



St Mary's School

Te Kura o Hato Mere

Newsletter: Term 3 Week 9
Rapare, 17 o Mahuru i te tau 2020 te ra



Tumuaki's/Principal's View

Tena koutou, kumusta, talofa lava

On Tuesday night I was very privileged to be able to attend the Dancing Like the Stars performance at the Isaac Theatre Royal. 40 of our students from years 5-7 have spent this term learning a tango from professional dance teachers. This is the 5th year our school has been involved with this awesome YMCA initiative. Dance is an important part of our health and physical education curriculum and improves coordination, fitness, rhythm, confidence, memory and so many other skills too numerous to mention. During the term I have noticed a big upswing in confidence from all of the students who have been involved with Dancing Like the Stars. It was very evident on Tuesday night that all of the students thoroughly enjoyed performing on stage, albeit to a limited audience due to COVID-19 restrictions. I was talking to the director of Dancing Like the Stars after the performance and he told me that there were over 2000 viewers who were watching the livestream, which is incredible. I am very much looking forward to being involved in this excellent programme again next year, as are our students and teachers.

This is the last newsletter for the term and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and enjoyable term break.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki, e tiaki
May God bless you and protect you

David O'Neill
 Principal

Principal's Awards 7 Sept



Darragh, Khaylan,
 Joanna, Mia
 & Sinead

Principal's Awards 14 Sept



Clarence, Samantha,
 Esme, Bryan
 & Julia



Upcoming Events

Fri 25 Sept Last Day of Term 3- 3.00pm Finish

Mon 12 Oct First Day of Term 4

Mon 12 Oct Swimming programme begins

Fri 23 Oct Swimming programme ends

Fri 11 Dec Last day of Term 4

Term 3 ends Friday 25 September at 3pm

Birthdays

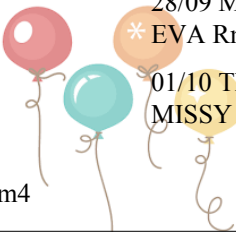
17/09 Thursday
ERIN Rm4

28/09 Monday
* EVA Rm4

21/09 Monday
LUIA Rm4

01/10 Thursday
MISSY Rm2

27/09 Sunday
CHRISTIAN Rm4



Swimming - Weeks 1&2 - Term 4

We have been advised that if we are still at Alert Level 2 next term swimming **WILL** go ahead. We are booked to begin our swimming lessons at Graham Condon Pool starting on our first day of term - Monday 12 October.

There will be no charge for swimming this year.

Sunshade for Sandpit

Last night at our Board of Trustees meeting our board approved the purchase of an outdoor gazebo. This will provide shade for our students while they play in our sandpit over the summer months.

First Holy Communion

Several of our students will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, 20 September. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they receive this sacrament.

Sunhats are Compulsory Term 4

Sunhats must be worn at morning tea and lunch times every day in term 4. These can be purchased from Mainland Uniforms or are available from the office at a cost of \$15-00 each

Karakia (Prayer)

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa

Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti

Me te aroha o te Atua

Me te whiwhingatahitanga

Ki te wairua tapu

Ake, ake, ake

Amine

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
all*

Forever and ever

Amen

**KIA KAHA
TE REO MĀORI**



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

Thank you Pub Charity for our new iPads

We are very grateful to Pub Charity who have donated us \$5800 for the purchase of 10 new iPads for Rooms 1 and 2.



Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Burnside Clinic, 96A Memorial Avenue, Burnside,
- Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,
- Lincoln Clinic, 35 James Street, Lincoln,
- Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call 0800 846 983
Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Term 4 Uniform Reminder

Students will be required to wear their summer uniform from the start of term 4. This will be worn for term 4 this year and term 1 next year.

Summer - Girls

Royal blue/white gingham culottes
White short sleeved summer blouse
Black/brown sandals or shoes
Sunhat- royal blue Aussie style

Summer - Boys

Standard grey cotton shorts
Standard grey cotton summer shirt
Black/brown sandals or shoes
Sunhat- royal blue Aussie style

Our Mission is:

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

