



St Mary's School

Te Kura o Hato Mere

Newsletter: Term 1 Week 3 Thursday 13 February 2020

Principal's View

Tena Koutou, Kumusta, Talofa lava

The year started off on a sad note as we farewelled Mrs Bridget Awan at her funeral Mass on Monday 3 February. Bridget had been bravely battling melanoma, a type of skin cancer, for nearly a year and a half. Throughout this battle she always displayed a positive attitude and her trademark sense of humour. It's fitting that we have her smiling face on the front of today's newsletter as she was a person who loved life and was always smiling. She loved her work at St Mary's and always said that it was her 'dream job'. She tried to teach as long as she could as she loved the students in her class and gave them 110% every day. Her bravery and dedication is to be admired as she was often in constant pain and discomfort. Bridget told me only a few weeks before she died that she had lived a full life and met many wonderful people and had no regrets. We will miss her wonderful presence at St Mary's but comfort ourselves knowing that she is resting with God in our Heavenly home.

May she rest in peace.

Manaaki te Atua (God Bless)

David O'Neill
Principal



In loving memory of Mrs Bridget Awan
1 May 1966 - 30 Jan 2020
May she rest in peace

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

Principal's Awards 3 Feb



Estelle, Hugo,
Joseph, Denise
& Brad

Principal's Awards 10 Feb



Honor,
Edith, Reihana,
Skyla &
Cameron



Upcoming Events

Tues 18 Feb	Cultural Foods and Dressup
Wed 19 Feb	Library Van
Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday
Wed 4 March	Marian Community Service
Sun 15 March	School Mass 9am
Tues 24 March	Breakers Basketball Coaching
Mon 30 March	Yr 8 HPV Vaccinations

Thurs 9 April	Last Day of Term 1
Fri 10 April	Good Friday
Sun 12 April	Easter Sunday

Tues 28 April	First Day of Term 2
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Lunchonline

Thursday: Cuzina Filipino
Friday: Sushi Factory and Subway



Unfortunately Pita Pit are no longer delivering lunches to our school. Instead we have Cuzina Filipino to take its place.

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.

Sunhats are Compulsory Term 1

Sunhats must be worn at morning tea and lunch times every day in term 1. These can be purchased from Mainland Uniforms or are available from the office at a cost of \$15-00 each.

Student Absence

Please remember to send the office an email via our school app if your child is away from school. This can include when you are going overseas for a holiday etc. In this case please inform us of the dates you will be away.

Altar Servers

St Mary's Pro Cathedral is looking for children who have made their First Holy Communion to become altar servers to serve at the 5.30pm Mass and the 9am Mass on the 4th Sunday of every month. If this is something your child can assist with please contact Sam on 027 746-3875. Full training will be given.

Update Details

If your contact details have changed can you please advise the office so these can be updated.

Cultural Foods Day

A separate notice has been sent home today regarding our cultural foods day next Tuesday. Please ensure you complete the section at the bottom of that notice and list any allergens the food you are bringing may contain.

EOTC Forms

Every year we require all students to complete an EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) form. This gives permission for students to attend activities during the school day which are offsite. e.g. Museum or Public Library visit etc. Please complete and return these to your child's classroom teacher ASAP.

Birthdays

13/02 Thursday SANTIAGO Rm4	22/02 Saturday RON Rm2
14/02 Friday EDITH Rm2	25/02 Tuesday JOSEPH Rm3
19/02 Wednesday RACHEL Rm3	26/02 Wednesday RUBY Rm4
21/02 Friday RAIN Rm5	

Piano Lessons

We are offering itinerant piano lessons once again this year. There are limited spaces available and preference will be given to students who were enrolled last year and are continuing lessons. Lessons will begin Wednesday 26 February and will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays during school time. Lessons cost \$20 per lesson and the terms lessons are payable at the start of the term. Please email Mrs Di Coad at dicoad@msn.com if you are interested in your child having piano lessons this year.

Carpark Safety

A reminder to all parents/caregivers to reduce speed in our driveway and carpark areas to ensure the safety of our students as they walk down the drive or across the carpark.

Welcome to St Mary's

We welcome the following students to St Mary's:
 Olivia - R1
 Emma - R1

Y8 HPV Forms

HPV forms for year 8 students need to be returned by Monday 17 February. Please still complete and return the forms even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination.

Our Mission is:

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

