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Catholic School  
Tauranga

## newsletter

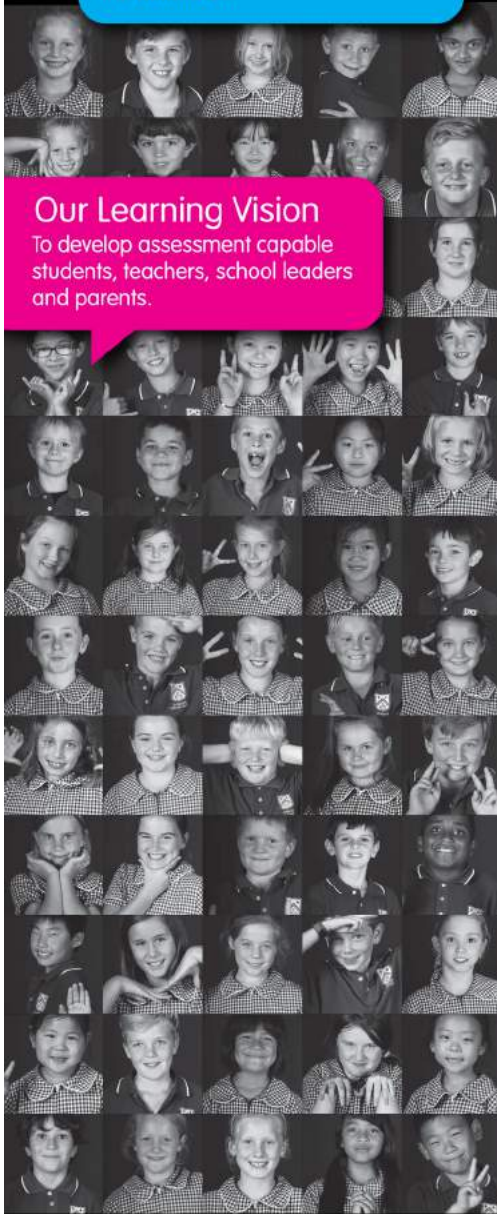
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### Our Vision

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.



Our People Our Place

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

## Message from the Principal

Tena koutou katoa, Talofa Lava and a very warm welcome to everyone in our school community.

Thank you to those that attended our Parish / School Mass on the 10th June. Usually the children are hidden in amongst the adults but when Fr Mark asked them to come forward it was wonderful to see such a great turn out.

Following the Mass, we had a working bee down at the Junior playground. The results from all the hard work are quite obvious. The sand pit is such an attraction to children of all ages and will be an amazing resource for years to come.

### Prayers for the Moncreiff Family

On Monday we heard the sad news that Vanessa Moncreiff's father passed away. Vanessa is a pupil in Whanau Driver, Maramatanga and came to St Mary's at the beginning of this year. Sharon, Vanessa's mother and the rest of the family would appreciate your prayers for the repose of Rob's soul, and for comfort for the family at this time

### Professional Learning and Development

Our last newsletter focused on two areas of focus for our staff professional development: Learner Agency and Tikanga Maori.

As teachers and leaders at St Mary's we recognise the need to be continually growing our own practice. This week I will share two further areas of focus - Teaching as Inquiry and Coaching.

As teachers we use a Teaching as Inquiry (TAI) cycle as a part of our everyday practice to reflect on the effect we are making. We are continually reflecting on what we are doing, why we are doing it and what is making the difference to student learning. TAI is professional learning that never stops. The dialogue between colleagues regarding our reflections are invaluable.

*"Since any teaching strategy works differently in different contexts for different students, effective pedagogy requires that teachers inquire into the impact of their teaching on their students."*

### The New Zealand Curriculum, p.35

Our Leadership Team have been attending a coaching course delivered by Andrea Ford from Clarity Education. This course has given our leaders extra skills, for their conversations with adults, around the teaching and learning within our school.

*"Coaching is potentially one of the most powerful professional learning strategies we can use to:*

- *improve the quality of teaching practice for improved student learning and achievement*
- *support transformational growth and foster self-responsibility in adults*
- *build teacher leadership and the collective capacity of a school or educational workplace to function as a high-performing professional learning community."*

### Clarity Education

### Key Competencies

There are five Key Competencies identified in the NZC: Thinking; Using language, symbols and texts; Managing self; Relating to others; Participating and Contributing.

At St Mary's we have developed rubrics to show progress of these competencies throughout the student's journey at school. Progress in the Key Competencies is now being tracked for all students at St Mary's.

### Education Ambassador

You may have spotted Ajay Mua, a BOP Steamers rugby player, down in Whakapono team over the last few weeks. We are very lucky to have AJ with us until the end of this term. With a call for more male mentors to be in schools the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union have partnered with Key Skills Recruitment to deliver an Education Ambassadors Programme. Ajay has been a wonderful mentor and role model for all of our students.

A reminder to follow our official Facebook page if you haven't already, it has got some great posts and positive feedback from our community.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a great two weeks until the end of term.

Fa'amanuia le Atua (God bless)

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## 2018 Term Dates

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 Muffi 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**

Thursday 2 August

**Class Mass Whanau Cochrane**

Tuesday 7 August

**Welcome to new children and new families liturgy 10am**

Thursday 9 August

**Class Mass Whanau Hesqua**

Tuesday 14 August

**PTA Meeting**

Friday 17 August

**School Mass - Assumption 9.30am**

Thursday 23 August

**Class Mass Whanau Mattock**

Tuesday 28 August

**Board of Trustee Meeting**

Thursday 30 August

**Class Mass Aroha Team**

Thursday 6 September

**Class Mass Whanau Robbie**

Sunday 9 September

**Parish / School Mass 10.30am**

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## SPECIAL CHARACTER

### Prayers for the Meehan family.

Please keep the Meehan family in your prayers.

Anselm Meehan passed away on Thursday night. We pray for his wife Leonie, and his family. Anselm is Anna McKinnon, Joanne Meehan and Nicola Meehan's Father, and Grandfather to Dolores McMaster who are all members of our staff.

### Sacramental programme

Please keep our students who are making their First Eucharist this weekend. May they always know that God is with them and have the opportunity to receive Eucharist continually throughout their life. It is a very exciting time for the students and we wish them all the best on their very special day.

Thank you to the staff from school and the parish who have prepared them. We are grateful for these faithful people volunteering their time and love to guide our children on their faith journey.

### Pastoral Care

We have an active pastoral care system in place for when an event happens in the life of your family that you may need support with. A birth, death, sickness or financial hardship can be some instances where we can provide support as a School Community. Pastoral Care includes meals, kindly supplied by the PTA or assistance with fees or uniforms. Please contact Anna MacKinnon if you require assistance.

### Cluny Foundation Charitable Trust

The Cluny Trust was established to assist and advance students and other members of the St Mary's Catholic community in Tauranga.

Specifically, the purpose of the trust is to help students who are in need of assistance to enable participation in educational and extracurricular activities.

Please pick up a pamphlet from the school office if you would like more information.



New Zealand Catholic Education Convention

### Catholic Convention

An amazing three days attended by Bishops, Priests, Catholic educators, Board of Trustees and others associated with our national Catholic education system. Keynote speakers included Dame Therese Walsh; Professor Br David Hall; Fr. Daniel Horan; David Wells.

### School Feast Day - Friday 6 July

Friday we will celebrate our school feast day. On this day we will also take part in muffi mania - Caritas. More information will follow shortly in regards to the school's feast day.

### Service

This year our aim is to have students actively serve in our community.

We would like to acknowledge Luke Tustin who altar serves. He is our only student who altar servers within our school and parish community.

May others be inspired to become altar servers.

Please see Teresa Rush if your son or daughter would like to become an altar server.

### Cluny Sisters News

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Cluny have a new Superior General, Sister Clare Stanley SJC - the first



African woman to be chosen to lead the congregation. She was elected by all the Sisters gathered in their General Chapter in Paris. May the Lord bless Sister Clare in her work of leadership and service for the Sisters throughout the world.

"It is quite an historic event as Sr Clare is the first African woman to

be chosen as our leader. Anne Marie Javouhey was the first woman missionary to Africa from France about 200 years ago and was instrumental in making sure local men and women were sent for training as priest and religious for Africa" (Sister Allison)

Please continue to keep Sister Allison, Sister Emile and Sister Gabrielle in your prayers as they travel to France and Ireland.

### Mark's Gospel

We are delighted that Father John Jolliffe SM is offering some talks on Mark's Gospel, the Gospel we read from most Sundays during this liturgical year: "Following Jesus Christ in Mark's Gospel"

The talks are at the following times:

### St Mary Immaculate Church - 6pm

Tuesday 26th June

Tuesday 3rd July

### St Joseph's, Te Puna - 10am

Friday 22nd June

Friday 29th June

Please let Margie from the parish office know (578 6209) if you will be attending at either time, to give Father John some idea of how many to expect.

St Mary's staff have been fortunate that Fr John has been leading professional development on Lectio Divina and Mark's Gospel.

### Teresa Rush

DRS

**MuftiMania 2018**

This year we're supporting the students and staff of Apifo'ou College to rebuild classrooms and replace resources damaged by Cyclone Gita.

LOCK IN THE DATE TODAY!

**Friday 6th July 2018**

[www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) [www.nxcipa.org.nz](http://www.nxcipa.org.nz)

A joint project of the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals' Association and Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Mana Show - By Lauren Osterman Maramatanga



*On Wednesday we went to the 'Mana' show. I was excited!*

*First we went inside and the man was about to start the show. Me and Maddie said "Hi!" to the showman.*

*Then the show began. The man said "Hi", and started to talk about countries and how his family travelled around the world.*

*After that he talked about North America and then he did a dance from America. It looked tricky, he was sweating!*

*"EW!" said Maddie.*

*Finally he talked about another culture from Fiji and did another dance he also changed clothes. The music was funny.*

*Then he said another language and said, "Squash banana! Well done! Squash banana!" in another language.*

*I felt that he was very talented and I enjoyed the show.*

### Bike Safety Week - By Finn Curragh

*Last week the Aroha Team had bike safety. Did you know that bikers need to know the same rules as car drivers? First we practised on the courts learning our left and right hand turns and how to use a roundabout.*

*We had a rope laid on the ground to ride along and that is what it would be like if you were biking on gravel.*

*Next we went onto the grass and set up some cones and practised some basic intersection turns. We learnt some ways to remember some rules like, 'Top of the T goes before me,' and 'short turn first long turn last.'*

*On Friday we went on the road and this is when it got serious.*

*We now needed to follow all these rules and watch around us. Bike safety was so much fun and taught me and all the Aroha Team so much.*

*I am hoping that one day soon I can put all the skills and learning into practice when I learn to drive a car!*

### Seesaw

Have you asked your child about their Seesaw portfolio? If not download the app and talk to your whanau teacher about the QR code to get access to what's happening in their learning today! In case you didn't know Seesaw is a digital student portfolio that gives students an audience for their learning! It gives families and whanau a window into what's going on every day in their child's classroom. Students add posts to their journals. Student posts showcase the creative projects they've been working on in the classroom. This could include photos, artwork, videos, activities, notes, projects they've created in other apps, and more. Families and Whanau get notified when there are new posts in their student's journal. They can view posts and add likes and comments. If you want to know more please keep a look out for our FaceBook posts on our official FaceBook page St Mary's Catholic School Tauranga.

### Term 3 Music – Enrol now

#### Recorder

Thursday lunchtime

Cost \$30 for the term.

Contact – [kmulhern@stmarystga.school.nz](mailto:kmulhern@stmarystga.school.nz)

#### Saxophone/Trumpet (need your own instrument)

Thursday lunchtime

Cost \$30 for the term

Contact – [kmulhern@stmarystga.school.nz](mailto:kmulhern@stmarystga.school.nz)

#### Fuse Drumming with Carl Homershaun

A fun, engaging bucket drumming programme for students in year 2-6, held on Tuesday at lunch time in the BAMJC

Cost \$115 for a term (9 lessons)

Contact - [tanya@fusedrumming.co.nz](mailto:tanya@fusedrumming.co.nz)

#### Keyboard and Singing with Colette.

Weekdays at lunch time.

Cost group Lessons \$100 per term (private tutoring available)

Contact – [colette.222@hotmail.com](mailto:colette.222@hotmail.com)

#### Guitar with Mike Nicholson

Weekdays before school

Cost \$20 per private lesson

Contact – Mike 0212083198

### Jump Jam

A massive congratulation's to St Mary's Novice Junior and Senior Jump Jam Teams. Both teams have worked incredibly hard this year and their dedication and commitment showed on the night of the 2018 Strictly Jump Jam Regional Competition when BOTH St Mary's teams brought home the winning first place trophies! We are so proud of the teams, not only for jump jamming like the stars they are but also for the way they represented the school. They were awarded a number of certificates, one of which was Excellence in Sportsmanship which was a true reflection of the way they conducted themselves behind the scenes.

A very heartfelt thank you to Kim Artus for constantly going over and above to produce something our children and families are so proud of. It has been amazing to see these novices grow as a team and within themselves personally over the course of this year.

## SPORTS NEWS

With our winter sports well and truly underway, it is fantastic to see so many St Mary's students actively involved, getting out there with their friends, having some fun and learning some new skills in our winter codes.

Congratulations to all our students, who ran their hearts out, at our School Cross Country. It was fantastic to see the entire school community out together, having a fantastic day. Well done to Reef Joseph and Holly Fauseit who were our Boys and Girls Grand Champions for 2018.



St Mary's was very strongly represented at the South Cluster Cross Country Championships, held recently at Waipuna Park. We had a clean sweep of top three placings in the Year 6 Boys, with Reef Joseph (1st), Jacob Kleinsmith (2nd) and Aidan Dobbs (3rd) all running extremely well. Holly Fauseit (1st) and Emma Rogers (3rd) was also a fantastic result in the Year 6 Girls. Not to be out done, our Year 5 Girls of Summer-Ann Joseph (1st) and Eva Jeffries (3rd), along with Areta Kahura (1st Year 4 Girls) also ran well in achieving some outstanding results. They were joined by Caden Lowe, Imogen Williamson, Sophia Mason, India Scholes, Naimh O'Connor and Sidney Orchard who will all ran as part of the South Cluster Team at the Western Bay of Plenty Championships. Results will be in our next newsletter.

Our Year 3/4 Rippa Rugby team of Cormac Gardiner, Josh Fauseit, Ava Weber, Henry Hopkins, Gus Rejthar, Matthew Rogers, Kahlia Gardiner-Hano, Areta Kahura, Janelle Tustin and India Scholes qualified for the Bay of Plenty Rippa. They all played fantastic Rippa Rugby, showing great school spirit and team work. The team finished 6th overall on the day, which is a great result considering the calibre of this Baywide competition.



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