



St Mary's School

Te Kura o Hato Mere

Newsletter: Term 2 Week 12

Thursday 2 July 2020



Principal's View

Tena Koutou, Kumusta, Talofa lava

It's hard to believe that this is the last week of the term! It has been a strange journey for us all and the lockdown, to me, seems so long ago. Alert Level 2 began on the 14th of May and this enabled the return of the large majority of students to school. For many of the students, the term will not feel as long as they have only been back since then. In contrast, the majority of the staff have been back for a significant time and before this they were facilitating home learning during the lockdown.

As a school we have weathered the storm very well. Our staff and students have shown resilience and we have resumed normal school life very easily post lockdown. We continue to encourage our students to maintain good hygiene practices so that we can continue to be a healthy school community. I thank the many parents and whanau who have kept their children at home when they have been unwell and followed our instructions carefully to ensure we all remain safe and healthy at school. I hope you can all take a wee bit of time out in the holidays to refresh and recharge after what has been an eventful 3-4 months in our country's history. See you next term. Stay safe.

Manaaki te Atua (God Bless)

David O'Neill
Principal

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

Principal's Awards 22 June



Elishva, Shane, Evelyn,
Kaleb &
Christian

Principal's Awards 29 June



Kwyncy, Ron,
Reihana,
Aliyah &
Zaira

Term 2 ends tomorrow Friday 3 July at 3pm

Upcoming Events

Fri 3 July

Last Day of Term 2

Mon 20 July

Term 3 Begins

Fri 7 Aug

Reports go home

Birthdays

02/07 Thursday
FRANCESCA Rm1

*12/07 Sunday
KHAYLAN Rm2

04/07 Saturday
FILIPO Rm4

14/07 Tuesday
SKYLA Rm5

06/07 Monday
BRAD Rm5

Polar Fleece Now Available

New stock of polar fleece have arrived this week and are available from the office. The cost is \$50 which can be paid by cash or internet banking.

Mid-Year Interim Reporting to Parents

Due to COVID-19 our mid term interim reports will be sent home Friday 7 August. Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will be held shortly after.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

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,

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.helath.nz

Arataki Team: Novel Studies Book Sale

This Friday (3rd July) we will be having a secondhand book sale for the senior students in the Arataki Team. This will only be for the specific books that we are reading for our novel studies next term, which are;

- Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone by J K Rowling
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Stuart Little by E.B White

If you have a copy of any of these books at home that you would like to sell, please send them to school with your child on Friday with a price written on them (between \$5-\$10) and we will facilitate the selling of your book. The money for your book will be put into an envelope to be brought home to you.

If you have a child who will be reading any of these books and would like to buy one second hand on Friday, send them to school with \$5-\$10 and we will facilitate them buying one.

They children will not be allowed to sell books without the teacher involved to make sure all money is accounted for, we will keep a record of the sales and swaps.

New Mass Times for The New Cathedral Parish

Monday - Friday: 7.30am, 9.15am, 12.05pm

Saturday: 9.15am, 5.30pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 4.30pm, 6.00pm

Our Mission is:

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

