



# St Mary's School

## Te Kura o Hato Mere

### Newsletter: Term 4 Week 7

### Thursday 26 November 2020



#### Tumuaki's/Principal's View

Tena koutou, kumusta, talofa lava

I had the privilege last week of taking our year 7 and 8 students away to Woodend for our annual senior camp. This camp has been a tradition at our school since 2003. It is a highlight of the year for our senior students and something they will always remember as part of their primary school education. Whenever young adult past pupils come to visit they will often recall with fondness their time on camp and the many funny incidents or challenges that they faced on their camp. I never get sick of seeing the elation of students as they face a challenge and overcome it. Their joy is infectious and indeed all of their friends, classmates and teachers share in the celebrations. For some students the challenges are very frightening and it's times like this that other students demonstrate some of their best personal qualities in the way that they encourage and support their classmates. This side of human nature is so amazing and as Catholic Christian people it is often something that sets us apart from others. Our year 7 and 8 students behaved incredibly well and were once again a credit to our school. I would also like to once again thank The Rotary Club of Christchurch for their continued support of our school with their generous donation which helped cover the cost of camp.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki, e tiaki  
*May God bless you and protect you*

David O'Neill  
 Principal

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

##### Principal's Awards 9 Nov



Lina, Hugo, Liana Sofia & Clarence

##### Principal's Awards 16 Nov



Francesca, Harry, Sheree, Rain & Shaun

##### Principal's Awards 23 Nov



Estelle, Ron, Christine, Erin & Jake

## Upcoming Events

Mon 7 Dec	Y8 Dinner
Tues 8 Dec	Market Day
Wed 9 Dec	Arataki Team - Jellie Park
	Kotahitanga Team - Fun Day at School
Thurs 10 Dec	Final Mass 7pm
Fri 11 Dec	Last Day of Term 4
Mon 1 Feb 2021	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2021

**School finishes for the year on  
Friday 11 December at 12  
O'Clock.**

*Please note the earlier pick up time*

## Birthdays

28/11 Saturday  
EMMA Rm1

01/12 Tuesday  
ESME Rm3



## Term Dates for 2021

**Term 1:** 1 February - 16 April

**Term 2:** 3 May - 9 July

**Term 3:** 26 July - 1 October

**Term 4:** 18 October - 14 December

## Ordering Photos

Reminder: School photos must be ordered by midnight on Sunday 29th November if you would like them to be delivered to the school with free delivery. Orders placed after this date will be delivered to your home address and incur a delivery charge. To order, follow the instructions on the card your child brought home earlier this week.

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Every year St Vincent de Paul provide Christmas presents for children and adults in Christchurch who may not otherwise receive a gift. We are asking families who would like to assist to bring a gift (unwrapped) which will be collected by St Vincent de Paul. These can be for anyone of any age.

**Please bring any gifts to the school office by Friday 4 December.**

## Yr 8 Dinner

Year 8 parents please check your emails for details of our year 8 dinner. Please make sure you complete the registration form by tomorrow, Friday 27 November.

## End of Year Mass and Prizegiving

On Thursday 10 December we will be holding our end of year Mass and Prizegiving in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral at 7pm. All students are to attend in school uniform and sit with their class at the front of the church. Please bring a plate of food to share after Mass.

**Students need to be seated by 6.50pm.**

## Pre Enrolment of Siblings

The number of spaces remaining on our school roll in upcoming years is limited. If you have a child who is turning 5 that you would like to attend St Mary's that you haven't already advised us about can you please make sure you talk to Mr O'Neill or Mrs Odams otherwise there may be no space for your child.

## Special Choir Mass

Our Special Choir will be singing at the 9.30am Mass in the Pro-Cathedral this Sunday, 29 November. Can students in the choir please be at the church by 9.15am wearing school uniform. If you haven't already text Caitlin to let her know whether you child can attend can you please text her as soon as possible on 027 924 7309.

## Reports and Information for 2021

End of year reports, class lists and book lists for 2021 will be sent home with your child on Thursday 10 December. Please make sure you check your child's bag so you receive these important documents. Later in the year book lists will also be available on our website or by logging into Officemax My School.

## Market Day to Support Paulo (World Vision Sponsor A Child)

We would like to invite all parents and whanau to attend a Market Day on Tuesday 8 December from 1.30-2.30pm. Students in the Arataki Team will be running stalls to raise funds to sponsor Paulo for another year. Stalls include a sausage sizzle, face painting and food and items for sale. We are hoping if possible that each child may be able to bring a small amount of money to school on that day so they can purchase some items.



## Our Mission is:

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

