

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 Katelyn J, Imogen M, Josef P, Alex H, Emma F, Tracy S, Linda L, Andy L, Anne C, Anamaria W, Tobias A, Oscar S and their families and to our new staff Jenny and Marie.

It is lovely to welcome a number of new children and staff to our school this term and this was made extra special for all of us last Monday, by being able to do so through our first formal pōwhiri and liturgy. It was even better, that our students led both elements of this beautiful welcome in two of our three official languages. We look forward to making this a regular part of what we do at our school.

On Wednesday last week, Mrs Matthews and I had the great pleasure of accompanying three of our lovely students and their whānau to the annual Catholic Caring Foundation Mass, where they were recognised by Bishop Pat for the compassion they show to other members of our school community. Well done to Leighton, Sam and Justin. You make us proud, as do so many of our wider community, both students and adults, who show caring and compassion in so many ways.

It has certainly been a very busy start to the term. Other than the Pōwhiri and the Mass, we also held a sausage sizzle last week. Teachers have been involved in data conversations and appraisal discussions, Our APPA choir has attended one of the many practices they participate in over the year, to prepare for their end-of-year performance at Auckland Town Hall and our chess team has taken part in a cluster chess competition. At the weekend, a number of our students, under the tutelage of Ben Fernandez, also opened the Starlight Talent Festival. WOW! What an awesome start to the term and what awesome talent we have at our school, students, teachers and whānau! I can't wait to see what other amazing things will be achieved at St Mary's over this term - watch this space!

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

Michelle Holly
Tumuaki/ Principal

A Message from the DRS

As a part of our Catholic character, we seek to serve our communities. We are always looking for ways to make the children aware of this, within our school, parish and community. Thank you to all who contributed to our appeal for Dopusz School, in Bouganville. The children raised over \$600 which will go towards buying school supplies and upgrading the building so it meets health and safety standards. At present the school is closed and the children have been unable to go to school.



We plan to continue our acts of service with two more drives. In September we have our annual can drive, where the children will be asked to bring in cans of food to help fill the food banks for St Vincent de Paul. This will help them alleviate some of the pressure on them before Christmas.

As a part of our St Mary's celebration, on the 15th of August, we are asking the children to bring items for de Paul House. They are lacking supplies of toiletries such as soaps, toothpaste, brushes and shampoos. Food items required are tins of fish, spreads, breakfast cereals, sauces, soups and canned vegetables and fruits. They have kindly asked for no baked beans and spaghetti as they already have too many. We would greatly appreciate any of the above to help others in need. What better way to celebrate our feast day?

Congratulations

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

Week 10 Term 2:

C1 Leifro L, C1 Georgia A, C1 Jacob I, C2 Kiera S, C2 Caitlyn C, C3 Maison F, C3 Harry L, C3 Evelyn OB, C4 Nikita T, C4 Olivia C, D2 Amanda O, D3 Elsie L, D4 Ava Culph, D5 Charlie W, D5 Agahiki L, D6 Pilar C

Week 1 Term 3:

C1 Sofia P, C1 Hugo B, C1 Michael G, C2 Alby D, C2 Nina O, C3 Lucas M, C3 Harry L, C3 Joseph R, C4 Jaden V, C4 Ethan D, D3 Yza V, D4 Nadine M, D5 Koreen R, D5 Anne C, D6 Yitong X

In and around our school in pictures



Last Monday we welcomed new staff and students in our start of term Pōwhiri and liturgy



Bishop Patrick with our recipients of awards at the Catholic Caring mass

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'Need to know' Information

Key dates

2019

Week 2

- 1/8 Parent Prayer meeting, 8:55am-9:25am *in the staffroom*
BoT meeting, 7pm-9pm

Week 3

- 9/8 Whole School Assembly, 10am-11am
Winter Wonderland Disco (kids only),
Yrs 0-3, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Yrs 4-6, 7pm-9pm

Week 4

- 13/8 Scholastic Book Club, book orders close
15/8 St Mary's Day – Whole School Mass,
9:15am-10:15am

Week 5

- 22/8 Parent Prayer meeting, 8:55am-9:25am *in the staffroom*

Week 6

- 27/8 Digital Technology & Hangarau Matihiko -
Cyber Safety, parent meeting, 5pm-6pm *in the staffroom*
30/8 Whole School Assembly, 10am-11am

Week 7

- 2/9 APPA Choir ONLY Pt Chev rehearsal,
9:30am-1pm

Week 8

- Social Justice week
12/9 BoT meeting, 7pm-9pm

Week 9

- 19/9 Parent Prayer meeting, 8:55am-9:25am *in the staffroom*
20/9 Whole School Assembly, 10am-11am
22/9 Parish and School Mass, 10:30am-11:30am

Week 10

- 25/9 Camp - parent information evening,
5:30pm-6:30pm

**27/9 End of Term 3, normal school finish
2:55pm**

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

Important Notices

Measles

Measles outbreak in Auckland

UPDATE: As at 12PM, 30 July there have been 291 confirmed cases of measles this year

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 all your GP. Please do not just turn up to your GP, after hours or emergency department as you could potentially infect others.

Scholastic Book Club - term 3

The Book Club Issue 5 brochure will be sent home with your child/ren today. To order your book simply visit scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or download the Scholastic Loop app from the app store where you can place your order directly online. Please note: your order will be sent with the schools order after the closing date. Alternatively, you can send your order in an envelope labeled with your child's name and class to the school office.

Please be aware, our preferred payment is by internet ASB 12-3053-0369198-01 referenced child's name/Scholastic or at the school office by EFTPOS.

Closing date for orders is Tuesday 13 August 2019.

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](#)

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.

This term we'll meet in the school staffroom at 8.55am on Thursday, 1 August, 22 August and 19 September 2019. All welcome including preschoolers, babies, extended family.

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



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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 yummier 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!"

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- 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

Term 3 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.

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