
End of Term 3, normal school finish  
2:55pm**

### Term 4

#### Week 1

**14/10 Term 4 begins, 8:55am**

Summer or winter uniform may be worn  
Pōwhiri to welcome new students,  
9:15am, all are welcome

17/10 Sausage Sizzle

18/10 Whole School, athletics fun day

#### Week 2

21/10 2019 Yr6 students go to Camp

#### Week 3

28/10 Labour Day, no school

30/10 2020 Yr6 Camp information meeting for those unable to attend the August meeting, 8am-8:30am

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

## Scratchpad

A reminder to all families to sign up for Term Four Scratchpad lunchtime sessions.



## 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.

# Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy

Last week St Mary's celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, we had a great time improving our te reo! Some classes had daily competitions to see who can use the most te reo in their class, and others have been enjoying some classic kiwi stories in te reo, tino pai Miss Winspear! We have also been exploring Māori performance arts including poi, rākau and waiata.

Our Kapa Haka is very excited as we have also confirmed our registration for the Onepoto Festival in Term Four, if anyone is interested in joining the group, they should see Miss O'Brien or join us on a Tuesday lunchtime in C3! He tino pai tō mahi St Mary's!



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## Important Notices

### 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 morning of Monday 21 October and the afternoon of Thursday 24 October. The year 6 students are travelling in coaches to Rotorua for camp, and the carline will need to be available for students and parents to be loading and unloading bags and gear in and out of the buses.

Please allow time to park on the street to drop off your students on Monday morning, and collect your children from classes on Thursday afternoon.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

### Loud Shirt Day

On Friday 27 September, students can wear their loudest outfit and make a donation to The Hearing House.

Loud Shirt Day is an annual event held every September, and is all about getting loud and raising funds to help deaf children learn to listen and speak.

Thank you for your support in this important fundraiser.

### School uniform

From the start of Term 4, students have the option of wearing winter or summer uniform. From Labour Day, Week Three, all students should be in summer uniform. We have noticed that a number of children are currently wearing incorrect shoes. Shoes should be black leather school shoes in the winter and in the summer, students should wear 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).

### Year 6 Camp Fee - 2019

Please be aware the Year 6 camp fee of \$275 is due to be paid by this Thursday, 26 September 2019. We thank those parents who have already paid.

### Measles Outbreak

From 1 January 2019 to 23 September 2019, there have been 1419 confirmed cases of measles notified across New Zealand. 1180 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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### Term 3 Mass Roster

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### 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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