

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 Jeanluca T, Luke R, Ophelia N, Shreya M and Siddarth M and their families.

We are excited to be a school that is providing so many opportunities for its students to grow and develop. We have an extensive co-curricular programme and increasing opportunities for children to join clubs during school time. I hope you are enjoying reading the new format student activities newsletter. This is an important communication. Published fortnightly, it shares lots of information about our students' successes in a variety of sporting, cultural and arts activities and also informs you about registration for new and upcoming activities. It is worth taking a look through it when it arrives in your inbox. Should you have any ideas about activities you would like us to consider putting in place for our children, please email Lisa Judge on lisaj@sms.school.nz.

You will have received your child/ren's math-a-thon sheet last week, along with their sponsorship form. We are really looking forward to seeing all of our children grow their maths knowledge over the next few weeks, as they learn the facts in preparation for their maths challenge. Please practise these facts with your child/ren - it is a perfect way to do a little extra maths each day for a good cause.

We had a very interesting digital technologies parent meeting last night. The content was based on requests from those who attended and focused on an explanation of the new digital technologies learning area of the New Zealand Curriculum, as well as a range of information about our Cybersmart curriculum and ways of keeping our children safe online. We will share the slide show on our website for anyone who is interested in learning more about these topics.

If you have a child in the junior school, we are also holding some workshops next Wednesday, 4 September 2019 that we hope will help you to learn a little more about what we teach in this part of the school and how we teach it. Our intention is to build a strong partnership with you, so that we can support each other in ensuring each child is able to be successful at school. We look forward to seeing you at these workshops.

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 4 Term 3

C1 Maria T, C1 Dylan G, C1 Jack A, C2 Kate B, C2 John H, C3 Luke B, C3 Zoe DR, C3 Chloris W
C4 Leah B, C4 Lily A, D2 Anastasja M, D3 Michelle H, D4 Chloe H, D5 Mataius S, D5 Charlotte W,
D6 Phoenix T

Week 5 Term 3:

C1 Kallyn T, C1 Pearl E, C1 Amelia W, C2 David B, C2 Raffie DT, C3 Amelia V, C3 James L,
C3 Franco C, C4 Stella P, C4 Annie H, D1 Luke R, D2 Dobrosława K, D3 Billy H, D4 Joeden R,
D5 Ezekiel P, D5 Morella B, D6 Katie J

In and around our school in pictures



On



Monday 19 August 2019, we warmly welcomed our newest students and their families at our Pōwhiri and liturgy

A Message from the DRS

We are very fortunate at this school to have many opportunities to serve others in different ways. Our Special Character Group is very active and enthusiastic. They are constantly looking for ways to serve others and make a difference in people's lives. When celebrating our special feast day, they had great fun baking 400 cupcakes for all our pupils. Our latest activity is to collect cans to top up the St Vincent De Paul food banks before the Christmas rush. This drive is Auckland-wide, and rapidly spreading; an initiative started by a fellow DRS to fill an increasing need in our communities. Last year just over 20,000 cans were collected and this year we are trying to get to 25,000. This will feed 160 families for some time. Please look through your cupboards and see if you have a tin someone else could use. Please, no out of date food or rusted tins.

If you can think of ways our children can serve others in our community please feel free to contact me on mariama@sms.school.nz.



'Need to know' Information

Key dates

2019	
Week 6	
27/8	Digital Technology Hangarau Matihiko - Cyber Safety, parent meeting, 5pm-6pm <i>in the staffroom</i>
30/8	Whole School Assembly, 10am-11am
Week 7	
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 Junior School parent workshops, 3:30pm-7:30pm
Week 8	
	◆ Social Justice week ◆
12/9	Sports/Cultural teams and new students to St Mary's photos BoT meeting, 7pm-9pm
14/9	Tane's Trail Working Bee, 10am-12:30pm
Week 9	
17/9	Parent Learning Conversations, code d922t
18/9	Math-a-thon challenge at St Mary's School
19/9	Parent Learning Conversations, code d922t 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
Week 10	
25/9	2019 Yr 6 Camp - parent information evening – current Year 6 parents ONLY, 5:30pm-6:30pm
26/9	Mission Fair, 9am-3pm
27/9	End of Term 3, normal school finish 2:55pm

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

Transition To School

Our D1 class successfully opened this week with a beautiful Pōwhiri and liturgy to welcome our learners.

As part of our strategic goals, we have been building a relationship with Northcote Kindergarten and have been lucky enough to recently have a small group of preschoolers come and visit us. This is an

opportunity to allow these tamariki to explore our school and create a connection with us before they begin their formal visits.

We are excited to invite all junior school parents to an evening about how you can help your child's learning at home on **Wednesday the 4th of September 2019**. Further information will be made available this week.



North Shore Young Leaders Forum 2019

On Wednesday 21 August a group of Saint Mary's School Year 5 students attended the North Shore Young Leaders Forum. This day was an opportunity for our students to participate in different activities using leadership resources, think about how they can make a positive impact in their daily lives as leaders and reflect on the meaning of leadership through listening to the stories of current and former leaders. This is a snapshot from the students' comments:

Quillan D

"I learnt that leadership isn't all about telling other people what to do, it's about making things the best for your group."

Melissa H

"I learned that alone we can do so little but together we can do so much. I also learned that one small action can make a big change."

Henry K

"Melissa Ingram had a saying, 'Dream it, believe it, achieve it'. This made me think it might not be sport like Melissa but your passion is what you want."

Jaden A

"I learned a quote that I think I will live by for the rest of my life, 'Dream it, believe it, achieve it'. Those few words tell me that if a dream stays a dream it will never be reality, which is a message that empowers me to put my dreams in action and I think that is a great message."

Ella T

"I learnt today about the butterfly effect is when one person does something and others join them and it starts duplicating, creating a group or a team. I had lots of fun. It was inspiring and interesting to learn about. We got taught that no matter how young or old you are, we can make a difference! I hope to go there again!"

Sofia P

"I learnt that everyone, even as kids, can make a difference to our world."

Geordi B

"I learnt that to be a leader you have to understand each others' point of view, and be yourself. Understand everybody because you don't know if they are having a hard time. Make a difference. The quote I loved was, 'Dream it, believe it, achieve it'."

Grace L

"I learned that we don't have to be the big boss to be a leader but anything we do could make an impact on our lives."



Some of our Year 5 students were selected to attend the North Shore Young Leaders Forum at Kristin School last week. They enjoyed some entertaining and informative speakers.

Auckland Girls' Choir

The Auckland Girls' Choir ("Choir") would like to extend an invitation to girls from St Mary's School (Northcote) school to audition for our 2020 intake.

The Auckland Girls' Choir has a proud tradition spanning more than 20 years, and was established to provide accessible, enriching choral experiences for girls aged 9 to 18 years of age from the greater Auckland region. To date, the choir has attracted girls from over 50 different schools, reflecting the rich ethnic and socio-economic diversity of the greater Auckland region.

As a training choir, The Auckland Girls' Choir is unique. Not only do we focus on healthy vocal production, choral technique, artistry, and performance skills, but all choristers also engage in a leveled musicianship program to enable every girl to be the strongest musician she can be. In the process, confidence, an enhanced sense of self-worth, self-discipline, teamwork, leadership skills, perseverance and the desire for excellence are proactively fostered.

Girls in the Choir also develop a strong sense of commitment to community service via performances in various civic and community events throughout Auckland each year. These civic performances not only provide the opportunity to perform, but also highlight the importance of giving back to the community, healthy respect for community leaders, and valuing the contributions and sacrifices that many have made to create Auckland into the city it is today.

Membership in The Auckland Girls' Choir is via an audition where vocal fluency, musicianship, and overall potential will be assessed. If accepted into the Choir, girls are expected to attend weekly choir rehearsals that span the regular school year. Attendance at a separate weekend workshop in each of the four school terms is also required, as well as full commitment to all performance engagements.

There is a limited number of need and merit based scholarships available for the 2020 intake, supported and sponsored by the Friends of the Auckland Girls' Choir to increase the accessibility and opportunities for talented girls to join the Choir.

The first round of auditions for our 2020 intake are:

- Saturday, September 14, 9am to 4pm
- Saturday, September 21, 1pm to 4pm
- Saturday, September 28, 9am to 12.30pm

We warmly welcome girls from your school interested in becoming a member of The Auckland Girls' Choir to apply to audition.

https: //www.akgirlschoir.co.nz/auditions
Email: agcinfo@akgirlschoir.co.nz

[Application Form](#)
[Audition Information](#)

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Important Notices

Parking

Snap Fitness on Onewa Road have raised concerns about St Mary's School parents and caregivers parking in customer car parks. A reminder to please not use the car parks of businesses surrounding our school when dropping off or collecting your children at the beginning or end of the day.

As we have also asked on many occasions, for reasons of safety, please do not use the church car park or the staff car park at any time. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Measles Outbreak

So far this year, a total of 754 measles cases were confirmed in New Zealand between 1 January and 23 August. As of 16 August, 237 people with measles had been hospitalised.

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.

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.

Our last meeting this term, in the school staffroom is at 8.55am on Thursday 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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2019 Term dates

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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
