



# St Mary's School

Te Kura o Hato Mere

**Newsletter: Term 3 Week 1**  
**Thursday 23 July 2020**

## Principal's View

Tena Koutou, Kumusta, Talofa lava

Welcome back to term 3. I do hope that over the holiday break you and your family were able to relax and spend some quality time together. It has been wonderful to hear the laughter and excitement of all of our students who have been happy see their friends and teachers again after the term break.

This term promises to be a busy one for us at St Mary's. At the end of this week all classes will have lessons on first aid delivered by St John. In week 2 we have a visit planned from the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra Ensemble to present an interactive concert where they demonstrate the instruments in a fun and engaging way. In week 3 mid year interim reports will be sent home and the following week there will be parent/student/teacher interviews. Please ensure that if you want to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress you make a booking using the link on our school app. In weeks 5 and 6 there will be schoolwide swimming lessons which will be held at Graham Condon Pool. Students will bus to and from their lessons for this 2 week period. Please ensure that students bring their swimming gear every day over this period.

As you can see this really will be as busy term with lots of different and fun learning opportunities.

Manaaki te Atua (God Bless)

David O'Neill  
Principal



*Yr 5&6 students practising for Dancing Like the Stars*

## Reminders

- School finishes at 2pm Monday  
**10 August**
- Teacher Only Day Friday 4  
**September: NO SCHOOL**

## Birthdays

23/07 Thursday  
MATHEA Rm4  
STEFANIE Rm2



03/08 Monday  
HANNA Rm3

25/07 Saturday  
MASON Rm1

## Upcoming Events

Wed 22 July Library Van  
Thurs 23 July St John First Aid for Kids  
Fri 24 July St John First Aid for Kids  
Wed 29 July CSO Ensemble  
Wed 29 July; Clothes Swap  
Fri 7 Aug Mid Year Interim Reports go home  
Mon 10 Aug Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews  
Tue 11 Aug Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews  
Wed 12 Aug Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews  
Mon 17 Aug Swimming Lessons Commence  
Wed 19 Aug Library Van  
Fri 28 Aug Swimming Lessons Conclude

**Fri 4 Sept No School - Teacher Only Day**

Wed 9 Sept Library Van

**Fri 25 Sept Last Day of Term 3**

## Welcome to St Mary's

We welcome the following students to St Mary's:

R1 - Ruby, Frankie, Darragh & Benedict  
R5 - Bernice

## Mid-Year Interim Reporting to Parents

Our mid year interim reports will be sent home Friday 7 August. Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will be held Monday 10 August - Wednesday 12 August.

## Teacher Only Day - Fri 4 Sept

There will be no school on Friday 4 September due to a teacher only day. Please ensure you do not send your child to school that day as the school will be closed.

## Clothes Swap - Wed 29 July

A clothes swap is to be held on Wednesday 29 July at 2pm. If you have clothes to donate please bring them to Room 4 (Yr 7&8) by tomorrow, Friday 24 July.

Parents are welcome to come and join in on the swap day and go 'free shopping' with your child.

## Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Monday 10 August (All Classes)

Tuesday 11 August (All Classes)

Wednesday 12 August (R3, R4, R5 only)

An alert was sent earlier this week with a link to book parent/student/teacher interviews. If you wish to book an interview time with your child's teacher please click on the link in your alerts to do so.

## St John In Schools

Today and tomorrow Rebecca from St John is working with all our students teaching basic first aid and how to respond to an emergency. The lessons begin at a very basic level and increase in complexity with the age of the students. See below for a basic outline of what is being taught in each module.

**New Entrant, Year 1 & 2 Module:** Explore emergencies and identify when 111 needs to be called, how to call 111 and learn ways to help before an ambulance arrives. Recognise the danger of falls and poisons, and how injuries can be avoided. Identify potential risks at home and at school, and explore making safe decisions.

**Year 3 & 4 Module:** How to check for dangers around patients and check for a response. Practice placing unresponsive patients on their side and how to treat severe bleeding. How to prevent falls at home and at school. Recognise appropriate safety equipment for outdoor activities, and how to treat minor injuries.

**Year 5 & 6 Module:** Assess patients using DRSAB and take appropriate action. Describe appropriate responses to different situations requiring first aid. Explore types of injuries that can occur at home and at school and how these can be prevented. Describe appropriate responses to different situations requiring basic first aid. Recognising environmental challenges and dangers. Responding to different situations requiring first aid when outdoors.

**Years 7 & 8 Module:** Assess patients using DRSABC and take appropriate action, including performing effective CPR on unresponsive patients. Describe appropriate responses to different situations requiring first aid. Explore risks, and strategies to minimise risks in relation to sport. Demonstrate the treatment of soft tissue injuries, and recognise the appropriate management of fractures and head injuries. Recognising environmental challenges and dangers. Responding to different situations requiring first aid when outdoors.



## Our Mission is:

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

