

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 Noah S and his family.**

We are looking forward to our school feast day this Thursday. August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, and because Our Lady is the patron saint of New Zealand, it is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics in New Zealand. St Mary is also the patron saint of our school, and so, we have our feast day on the 15th August too. We will hold a whole-school mass on Thursday at 11:30 am and you are warmly invited to come along and celebrate with us. Please [follow this link](#) for further information about the Feast of the Assumption.

A number of our children recently took part in the cluster rippa rugby tournament. Thank you to the parents who came along to help and support the children on this day. Reports are that our children demonstrated our charism, by showing great sportsmanship during their games. Well done to all who took part!

On Monday next week, at 9:15am, we will be welcoming new students and families to our school, with a Pōwhiri and liturgy. This is a lovely way to start at a new school (I still remember my first Pōwhiri in New Zealand). I encourage you to come along and help us welcome these new members of our community. We will have a light morning tea in the staffroom at the end of the Pōwhiri and all are welcome to come along.

Next week, we will be beginning our Term 3 fundraiser by distributing math-a-thon sheets to every child. A letter has already been sent out to you about this. The sheets will contain a number of maths basic facts at your child's level, that we encourage them to learn over the next few weeks. We hope that the math-a-thon will have two great outcomes:

- A focus on developing maths knowledge for every child
- The raising of much-needed funds for the replacement of the matting under our junior and senior playgrounds (about \$40K) and further planting in Tane's Trail, so that it can increasingly be used as a learning resource.

Should you have any questions about this fundraiser, please contact Charlotte Borowski on [charlotteb@sms.school.nz](mailto:charlotteb@sms.school.nz).

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 2 Term 3:

C1 Angel S, C1 Izack V, C1 Latai T, C2 Summer MS, C2 Aimee M, C3 Natsu B, C3 Michael W, C3 Benjamin W, C4 Lola C, C4 Callum P, D3 Alex R, D4 Nathan M, D5 Joshua H, D5 Willa D, D6 Billie R

### Week 3 Term 3:

C1 Iyana R, C1 Callum K, C1 Jaden A, C2 Lola F, C2 Tai B, C3 Ezekial M, C3 Tobias AW, C3 Holly H, C4 Joseph D, C4 Wonny C, D2 Ayuri O, D3 Mia H, D4 Augustina H, D5 Quinton W, D5 Ryder L, D6 Isabella M

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## A message from the DRS

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FIRST RECONCILIATION/ CONFIRMATION/ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MARY'S PARISH

If your child will be 8 years old or older on 1st November 2019, and has yet to receive the above sacraments, please register him/her for the next sacramental programme, beginning on the last weekend in October.

To register you will need to attend only one of the following sessions, either on Tuesday 19th August at 7 to 8.30pm in the Foley Centre, or Sunday 25th August at 11.45am in the Parish Hall.

The children do not need to attend, as these sessions are for ADULTS ONLY. If your child was not baptised at St Mary's you will need to bring along their baptismal certificate. There is a charge of \$50 per child. This will cover the books for all three Sacraments, photos of the Confirmation/ First Holy Communion liturgies and the celebration supper afterwards.

Please note, we do not take registrations online, or via the phone, as the registration session is an important information/teaching session. If you require any further information please call 09 480 7357 or [email:info@northcotecatholic.org.nz](mailto:info@northcotecatholic.org.nz)

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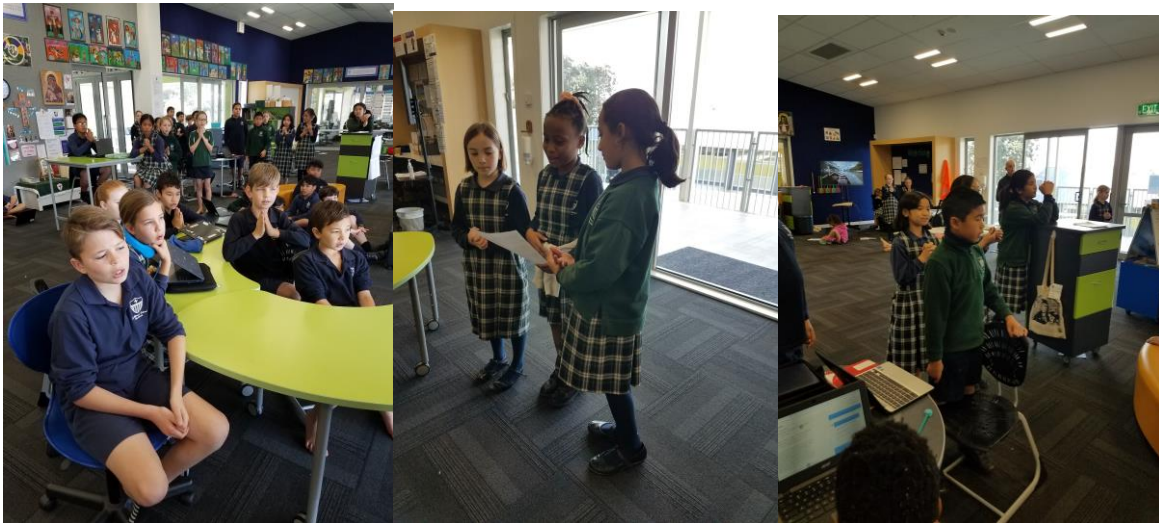
## In and around our school in pictures



Our St Mary's School band at the Starlight Festival.



Last Friday was a night of fun and excitement at the Winter Wonderland Disco.



A decade of the Rosary each day for Bishop Pat, celebrating his 25th anniversary.

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## Thank you for your support

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# 'Need to know' Information

## Key dates

<p><b>2019</b></p> <p><b>Week 4</b> 15/8 St Mary's Day – Whole School Mass, 11:30am-12:30pm</p> <p><b>Week 5</b> 21/8 2020 Yr6 Camp meeting – current Year 5 parents ONLY, 5pm-6pm 22/8 Parent Prayer meeting, 8:55am-9:25am <i>in the staffroom</i></p> <p><b>Week 6</b> 27/8 Digital Technology &amp; Hangarau Matihiko - Cyber Safety, parent meeting, 5pm-6pm <i>in the staffroom</i> 30/8 Whole School Assembly, 10am-11am</p> <p><b>Week 7</b> 2/9 APPA Choir ONLY Pt Chev rehearsal, 9:30am-1pm 4/9 2020 Yr5 Te Hana meeting – current Year 4 parents ONLY, 5pm-6pm</p>	<p><b>Week 8</b> ♦ Social Justice week ♦ 12/9 Sports/Cultural teams and new students to St Mary's photos BoT meeting, 7pm-9pm</p> <p><b>Week 9</b> 17/9 Parent Learning Conversations, code <b>d922t</b> 18/9 Math-a-thon challenge at St Mary's School 19/9 Parent Learning Conversations, code <b>d922t</b> Parent Prayer meeting, 8:55am-9:25am <i>in the staffroom</i> 20/9 Whole School Assembly, <i>time to be advised</i> 22/9 Parish and School Mass, 10:30am-11:30am</p> <p><b>Week 10</b> 25/9 2019 Yr 6 Camp - parent information evening – current Year 6 parents ONLY, 5:30pm-6:30pm</p> <p><b>27/9 End of Term 3, normal school finish 2:55pm</b></p>
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- For the sports and activities key dates, please see the Student Activities Bulletin emailed on odd weeks.

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## Important Notices

### Learning Conversations

Learning conversations will take place on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 18th September 2019. These conversations are a further opportunity for parents or caregivers to meet with teacher/s regarding their child's learning progress and next steps.

The bookings are now live for you to book a time with your child's teacher/s. Please go to

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the event code **d922t**. Please then follow the online instructions to make your preferred booking.

### Enterprise Education

Our Term 3 learning focus is on enterprise education and our students will be learning how people make decisions about resources they use in business. This is part of the social sciences curriculum and students will learn about economic activity. During the term we shall be studying how this happens in the real world and put this into practice through our Enterprise 4 Kids programme. All the students' products will be presented and sold in our school mission fair which will take place on Thursday 26 September 2019. You are all warmly invited to attend this special event in our school year. All proceeds from the fair are donated to de Paul House, to support them as they work to provide a great Christmas for families in our community who may be struggling at a time of year that can be challenging for many people.

We have recently sent an email home, asking for some supplies that will support the children in this learning. We are looking for the following items:

**Materials list:**

Paper clips Foil Scrap wood Dowels Cardboard Bubble wrap Marbles Paintbrushes Knobs Photo frames Plastic bags Glitter Cotton Newspaper	Empty thread spools Glue Beads, Old jewellery Broken toys Paper plates Feathers Tape Ice block sticks Sandpaper (different grades needed) Wool Felt Cellophane	Tin cans Nails Tacks Wire String Spring-type clothes Pegs Pegs - wooden Plant cuttings Plant pots Soil Paper straws Fishing line Paper bags Craft scraps	Balloons Magnets Material scraps Springs Toothpicks Modelling clay Rubber bands Parts of old machines Packaging materials Glue gun sticks Paint Candles (new and used) Jars Thin wire (like florist's wire)
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If you are able to donate any of the items on this list, please drop them off at the school office. Your support is very much appreciated.

**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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### 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](mailto:office@sms.school.nz).  
Our preferred time and day is Tuesdays, 2.30pm-3pm

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