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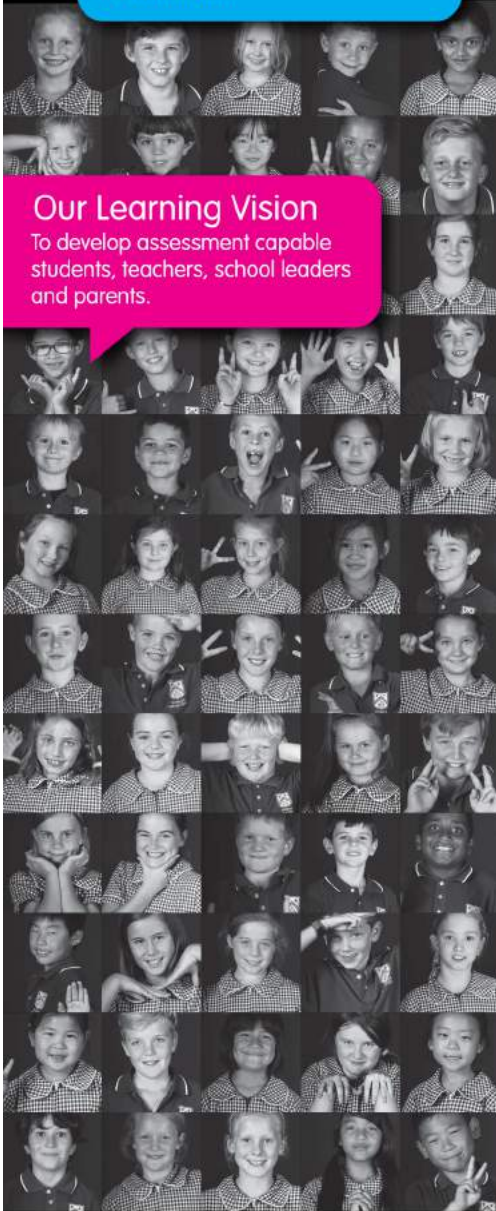
newsletter

Our Vision

At St Mary's we aim to be Christ-like through prayerful hearts and willing hands. With reflective and creative minds we challenge ourselves to be the difference.

Our Learning Vision

To develop assessment capable students, teachers, school leaders and parents.



Our People Our Place

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adj: having or showing knowledge of a subject or situation.

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Ni Hao, Anyoung haseyo, Magandang umaga, Konnichi wa, Guten tag, Bonjour, Ola, hello and welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed spending the extra time with your children.

Last term our learning was focused on the theme of 'Diversity and Globalisation'. It is wonderful to see and celebrate the diversity within our school, and if you had a chance to see the map in the foyer last term you would be aware that we are a very diverse community in terms of our whakapapa. There are three nationwide events this term that will celebrate our diversity - New Zealand Sign Language Week (Week 2), Samoa Language Week (Week 5) and Matariki (Week 7+). We will be celebrating these within our classes and / or through Liturgy and Assembly.

A warm welcome to our new students...

Abigail Albert, Seoyeon Choi, Maverick Damasco, Cassidy Dobbs, Page Eastergaard, Maxwell Hirst, Arthur Inglis, Gabriel Lewis, Luke Swanson and Lucija Walker.

We look forward to welcoming all new students at our New Families Liturgy on Tuesday 8th May at 10am.

Term Two Learning

The term ahead is looking extremely full and exciting and I am looking forward to the opportunity and challenge of being Acting Principal for the next 2 ½ terms whilst Ben Fuller is on study leave.

All students and teachers will be busy practising their songs and dances for our Gobsmacked production 'Mad Pearse Takes Flight' which will be performed at Bethlehem College Performing Arts Centre at the end of May.

Our school production fits in perfectly with our learning this term which is focused on two main themes:

- 1: Innovation and Enterprise, related to Richard Pearse and flight (through technology and the Arts)
- 2: Our Catholic Values and the Key Competencies. The production will be used as a source to teach and reinforce our Catholic values and how we treat people. The show provides many learning opportunities in relation to the challenges that Richard Pearse faced in his life and how he overcame this adversity.

We have two events that will further support our learning in these areas this term: Bully Free Week (Week 3) and Life Education Trust (Week 5 - 7).

Our School Values

Our school values of Trust (Tika), Mercy (Maramatanga), Faith (Whakapono) and Love (Aroha) underlay all we do at St Mary's School. Our newsletters this term will include fortnightly 'snapshots' of how we use 'Positive Behaviour For Learning' (PB4L) to support our values and our behaviour expectations. We will use this opportunity to promote the positive things we are doing as a school to reinforce great behaviour. We believe that staff and students come to school every day to give their best and be the very best they can be.

Reporting

Our new way of reporting starts rolling out this term and all students who are at St Mary's for a full year, will receive two reports. The first students to receive their reports this term will be those who have their school start anniversary or interim (halfway between) in March, April and May.

These reports have seen input from many. The report is student driven and shares your child's current strengths and next steps. There is a strong focus on our Catholic Character and the Key Competencies. The focus has shifted away from placing your child according to the National Standard and we aim to celebrate the progress that your child is making in Reading, Writing and Mathematics and the attitude that they bring to each of these curriculum areas.

I will be holding 20 minute 'Reporting Information Sessions' in the staffroom over the next couple of weeks. Please check the calendar within this newsletter for dates and times.

End of School Day

The safety of our students is of utmost importance and children left at school to wait for parents are a concern. A duty teacher will roam the school at 3:10pm and collect all students who are not being supervised by an adult. They will be sent to the office to wait for their ride home, so please pick them up from there. If your child is still here by 3.30pm you will need to consider enrolling them in the After School Care service held at school. Please contact the school office or phone Shelley the After School Care Coordinator on 0273102090 or afterschoolcare@stmarysga.school.nz.

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2018 Term Dates

Thursday 3 May

- Class Mass Whanau Wood (change)
- PTA Quiz Night committee meeting 6pm

Monday 7 May

- NZ Sign Language Week
- Reporting Information Session 9.10am

Tuesday 8 May

- New children and new families liturgy 10am
- Reporting Information Session 2.30pm

Thursday 10 May

- Class Mass - Bryan Crowe 9am
- Reporting Information Session 2.30pm

Monday 14 May

- Changeover day to Winter Uniform
- Bully Free Week
- Young Leaders Day Year 6
- Liturgy - Ascension of the Lord 9am

Tuesday 15 May

- Reporting Information Session 9.10am & 2.30pm

Wednesday 16 May

- Reporting Information Session 9.10am & 2.30pm

Thursday 17 May

- St Mary's Cross Country

Friday 18 May

- Whole School Mass 9.30am (Church)
- Pink Muffin Day

Sunday 20 May

- Confirmation 2pm St Mary Immaculate

Monday 21 May

- Liturgy - Our Lady Help of the Christians 9am

Tuesday 22 May

- Aquinas College visit Year 6 students
- Kids Lit Quiz Year 6 team

Thursday 24 May

- Class Mass - Whanau Broadmore (change)

Saturday 26 May

- PTA Quiz Night

Monday 28 May

- Samoa Language Week
- Liturgy - Trinity 9am

Tuesday 29 May

- Board of Trustee Meeting

Wednesday 30 May

- Mad Pearce Takes Flight

Thursday 31 May

- Mad Pearce Takes Flight



Our new Facebook page

Please join our page if you haven't done so already. We encourage you all to follow the great things that are happening at St Mary's and keep informed through this link: www.facebook.com/stmarystga/

We look forward to a successful term ahead, with lots of learning across the curriculum. Thank you for your continued support.

Nga mihi nui

Anna MacKinnon
Acting Principal

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This terms focus is: How do I let the Holy Spirit work through me?

All students are learning about the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit working within us.

The school will focus on the value of Mercy this year. Mercy is defined as empathy or love that manifests itself in action that is practical and thoughtful, warm and open, respectful and enabling. The value of mercy is inextricably linked to compassion, justice, dignity, excellence, hospitality, stewardship.

We continue our focus on 'Service.' To support at home you can talk to your child about the service that they do at home. Even the daily small tasks we do can be to glorify God by doing what we do with love and care for others.

Sursum Corda. Sursum Corda is taking a break until after the Production. The will no longer be singing at the Saturday night mass on the 12th May.

Sacramental Programme. Please continue to pray or the students who are now preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Steve will be Confirming them on Sunday 20th May 2pm.

Praying the Rosary every Monday afternoon at 2.30pm
Learn how to pray the Rosary every Monday afternoon in the Cluny Chapel. Books are available to follow along.

Teresa Rush
DRS

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Reporting Information Sessions

Anna MacKinnon will be holding these in the staff room at the following times:

Monday 7th May 9:10am

Tuesday 8th May 2:30pm

Thursday 10th May 2:30pm

Tuesday 15th May 9:10am & 2:30pm

Wednesday 16th May 9:10am & 2:30pm

Fireworks Gala

St Mary's School would like to hear from all of those who are interested in being a part of the small group that will make up the 'Events Committee' for the Fireworks Gala which will be held in November.

This is a school event which raises a significant amount of money for our school. There is already a strong foundation in place to support the committee and we now need three to four key people that will help to organise and oversee the event.

We would love to hear from all interested parties so that we can commit to making this a viable fundraising event for St Mary's Catholic School. Please respond to Anna MacKinnon amackinnon@stmarystga.school.nz.

PTA Quiz Night committee meeting

The PTA Quiz Night committee is meeting on Thursday evening at 6pm (3 May) in the staffroom at school to discuss the upcoming 2018 Quiz Night! To make this night a success we need as many hands on deck as possible!

We would love you to join us on Thursday. Jobs to sort include organising sponsors and prizes, setting up, helping on the night and cleaning up the next day!

Thanks in advance, PTA Quiz Committee

Aroha Team

Aroha put on a Cultural Showcase to celebrate their learning about diversity this term. Students all researched different countries and learned about what was different about their chosen country.

Some did iMovie presentations, science boards, slide shows even food was made! It was a great experience and they especially enjoyed sharing their new knowledge with the rest of the school. Photos below.

(See more photos on our Facebook page)





St Mary's Cross Country
Thursday 17 May
Thursday 24 May (pp)

Pono Tahi
Mr Seahorse: In term one Pono Tahi children created art inspired by Eric Carle's story 'Mr Seahorse'. The children learned how to use a variety of materials, including tissue and dye, to create a unique collage. Photo below. You will find this artwork on display in our school library.



Pepeha: With the help of whanau, Pono Tahi tamariki wrote their pepeha in term one. A pepeha is a form of introduction that establishes identity and heritage.

Ko Maunga Rangī to maunga
 Ko Otara te awa
 Ko Mataatua te waka
 Ko Ko Whakatohea taku iwi
 Ko Te Rere taku marae
 Ko Chris taku papa
 Ko Koralee taku mama
 Ko Luka ahau



Ko Mauao to maunga
 Ko Tauranga te moana
 Ko Te Winika te waka
 Ko Ngati Mahanga taku iwi
 Ko Te Papa o Rotu taku marae
 Ko Alistair taku papa
 Ko Emma taku mama
 Ko Lachlan ahau



Ko Mauao to maunga
 Ko Tauranga te moana
 Ko te whanau Weber taku hapu
 Ko Chris taku papa
 Ko Eleanor taku mama
 Ko Ava ahau

Ko Mauao to maunga
 Ko Tauranga te moana
 Ko Horouta te waka
 Ko Rongowhakaata taku iwi
 Ko Manutuke taku marae
 Ko Carl taku papa
 Ko Annalees taku mama
 Ko Lotte ahau

Pink Shirt Day
We've joined the Pink Shirt Day movement! St Mary's Catholic School Tauranga has joined the Pink Shirt Day movement to Speak Up, Stand Together and Stop Bullying! On Friday, 18 May we're going pink to show our commitment to creating a school environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive of all students.

New Zealand has some of the highest rates of bullying in schools in the world but there's no room for it here at Saint Mary's.

We'll be celebrating Pink Shirt Day by holding a muffi day on Friday the 18th May. The children are asked to bring their muffi clothing to school and change at morning tea time, after our Pentecost School Mass. Children are asked to please bring a gold coin donation.

Pink Shirt Day is a national anti-bullying campaign led by the Mental Health Foundation. Pink Shirt Day aims to reduce bullying in schools by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive of all students.

Why reduce bullying?
 By taking bullying seriously and working towards a school culture that supports and celebrates the diversity of all students, young people can feel safe and supported, and flourish at school.

Many studies show that young people who are bullied are more likely to experience mental health issues, such as depression, anxiety and even suicidal thoughts. This can impact their learning, relationships and their ability to feel good about who they are, leading to ongoing poor mental health and wellbeing.

What is bullying? It isn't uncommon to hear someone say something insensitive or mean to someone else. In fact, probably all of us have said or done something that wasn't very nice to someone else, in a moment of anger or frustration. And although such comments or actions are not okay, bullying has some specific features that make it much more serious and harmful.

- Bullying is:**
- Deliberate – harming another person intentionally
 - Involves a misuse of power in a relationship
 - Not a one-off – it is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time
 - Involves behaviour that can cause harm – it is not a normal part of growing up.

- Bullying can be:
- Physical – hitting, tripping up
 - Verbal – insults, threats
 - Social – spreading gossip or excluding people.
 - Cyberbullying is bullying online, via the internet, mobile phones and social media. It's a common form of bullying, especially amongst young people.

Will you join the movement on Friday, 18th of May 2018 to stop bullying and spread kindness?

St Mary's will join many schools New Zealand wide on May the 18th for Pink Shirt Day. Together we aim through this initiative to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Last year we raised \$454.40. This money was used to help spread the word about looking after everyone in our home, school and community.

So what is bullying?

is it BULLYING?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's **BULLYING.**

PB4L

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) Snapshot

The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, otherwise known as PB4L, is helping many New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. This framework was introduced to our school three years ago, and through collaboration between children and staff, is tailored to our own St Mary's school environment, special character and cultural needs. PB4L is not about changing the students, it's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support them in making positive behaviour choices.

Key to the framework is consistency, that behaviour is explicitly taught in the same way academic skills are taught.

We have 3 school rules

- **Be. respectful to self**
- **Be. respectful to others**
- **Be. respectful to the environment**

We practise our 3 school rules through the values of:

Truth	Tika
Wisdom	Maramatanga
Faith	Whakapono
Mercy	Aroha

Each week we have a behaviour expectation that is taught from our school Behaviour Matrix. Please note the following behaviours that we will be focusing on during the first five weeks this term:

- Week 1: Revise Classroom treaty agreed to in term 1
- Week 2: I am ready to learn
- Week 3: I am proud of the work I do and try to do my best
- Week 4: I use my inside voice
- Week 5: I look after my belongings and classroom equipment

The children earn Be. Tokens for following our school rules and matrix expectations and at the end of every term we have a Celebration Assembly. The House with the most Be. Tokens wins an ice block for everyone in their House.

Congratulations to Cluny for being the winners in term 1!

We look forward to bringing you more information regarding PB4L in our newsletters.

Lisa Broadmore, PB4L Leader/Coach.



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