



St Mary's School

Te Kura o Hato Mere

Newsletter: Term 4 Week 4 Thursday 5 November 2020



Tumuaki's/Principal's View

Tena koutou, kumusta, talofa lava

You can always tell how friendly schools are by the way their students greet strangers and visitors. I have had countless visitors to our school tell me of how our students always greet them with a friendly smile and will sometimes even open and close the gate for them. Often visitors will tell me that this friendly and polite welcome is not one they receive at other schools which is a bit sad really. It does make me very proud of our students at St Mary's for the way that they live out the Gospel values of Jesus on a daily basis. Jesus always welcomed the stranger and showed compassion to and interest in people. Indeed the bible references this in Romans 15:7 'Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.'

Our school should be a welcoming place for all and we always try to instill this important value into our students. As Catholics we are called to welcome others and we want our students to take this important value with them into adulthood so that they may make it a lifelong behaviour. It all starts with a friendly smile.

May God bless you and protect you

David O'Neill
Principal

Congratulations to the following students who received Principal's Awards:

Principal's Awards 2 Nov



Florence, Diego,
Thea, Olivia
& Ethan

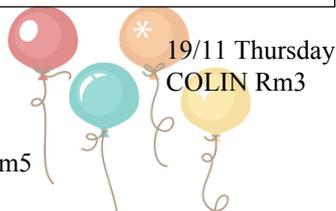
Show Day Fri 13 Nov

NO SCHOOL

Birthdays

15/11 Sunday
OLIVIA Rm1

17/11 Tuesday
CLARENCE Rm5



19/11 Thursday
COLIN Rm3

Literacy Quiz

16 of our year 5-8 students will compete at St Francis of Assisi School next Wednesday. They will leave school at 9.30am and travel by bus, returning at 2.30pm. Our students have been reading novels and working hard to prepare for this event.

Attendance Dues 2021

Attendance dues for 2021 are set at \$412.00 per student for the year (\$103.00 per term) and are payable to the Catholic Cathedral Parish. These can be delivered to Mrs Colleen Carr at the parish office or paid via internet banking into the Cathedral Parish's bank account.

Cathedral Parish Bank Account Number:

03-1592-0602201-22

Please use your child's name as a reference when paying online. If you wish you may set up a regular internet bank transfer into the parish's bank account.

Parish office hours are 8.30am – 12.00pm Monday,

8.30am – 2pm Tuesday - Friday

Email: office@cathedralparish.nz

Ph. 379-1068



Upcoming Events

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| Fri 6 Nov | School Photos |
| Wed 11 Nov | Literacy Quiz |
| Fri 13 Nov | SHOW DAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Wed 18 Nov | Y7&8 Camp |
| Thurs 19 Nov | Y7&8 Camp |
| Fri 20 Nov | Y7&8 Camp |
| Mon 23 Nov | Special Choir - Jubilate |
| Wed 25 Nov | Piano Students Concert 2pm |
| Mon 7 Dec | Y8 Dinner |
| Thurs 10 Dec | Final Mass |
| Fri 11 Dec | Last Day of Term 4 |
| Mon 1 Feb 2021 | FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2021 |

Term Dates for 2021

Term 1: 1 February - 16 April

Term 2: 3 May – 9 July

Term 3: 26 July – 1 October

Term 4: 18 October – 14 December

Pre Enrolment of Siblings

The number of spaces remaining on our school roll in upcoming years is limited. If you have a child who is turning 5 that you would like to attend St Mary's that you haven't already advised us about can you please make sure you talk to Mr O'Neill or Mrs Odams otherwise there may be no space for your child.

Year 7 and 8 Camp to Woodend

Each year our Year 7 and 8 students go on a 3 day camp as part of our Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) Programme. For many students this is one of the highlights of their time at St Mary's School. Some of the activities are challenging and others build relationships and confidence.

Some of the activities we will be involved in are listed below:

- Air rifle shooting/Archery
- Climbing wall
- Flying Fox
- Orienteering
- Go-cart
- Mini Golf
- Team related course
- Waterslide
- Aerojump trampolines
- Helping prepare meals

Our Mission is:

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

