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Catholic School  
Tauranga

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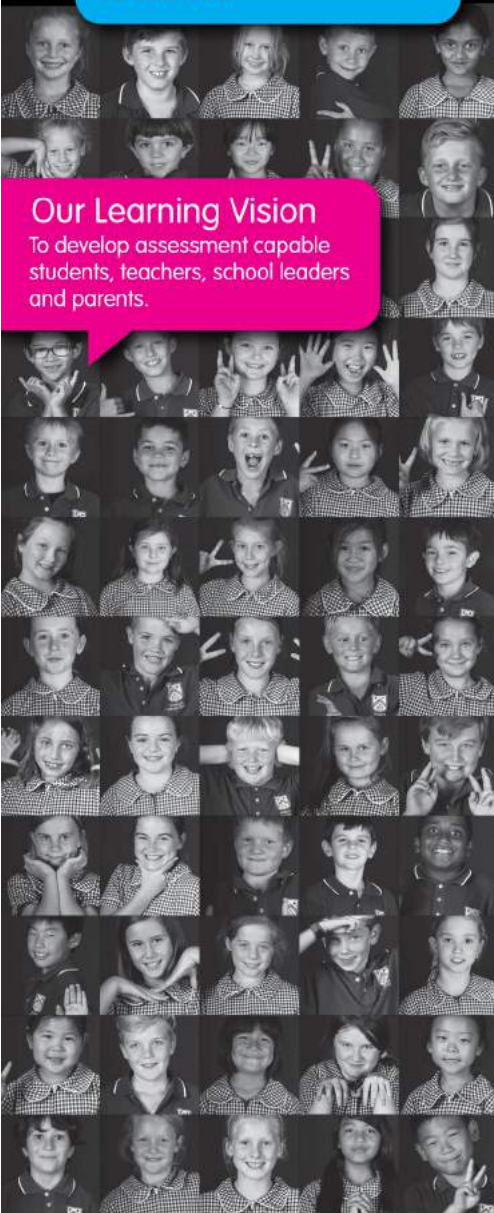
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### Our Vision

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.



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## Message from the Principal

### Talofa lava,

A warm welcome to everyone in our school community.

Talofa lava will be the key greeting for many this week, as Samoan Language Week starts. The theme for this year is: "Alofa atu nei. Alofa mai taeao – Kindness given. Kindness gained". This theme fits in so perfectly with our commitment at St Mary's to 'Do a Little Good Every Day' inspired by Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey.

This theme was reinforced at our liturgy last Monday which was delivered by our Pasifika Group, Ati Aafou-Olive and members of the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union.

Many of our activities for Samoan Language week commenced this week. We look forward to hearing more Samoan greetings and language used around our school.

### A warm welcome to our new students

Ryan Evans and Ellie Jones. Welcome also to returning student, Jack Cunningham.

### Cross Country

We had a beautiful day for our cross country this year. Thank you to Steve Finlayson for organising another successful event and to all the parent helpers for your supervision. Results overleaf.

### Professional Learning and Development

As teachers and leaders at St Mary's we recognise the need to be continually growing our own practice. This is evident through Ben Fuller currently completing his Masters in Education. A major focus for our staff this year is developing learner agency. Students have a sense of 'agency' when they feel in control of things that happen around them; when they feel that they can influence events. This is an important sense for learners to develop. They need to be active participants in their learning.

All teaching staff and some support staff have begun the Level 3 Tikanga course 'He Papa Tikanga' through Te Wananga o Aotearoa. This course will develop our knowledge in Te Reo and Tikanga Maori and will assist in integrating related teaching activities within classes.

### Mad Pearse Takes Flight

Wow! Huge congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard for 5 weeks to make this an amazing event for our community. Patrice Williams (Director Gobsmaeked), Amber Armstrong (Communication and Stage Manager), Gavin Hesqua (Choir Leader), Catherine Wood (Choir Leader), our teachers, our support staff, and of course our amazing students.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Fa'amanuia le Atua (God bless)

**Anna MacKinnon**  
Acting Principal



### Working bee

Just a reminder that we are having a working bee for our junior playground on Sunday 10 June. We would love you to join us at 12 noon, after our Parish School Mass. Bring a wheelbarrow, a spade, and a desire to get your hands dirty! BBQ and drinks to follow. Many thanks.



## 2018 Term Dates

Thursday 7 June

**Samoa Malaga Meeting 6.30pm**

Friday 8 June

**Principal's Assembly 11.45am**

Sunday 10 June

• **Parish School Mass 10.30am**

• **PTA Working Bee**

Monday 11 June

**Liturgy - Matariki 9am**

Thursday 14 June

**Jump Jam Strictly Competition**

Monday 18 June

**Liturgy - Refugees and Migrants**

Tuesday 19 June

**Mana Show**

Wednesday 20 June

**NZEI Meeting - please make arrangements to pick your child up at 12.30pm**

Thursday 21 June

**Class Mass Whanau Tanner Exposition and Benediction**

Friday 22 June

• **Gymsport Festival Year 3 & 4**

• **Seasons for Growth**

Saturday 23 June

**Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) St Mary Immaculate 5pm**

Sunday 24 June

**Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) St Mary Immaculate 10.30am**

Monday 25 June

**Liturgy - St Peter and Paul**

Thursday 27 June

**Class Mass Whanau Driver**

Friday 29 June

**Gymsport Festival Year 5 & 6**

Sunday 1 July

**Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) St Joseph's Te Puna 9am**

Monday 2 July

• **Matariki - Maori New Year**

• **Liturgy - Anne Marie Javouhey 9am**

Friday 6 July

• **Anne Marie Javouhey School Feast and Mufti Day**

• **Principal's Assembly 11.45am**

• **Term 2 ends**

Monday 23 July

**Term 3 starts**

Thursday 26 July

**Class Mass Whanau Rush**

Friday 27 July

**Gymsport Festival**

Tuesday 31 July

**Grandparent / Grandfriend Liturgy 10am**

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## SPECIAL CHARACTER

Congratulations to our students who were Confirmed recently. It was a lovely liturgy and thank you to all those who supported our students with their prayers and good will.

Please continue to pray for our students as they now prepare for their First Eucharist.

### A new initiative for families to prepare for World Meeting of Families 2018 in the home!

The Pray-A-Thon is an initiative for children, adults and families. It is an invitation to reach out to family members/friends and pray for them and any special intentions they might have. Similar to the aim of read-a-thons of fostering the habit of regular reading, the Pray-A-Thon can also encourage children in the practice of praying within the family home.

Easily downloadable, the prayer card can be printed. The card has space for up to 20 names and the children write down the names of family members/friends for whom they will pray on each day of their Pray-A-Thon. Individual lists can be as long or as short as each child decides; the Pray-A-Thon is a personal commitment and not a competition! Children are invited to pray using the words "please, thank you and I am sorry" that Pope Francis encourages us to use within our family life. On the last day, the children pray for family members or friends that have died as well as for families around the world in need.

### Is the Pray-a-thon only for children?

The Pray-A-Thon is not only for children: it is for everyone! Parishes from around the country are photocopying the Pray-A-Thon and making it available to all their parishioners; chaplains will be making them available within hospitals, universities and schools. We have also sent a special invitation to religious and missionaries of Ireland to join us in this initiative. We are calling on international pilgrims, youth groups, parents, grandparents, and you too, to join our Pray-A-Thon as a way of preparing our hearts for August 2018.

"The key to opening the door to faith is prayer." Pope Francis

For more resources including prayer cards follow this link <https://www.proudtobecatholic.org.nz/news/>

### Pa Yvan

Continue to keep Pa Yvan in our prayers. Bishop Steve's homily:

*I don't know about you... but every time I go gaze in the night sky I look for the Southern Cross – it somehow grounds me. In this part of the world we stand under the beauty of the comforting presence of the cross signed in our night sky.*

*Yvan Sergy was a man of the cross – Many of you will remember when this fit and active young priest first arrived in the Diocese of Hamilton how he would throw the Swiss flag, the flag that carried a white cross. Flag throwing is one of the oldest national sports of Switzerland. It looks easy but it takes intensive training.*

*Yvan first came to New Zealand as a seminarian in 1987 when he joined the Holy Cross College seminarians who were on pastoral placement in Auckland. Pere Yvan Sergy was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Basel, Switzerland, on the 18th of June 1988.*

*In 2001 he was invited to be a "Fidei Donum priest", a Gift of Faith priest called to be part of the universal mission of the Church "to the ends of the earth."*

*As a Fidei Donum missionary priest he did indeed come to the ends of the earth – or rather the beginning. And so it was Fr Yvan came to minister in the Diocese of Hamilton serving here at the Cathedral, in Tauranga and in Gisborne on two occasions serving there for 10 years. A famous image of Yvan is him celebrating New Year's Day Mass on the beach at Gisborne as the sun rose. While here he also had several stints serving as a chaplain in Antarctica. ...*

*In his coming to NZ, Pa Yvan followed in the footsteps of our first Catholic French-speaking missionaries who came to this part of the world with Bishop Pompallier – those first missionaries left France on a ship called the Delphine – the name of your eldest daughter Luc, Yvan's eldest niece.*

*Those first French-speaking missionaries called in to French Polynesia – not Pakele Yvan's Marquesas Islands where he spent his last 4 years of active ministry and where once again he was loved by his people.*

*One of those first French-speaking missionaries was our diocesan patron Peter Chanel, who was described as the man of great heart. And surely that is an apt description of Yvan, a man of energy, enthusiasm and an unshakeable faith in the Lord who called him to priesthood and through death to eternal life.*

*Clearly Yvan was captivated by the Southern Cross as he made Advent wreaths in the shape of the Southern Cross – the advent wreaths announcing the coming birth of the Redeemer. But the fascinating thing about his Advent cross is that as the coming of the Redeemer draws nearer it glows brighter. And this is surely his story.*

*It began at his ordination when he took as his priestly motto and spirituality, the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. Trust in Jesus, the crucified Christ was at the heart of Yvan's call to priesthood, his seminary formation, and his ordination. And as Mary the*



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*Mother of Jesus was at the foot of the cross so Yvan's mother was there on his ordination day – the day of his self-giving as a priest – and after he blessed her she leant close to him and said a simple word – Courage... courage for his exercise of the priesthood, but perhaps also, courage for his last journey!*

*Pa Yvan's last cross was truly one like Jesus' – where he was stripped of so much... There were only a few faithful friends of Jesus at the foot of his cross, Mary the Mother of the Lord, Mary Magdelene, the other women and John. And at this time I would like to honour the faithful friends who accompanied Yvan to and on his cross... I'm not going to name you – you know who, you are but Luc and his family, and we, Yvan's brother priests, are deeply grateful for your love and compassion as we also are to the staff of Atawhai Assisi.*

*It was the love of those faithful friends that took the women back to the tomb on that first Easter Sunday and Yvan would want us to continue to anoint him with our prayers, commending him to God and in doing so discovering ourselves more of the wonder of the God who will in our turn raise us.*

*In our world which has lost so much of its way Yvan has taught us so much of God and what it is to be human, to be men and women enflamed by unquenchable faith, hope and love. And in the same way it was beautiful to see the Lord himself take Yvan to that place of peacefulness, that place where all else is stripped away as it was to him on the cross, and to be simply surrounded by love.*

*Two brief comments from my Facebook page with which to conclude... Bev wrote, Such a beautiful person, so insightful. We were very blessed to have him adopt our country, and I would add, our Diocese, as his own. So in our Mass we give thanks to God for Pa Yvan whom he called to minister with and for us...*

*And a final prayer from Philip – Yvan, May the lights of the Southern Cross light your advent into the fullness of life. May you rest in peace!*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Gobsmacked! A few words from Patrice

WOW!!!! Every single one of you were gobsmacking!! I know the audience were in awe from start to finish witnessing your talent. You all did me so proud. The level of professionalism you reached in just over 4 weeks is amazing!

Main characters, you were sensational. You carried the show and your hard work paid off. You were true stars. I'm going to miss you all. Thank you for working so hard and I hope you never forget this experience and most importantly the message of our musical that anything is possible in life.

Always aim high and work hard because just like Richard Pearse, God has an amazing plan for your life that is even bigger than your dreams.

### DVD

I've had a little look at the edit of the professional recording of the show and it's going to be great!

Please order my making a payment into the Gob-smacked bank account. Orders MUST be in no later than this Friday, 8 June.

### DVD's - \$30

### Gobsmacked T-shirts - \$30

### Gobsmacked Banking Details

Account Name: **Gobsmacked Ltd**  
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Many thanks....Patrice



### Samoa Malaga / Trip 2019

As a school we are currently exploring the possibility of a mission trip to Samoa in the 2019 July school holidays. The trip would be for 2019 year 5 and 6 students with consideration given to accompanying siblings.

To both gauge interest and share further information regarding our proposed Malaga we are holding an information evening this Thursday evening 7th June in our Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Centre at 6.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

### Snapshot

During week 5: our focus behaviour expectation was:

### I look after my belongings and classroom equipment

Children shared their thoughts and ideas...

*"I show I am looking after my belongings when I put my jacket and water bottle in my bag by myself" - Caleb M.*

*"I show I am looking after classroom equipment when I pick things up and put them away." - Lottie M.*

*"I show I am looking after my belongings when I have my name on my uniform" - Mia L.*

*"I show I am looking after my belongings when I zip up my bag so that nothing can fall out" - Milli B.*

*"I show I am looking after classroom equipment when I put things away in the right place, even if I didn't make the mess!" - Oliver B.*

*"I show I am looking after classroom equipment when I play with or use it respectfully. I always pack it away when I'm finished." - Alex B.*

Please note the following behaviours that we will be focusing on during the next two weeks this term:

**Week 6: I walk on decks and pathways**

**Week 7: I think of others when I play**

Nga mihi nui  
**Lisa Broadmore**  
**PB4L Leader/Coach**

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**Change for Term 2 Assembly:**

Week 6 onwards Assembly will be at 11.45 - 12.30 pm every second Friday.

**St Mary's Cross Country** - What a fantastic day for our School Cross Country. The clouds cleared, the tide retreated at the perfect time to allow all our students to dig deep and run their hearts out. Thank you to all our parents who marshalled on the day. Without your support the day would not have been as successful as it was. Congratulations to top three place getters in each age group, our Grand Champions for the Year 5/6 race was Holly Fausett and Reef Joseph. A fantastic race from both of these students and a well deserved victory. The top seven finishers in year 4, 5 and 6 have qualified for South Cluster Championships.

**St Mary's Cross Country Results**

Year 0 & 1 Girls	Year 0 & 1 Boys
1st Cassidy Dobbs	1st Jonathon Dalton
2nd Olivia Woodhouse	2nd Charlie Williams
3rd Zainab Syen	3rd Rufus Rejthar
Year 2 Girls	Year 2 Boys
1st Coco Jacobs	1st Kale Bint
2nd Madeline Mear	2nd Rodi Parshikov
3rd Tilly Martin	3rd Coen Bint
Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
1st Janelle Tustiny	1st Harry Grosso
2nd Milli Banbury	2nd = Matthew Rogers
3rd Phoebe Kirk	2nd= Henry Hopkins
Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
1st Areta Kahura	1st Sidney Orchard
2nd India-Rose Scholes	2nd Cormac Gardiner
3rd Niamh O'Connor	3rd Oliver Laurie
4th Cleo Sands	4th Josh Fausett
5th Liae Yang	5th Matthew Leitch
6th Elia Szulakowski	6th Jude Tarr
7th Rosaria De Jong	7th Blake Gadsby
Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
1st Summer-Ann Jacobs	1st Austin Roper
2nd Eva Jeffries	2nd Leo Gilbert
3rd Imogen Williamson	3rd Eli Banbury
4th Sophia Mason	4th Jackson Porter
5th Olivia Williamson	5th Xavier Kirk
6th Amelia Muller	6th Ryan Bell
7th Isabella Young	7th Konrad Wisniewski
Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st Holly Fausett	1st Reef Joseph
2nd Emma Rogers	2nd Jacob Kleinsmith
3rd Eliana Hulsebosch	3rd Aidan Dobbs
4th Yerin Kum	4th Will Quin
5th Ariana Workman	5th Caden Lowe
6th Briar Grace	6th Finn Curragh
7th Isabella Marsh	7th Benjamin Petrik

**Cross Country Day**

*On Thursday we had an exciting cross country. I was so excited. My Dad was a helper for the big event. "3,2,1,Go" We raced off. It was crowded at first but when we got out of the school grounds we spread out. Up the hill lots were struggling. I was too. Down the hill, it was hard to stop. My feet were slapping on the ground. "Whoa" I said to myself. I finally reached Mrs Walter at the second corner. "Go Makae" she said. After that I went in the salty estuary, it smelt salty and my feet were squishing in the wet sand. Then we were back on the green grass. The finish line was near. I crossed the line in 10th place for the Year 4 boys. Next year I want to come in the top 3. **By Makae - Whanau Walter***

**July Holiday Writing Camp**

A creative writing event for students is being held during the second week of the July school holidays in Tauranga. The Holiday Writing Camp "Write like an author" is being run by Maria Gill for young writers from 9 to 14 years old. This course has been developed by author Brian Falkner and will be held at the Tauranga Girls' College Library from Mon 16th – Thurs 19 July: 9am – 4pm. To register go to: [www.writelikeanauthor.com](http://www.writelikeanauthor.com)

**Rippa Rugby World Cup**

Congratulations to our Rippa Rugby teams who competed at the Rippa World Cup recently. Unfortunately the weather didn't play ball but we all had a great day non the less. Many thanks to Rena Fausett and Kelvin Joseph for coaching our teams.



**Makerspace** - We have finally opened the new Room 10 Makerspace. Last week the teachers had a great time learning together as part of a staff development. Thank you to all the parents that have donated items for this space. We are still in need of some items for this space. If you have any of the following items at home and you are happy to donate, we would very much appreciate them. Please contact us via email if you have any of the items listed below. Lego, Sewing machines, Knitting needles, Wool, Tools, Old toasters or computers. We also would like to utilise the experience of our parent community, so if you have skills or a background in any of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) we would love to hear from you. **Ayn Harris - aharris@stmarystga.school.nz**

**Parish School Mass and Working Bee**

A reminder that we have a Parish School Mass this Sunday 10 June. Sursum Corda will not be singing at this time. Following our Mass is the PTA Working Bee at St Mary's School. Please bring wheelbarrows, spades, hammers and shovels. The PTA will be shouting a sausage sizzle and some refreshments afterwards.

**Mauao - Caught by the Dawn**

Illustrated and written by Whaea Tamoe, the book was launched after a very special powhiri and blessing last Friday at the Wairoa Marae. Whaea Tamoe then read her beautiful book to us. We have a copy for each team to enjoy. Contact Lisa Broadmore if you would like a copy. [lbroadmore@stmarystga.school.nz](mailto:lbroadmore@stmarystga.school.nz)



**2019 Bayhopper School Services**

We sent out an email recently regarding buses that will supply St Mary's for 2019. Bayhopper are providing dedicated school services and the routes can be found here; <https://www.baybus.co.nz/schoolroutes2019>.

The enhanced Bayhopper network will also provide options for students, and details of these routes and timetables have not yet been released. Some of our St Mary's parents have had some concerns about this bus proposal from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. If you have any concerns we would like to collate your feedback and bring this to the council for review. Please use this google form link to place your concerns;

<https://goo.gl/forms/bM7FWaCdONRarCol3>

Any queries or concerns can also be sent directly to [transport@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:transport@boprc.govt.nz).



## Seasons for Growth SFG



Loss and grief are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. Learning to deal effectively with these issues is central to personal well-being and happiness.

St Mary's will soon be offering an education process called SEASONS for GROWTH [SFG] which supports participants who have experienced change in their lives. The program explores issues such as change, loss, managing feelings, coping strategies and support networks.

SFG is an eight session process which concludes with an additional 9th 'Celebration' session a month later. Later in the year each group may have the opportunity to meet again to discuss issues arising from the program.

SFG will commence next term (Term 3) in our school and will be facilitated by a trained Companion Anthony Lenton. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from SFG we would encourage you to talk to them about this.

Should s/he decide to participate please fill in the tear-off section and return to the school by Friday 22nd June.

Our school is pleased to be able to offer this important process and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those that request to be involved.



### Return slip for Seasons for Growth - please return to the school office

I ..... give consent for my daughter / son ..... to attend the SEASONS for GROWTH grief education process facilitated by Anthony Lenton **and I have discussed this with my daughter / son.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Child's signature

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## NZEI MEETING WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On Wednesday 20th June, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Te Wa - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on Wednesday 20th June at 12:30pm, to attend their paid union meeting.

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from their classroom by 12:30pm on Wednesday 20th June. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until 3pm. After School Care will still be available on this day.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

Kind regards

Anna MacKinnon



### Return slip for NZEI MEETING - please return to the school office

My daughter / son will require supervision until 3pm on Wednesday 20 June.

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Classroom: .....

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