



# St Mary's School

## Te Kura o Hato Mere

### Newsletter: Term 3 Week 3

### Thursday 6 August 2020



#### Principal's View

Tena Koutou, Kumusta, Talofa lava

Tomorrow afternoon your child will bring home their interim progress report. Please check their bag to ensure you get it. The report will provide a work in progress snapshot of your child's achievement in relation to the NZ Curriculum for the first half of the year. The interim report that you will receive will inform you of what your child can currently do in reading, writing and mathematics and what their next steps will be to further develop in each learning area. It is always very difficult to summarise succinctly a student's complete achievement. This is why we provide the opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and achievement in more detail. The interviews are 10 minutes long so please feel free to write down any questions you might have so that the interviews can be efficient and keep to time. Please be conscious that if you go over time you are affecting another interview booking. Should you need more time to discuss your child's learning please feel free to arrange another time at a later date with your child's teacher.

Manaaki te Atua (God Bless)

David O'Neill  
Principal

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

Principal's Awards 27 July



Mason,  
Angel, Zoe &  
James

Principal's Awards 3 Aug



Olivia, Anna, CJ,  
Santiago &  
Miguel

## Reminders

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

## Birthdays

11/08 Tuesday  
ESTELLE Rm1  
WRAYNE Rm3

14/08 Friday  
KALEB Rm5

17/08 Monday  
LINCOLN Rm4



\*18/08 Tuesday  
MALINA Rm5

19/08 Wednesday  
KYLE Rm4

## Welcome to St Mary's

We welcome the following students to St Mary's:

R1 - Sofia

## 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.

## Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

**Monday 10 August (All Classes)**

**Tuesday 11 August (All Classes)**

**Wednesday 12 August (R3, R4, R5 only)**

If you haven't yet and wish to book an interview time with your child's teacher please click on the link in your alerts to do so.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Year 8 students please mark the 31st October on your calendar for Confirmation. Details for the programme will be out soon. The programme will involve a retreat day and 2 evenings for students and 2 parent sessions.

## Special Choir Singing at Ordination

Our Special Choir will be singing at the ordination of Deacon Tang Phan on 22 August, 10am - 12.30pm. Special Choir parents please make a note of this date and time.

## Upcoming Events

Fri 7 Aug	Mid Year Interim Reports go home
Mon 10 Aug	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Tues 11 Aug	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Wed 12 Aug	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Mon 17 Aug	Swimming Lessons Commence
Wed 19 Aug	Library Van
Sat 22 Aug	Special Choir - Ordination
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

## Altar Server Training

We still require Altar servers for the Saturday night 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 4:30pm Mass. We also need senior students to help out and support our young servers at the morning Masses.

If you have not yet put your name down and wish to serve please contact Charlotte char.robb@gmail.com or pop into the Parish office for a form.

## Cathedral Kids

Did you tune into online Children's Liturgy over Lockdown? If you enjoyed it come along to Cathedral Kids on the first Sunday of the month at 3:15pm in the St Francis of Assisi School Library for some music, an activity and afternoon tea. Parents please also join us. Pre schoolers to Year 6. Year 7 and 8 look out for youth group in the near future. Cathedral Kids will happen on the first Sunday of the month. Next Cathedral Kids 6 September.

Liturgy of the Word for Children has begun at 9:30am Mass. This is for children from 3 years old to Year 3. We need a few more parents or teenagers to help once or twice a term. If you are able to help please email cathie.hurdle@gmail.com

## Children of Hope

A great gift we can give our children is teaching them to pray. Once a month the parish will have Adoration for Children in the chapel at St Marys Pro-Cathedral. It is a short time of prayer aimed at children. After adoration there will be afternoon tea and some time to play.

Sunday 16th August 3:15pm. Children of Hope will be on every 3rd Sunday of the month

## Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Later in year the Parish will be running a programme for those who are considering becoming a Catholic. If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic feel free to chat with one of the Priests or contact Clare clarebell@cathedralparish.nz

If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic we really encourage you to start coming along to Sunday Mass.

## Baptism for children who are pre schoolers or Babies

You will find a baptism form in St Marys Pro-Cathedral foyer or contact Parish office. There is a parents and God parents meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm and Baptism on the last Saturday of the month at 11:30am.

## Our Mission is:

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

