



# St Mary's School

Te Kura o Hato Mere

**Newsletter: Term 2 Week 9**  
**Thursday 11 June 2020**

## Principal's View

Tena Koutou, Kumusta, Talofa lava

This week has been an important week for our country. We moved into Alert Level 1 on Tuesday morning and this removed most of the restrictions affecting our lives in N.Z. The biggest change for our school has been the removal of the requirement for parents/caregivers and visitors to sign in and contact trace every time they enter our school grounds. It has been wonderful this week to have had so many parents sitting in the playground waiting for their children again. Despite being in Alert Level 1 we continue to maintain good health practices at school. Students and staff are continuing to hand sanitise upon entry and exit of their classrooms and before eating. I am asking parents and caregivers to continue to keep your children at home if they are displaying flu like symptoms. Symptoms to monitor for are any respiratory symptoms such as a cold, a head cold, blocked ears, cough, sneezing, chills and a fever. Anyone with those symptoms should stay home and contact their GP or Healthline for advice, which may include getting tested for COVID-19.

Manaaki te Atua (God Bless)

David O'Neill  
Principal



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

**Principal's Awards 8 June**



Eddie, Kyle, Mila,  
Wrayne, Rain  
& Leon

## Upcoming Events

Thurs 11 June

Football Coaching Yr 7&8

Fri 3 July

Last Day of Term 2

Mon 20 July

Term 3 Begins

## Birthdays

11/06 Thursday  
LOLA Rm1

15/06 Monday  
MALIA Rm4

16/06 Tuesday  
JHENS Rm5

20/06 Saturday  
SHELDAN Rm2

21/06 Sunday  
IZAAC Rm5

23/06 Tuesday  
CHRISTINE Rm3



Year 7 & 8 are currently learning about what characteristics and qualities a good leader needs to possess to be successful. They have been discussing and coming up with ideas in small groups and then sharing their ideas with the class.

## Welcome to St Mary's

We welcome the following students to St Marys:

Agnel - R1  
Wrayne - R3  
Zaira - R4  
Lola - R1

## Student Teachers

We welcome Ms Evelyn Hogguer who is currently studying at the University of Canterbury to our yr 7 & 8 class. She will be with us for the next 3 weeks as she completes some of her teaching practice requirements. We also welcome back Ms Rebecca Joy who is completing her teaching practice requirements in Room 2.

## Lunchonline

**Thursday: Cuzina Filipino**  
**Friday: Sushi Factory and Subway**

Lunchonline is available again for ordering. If you would like to order your child's lunch, go to our website or app and click on the lunchonline link. Follow the instructions to create an account if you don't already have one. Food must be ordered by 8.30am on the day of delivery.

## School Polar Fleece

We currently have limited stock of new polar fleece. Currently we have sizes 4, 6 and 10. We are waiting on an order of new stock which should be here in about 4 weeks.

## Mid-Year Interim Reporting to Parents

Due to COVID-19 our mid term interim reports will be sent home early in term 3. Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will also be held in term 3.

## Support for Families

COVID-19 has impacted on individuals and families in different ways. If your family is struggling we encourage you to make contact with the school if you feel you need some extra support. We are fortunate in Christchurch to have access to some great support networks. Mana Ake is one such service which provides support to children in Canterbury predominantly promoting mental health and wellbeing, but their support also extends to assisting with connecting families to community resources and organisations that can provide extra support at this time.



For more information please visit:  
[www.manaake.health.nz](http://www.manaake.health.nz)

**MANA AKE**  
STRONGER FOR TOMORROW

## 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

As we are now in Alert Level 1 there are no limits on mass gatherings therefore there is no longer a requirement to register before attending Mass.

## Our Mission is:

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

