



St Mary's School

Te Kura o Hato Mere

Newsletter: Term 4 Week 2

Thursday 22 October 2020



Tumuaki's/Principal's View

Tena koutou, kumusta, talofa lava

Every 2 years at St Mary's we teach the Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) programme. The programme was designed by teachers and the NZ Police and is part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. Some of the lessons are taught by our police education officer, Constable Meg Moynihan. We find this programme to be incredibly beneficial to our students and it teaches valuable lifelong lessons and skills.

The programme has three overall aims:

- to develop and strengthen children’s skills to keep themselves safe with other people, both online and face to face
- to support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults
- to make teachers and parents and caregivers more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

Over the next few weeks please talk to your children about what they are learning in Keeping Ourselves Safe and reinforce any relevant safety messages. If you would like to know more about this programme please see your child's teacher.

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 21 Sept



Missy, Agnel,
 David, Malia
 & Jhon

Principal's Awards 19 Oct



Ivana, Maile, Thomas,
 Sophia &
 Nishil

Labour Day - Monday 26 Oct
NO SCHOOL

Birthdays

22/10 Thursday
SOPHIA Rm4

02/11 Monday
LILY Rm3



03/11 Tuesday
MIA Rm4
ZAIIRA Rm4

Welcome to St Mary's

We welcome the following students to St Mary's:

Florence - R1

Cedrick - R4

Sunshade for Sandpit

Over the school holidays we erected a gazebo over our sandpit to offer shade over the summer months. Our students are enjoying playing in this area and the shade offered by the gazebo.

Rotary - Yr 7&8 Camp

This year our Year 7&8 students are going to Woodend Christian Camp for their annual camp. The Rotary Club of Christchurch have donated funds to help cover the cost of the camp. We are very grateful to Rotary for their very generous donation.



**Rotary Club of
Christchurch Inc**



Upcoming Events

Fri 23 Oct	Last Day of Swimming
Mon 26 Oct	LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL
Sat 31 Oct	Confirmation Mass
Fri 6 Nov	School Photos
Wed 11 Nov	Lit Quiz
Fri 13 Nov	SHOW DAY - NO SCHOOL
Wed 18 Nov	Y7&8 Camp
Thurs 19 Nov	Y7&8 Camp
Fri 20 Nov	Y7&8 Camp
Mon 23 Nov	Special Choir - Jubilate
Wed 25 Nov	Piano Students Concert 2pm
Mon 7 Dec	Y8 Dinner
Thurs 10 Dec	Final Mass
Fri 11 Dec	Last Day of Term 4
Mon 1 Feb 2021	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1

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

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.

October - Month of the Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

At this link to the Food for Faith site, Father John O'Connor explains in simple detail what we mean by 'praying the Rosary'. Father John explains that "The Rosary is not a prayer to Mary but a prayer alongside Mary, enjoying her intercession on our behalf while together centering our focus on the life of Christ." Read and find out more by visiting this website.

<https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2018/10/praying-with-christ/>

Our Mission is:

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

