



# St Mary's School

Te Kura o Hato Mere

**Newsletter: Term 2 Week 7**  
**Thursday 28 May 2020**

## Principal's View

Tena Koutou, Kumusta, Talofa lava

It was so awesome to welcome all of our students back at the beginning of Alert Level 2 on Monday 18 May. The neighbours of the school will have noticed that the sounds of laughter and excitement have increased dramatically in the past few weeks. Students were very happy to see their friends and teachers after a long break away during the lockdown. They are relaxed and show little anxiety or worry following our nationwide lockdown. This is no doubt due to the excellent support they have received at home from you and the support they get from our experienced staff. On the whole our students have adjusted exceptionally well to school life again with the changes we have made due to COVID-19. They now hand sanitise upon entering and exiting the classrooms and before they eat. They have learnt the importance of trying to keep their distance from others when it is practical and to cover their sneezes and coughs with their elbow.

On a slightly different note I would like to thank you all for quickly adjusting to our contact tracing requirements. Many of you are using our school app to check in and check out of the school. This saves a lot of time and ensures that our contact tracing information is accurate. I hope that you all enjoy a well earned break over the long weekend.

Manaaki te Atua (God Bless)

David O'Neill  
Principal





## Birthdays

28/05 Thursday  
EVELYN Rm3

29/05 Friday  
OLIVIA Rm5



\* 06/06 Saturday  
VENUS Rm3

08/06 Monday  
ALIYAH Rm5

## Upcoming Events

Fri 3 July

Last Day of Term 2

Mon 20 July

Term 3 Begins

## Contact Tracing using our School App



Many thanks to all of our parents and caregivers who are using our school app to check in and check out of the school when entering the school grounds. We are encouraging as many parents and caregivers as possible to come into the school grounds so that congestion in the car park can be reduced. If you have not already updated our school app to give the check in feature, you can do this through updates on your phone or re-download the app using this QR code.

## Welcome to St Mary's

We welcome the following students to St Mary's:

Anna - R1

Kyle - R1

Mila - R2

## New Chromebooks

At our Board of Trustees meeting last night our board approved the purchase of 20 new chromebooks. We are excited about this as they will enable more students to have the use of a chromebook in their learning.

## Lunchonline

Thursday: Cuzina Filipino

Friday: Sushi Factory and Subway

Lunchonline is available again for ordering. If you would like to order your child's lunch, go to our website or app and click on the lunchonline link. Follow the instructions to create an account if you don't already have one. Food must be ordered by 8.30am on the day of delivery.

## School Polar Fleece

We currently have limited stock of new polar fleece. Currently we have sizes 4, 6 and 10. We are waiting on an order of new stock which should be here in about 4 weeks.

## Queen's Birthday Holiday

No School

Monday 1 June

## Carpark Safety

Due to the large amount of parents and caregivers congregating in the school carpark at the end of the school day we have noticed that congestion has increased. Whilst everyone has been patient and careful it is not an ideal situation. We strongly recommend that where possible all parents and caregivers come into the school grounds to collect their children at the end of the day. It only takes a few seconds to check in using our school app and there is enough space in the school grounds for parents to feel safe with the social distancing requirements. Please help us to reduce congestion in the carpark area.

## Mr Whippy Visit

Yesterday we had Mr Whippy visit. This was a double celebration - to celebrate our school feast day, Mary Help of Christians, which was on Monday and to celebrate us all being back at school after the COVID-19 lockdown.



## Yr 7 & 8 Technology

Technology at Christchurch East begins again tomorrow, 29 May for our year 7&8 students.

## Our Mission is:

*To provide a Catholic Education which encourages all students to realise their full potential in the family, community and society.*

