



St Mary's
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

be. informed

oxforddictionaries.com / informed.

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

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa, Talofa Lava and Nimen hāo to our whole school community. This week is Chinese language week so a special time for our three students at St Mary's who identify as Chinese. I love this Chinese proverb that I came across this week, which epitomises the collaboration that we are striving to achieve at St Mary's -

Sān rén xíng, bì yǒu wǒ shī
In a group of three people,
there will always be one person
I can learn from.

A special welcome to Liam Rhind, Sophia Ferdinando and Vivian Pham. Eli Murie and Leila Cafer who have recently joined our St Mary's whanau.

Open Day

We had a great turn out of parents and whanau at our open day last week. It was awesome to see the children sharing their learning. We will do this again next term!

Staff

This week we sadly farewell Mr Bryan Crowe, who is moving to Korea with his family. We thank Bryan for his contribution to our school and wish him and his family well for their future endeavours. We are very lucky to have Louisa Strange and Christelle High joining our staff for Term 4. Louisa will be starting our new New Entrant class in Room 3 and Christelle will be working in Whakpono Tahi in place of Bryan.

Key Competencies

At St Mary's we understand the importance of the Key Competencies. This week I am focusing on the final Key Competency of 'Thinking'.

The Key Competency of thinking really weaves it's way through all of the other Key Competencies. Without thinking we couldn't 'Manage Self', 'Relate to Others', 'Participate and Contribute' or 'Use Language, Symbols and Texts'. Having said that, we do need to focus solely on thinking to grow this competency.

At St Mary's we are developing our students thinking skills by giving them opportunities to reflect, problem solve, ask questions and draw from the knowledge they already have.

"Thinking is about using creative, critical, and metacognitive processes to make sense of information, experiences, and ideas. These processes can be applied to purposes such as developing understanding, making decisions, shaping actions, or constructing knowledge. Intellectual curiosity is at the heart of this competency." TKI Online.

Now for a skite! Recently we participated in the National Monitoring Study of Student Achievement (NMSSA), conducted on behalf of the Ministry of Education. This involved an external teacher working with a number of Year 4 students. The study looked at children's learning in mathematics and social studies. Although we don't get the results, we are extremely proud to say that all of the children that participated showed amazing thinking and collaboration skills. I think that is a great testament to the teaching and learning here at St Mary's.

Learning Through Play

You may have noticed that I am very passionate about play! Next term I will be focusing on play in the newsletters. I will also be running a 'play' workshop for those of you who may want to know more about the importance of play and the research that supports this. Watch this space for dates for this workshop.

Newsletter online

We are very pleased to announce a trial of our newsletter as an online document. This is one step that we can make towards taking care of our environment and streamlining the workload of our office administrators. We will have a small amount of paper copies available in the office for those who prefer to read hard copies. Our newsletter will be emailed and available on our website and official facebook page.

Summer Uniform

Just a reminder that we change to our summer uniform next term. We move from wearing shoes and socks to wearing sandals. The St Mary's School hat is compulsory for the whole of Term 4. There will be designated play areas for children who do not come to school with a hat.

Music Scholarship

Thank you to everyone who applied for the Music Scholarship for guitar lessons in Term 4, 2018.

Congratulations to Vani Panchal and Maddie Parry who will receive tutoring from Michael Nicholson. Thank you to Suzuki Bay of Plenty. We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity and we are sure that both girls will really benefit from these lessons. Look out for the Coding/Computer Scholarship notice coming home soon.

We hope you have a safe and happy term break and look forward to an exciting final term of the year.

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2018 Term Dates

Friday 28 September

Term 3 Ends

Monday 15 October

- Term 4 starts
- Aroha Camp

Thursday 18 October

- Class Mass Whanau Tanner
- NZ Shake Out Day 9am

Monday 22 October

Labour Day - school is closed

Tuesday 23 October

Aquinas Orientation Evening 7pm

Wednesday 24 October

- Pasifika Festival
- International Families Afternoon Tea 2pm

Thursday 25 October

Class Mass Whanau Walter 9am

Friday 26 October

School Photos

Saturday 27 October

Jump Jam Championships

Tuesday 30 October

- Aroha Athletics Day 9am - 2.30pm
- Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

Thursday 1 November

Aroha Athletics postponement day

Friday 2 November

All Souls School Mass 9.30am

Tuesday 6 November

Welcome to new children and new families liturgy 10am

Thursday 8 November

Class Mass Whanau Yorke 9am

Friday 9 November

Aroha Team Athletics

Saturday 10 November

Taylor Bros Transport Gala & Fireworks

Sunday 11 November

Parish School Mass 10.30am

Tuesday 13 November

South Cluster Athletics

Thursday 15 November

Class Mass Whanau High 9am

Friday 16 November

Speech & Drama Christmas Concert 11am & 1.30pm

Saturday 17 November

Taylor Bros Transport Gala & Fireworks PP date

2019 Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 4 February - Friday 12 April

Term 2

Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3

Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Thurs 19 December
(end date to be confirmed)

be.
Christ-like

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reflective

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SPECIAL CHARACTER

Tika and Maramatanga Jesus Strand key teaching and learning

Jesus is a human person who was born into a Jewish family around 6-4 BC. He lived as a child just like us. As an adult Jesus invited the apostles to be his friend and follow him. What Jesus did when he lived on earth he continues to do today with the help of the Holy Spirit. We get to know Jesus through the bible stories. Jesus showed love and respect for the tapu of people in different ways; talking, listening, sharing meals, touching, healing and showing he cared for them. Jesus wants us to be like this.

Service Highlight

The school would like to recognise and thank the students who performed at the Parish Meal to welcome Father Rico. The Jump Jam was a great way to start the evening. Serrie Park played the piano beautifully and Nathan Holmberg was amazing on the saxophone. It is great to have such talent at the school and for students to be involved in active service.

Song for Sunrise — Joy Cowley, New Zealand

Hey, beautiful morning, we're singing your God song, a psalm of seas and mountains, of empty roads and houses yawning under a new blue bowl of sky.

It's the song of the bellbird, of steaming cows in sheds, of freckled trout quivering in deep dark pools, and dew on cobwebs lacing trees.

Hey, beautiful morning, stay in our wakened hearts so we can carry your God song into the busy day.

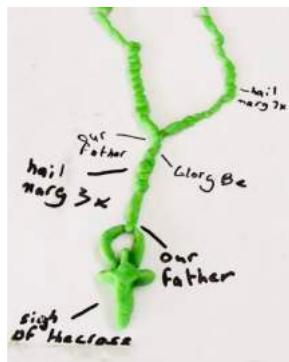
Remind us that newness is an ongoing gift and that every moment is potential reborn, but if our ears become full of other concerns, and we lose the freshness of your song, then comfort us with the knowledge that you will sing with us again tomorrow, oh beautiful morning, oh song of God.

From Psalms for the Road by Joy Cowley, 2005 (2nd Edition 2014), Pleroma

Rosary

Pono Tahi have been learning about the rosary. They used play dough to sculpt the beads on a mini whiteboard and label the prayers we say. This was then posted on Seesaw in our RE folder.

Teresa Rush
DRS



My speech experience by Gia Dumbleton

This week I had the privilege of representing St Mary's and the South Cluster at the Western Bay of Plenty speech finals. I particularly enjoyed listening to all the other speeches. There were some really interesting topics. The winning speech was on paper, scissors, rock and how it got its name. I felt very lucky to come third.

Speech and Drama Trinity College Examination Success!

A huge congratulations to Imogen Williamson, Eva Jeffries, Olivia Kerr who all passed their Grade 1 Trinity College London Speech and Drama examinations with Distinction. We are so proud of you for all the preparation and hard work you put into perfecting your pieces and developing your vocal and performative skills and technique.

We look forward to watching you showcase one of your pieces at our Speech and Drama Christmas Concert in November! Watch this space for more details.

Dee Ellwood - Speech and Drama Teacher



Sports Exchange



School Photos
Friday 26 October
Sibling order forms are available from the school office

What's happening in Maramatanga

Meditation Prayer



In Maramatanga we are practising different ways to pray. Each Wednesday morning we begin the day with meditation. The children listen to a bible story and have a quiet time with God.



Writing buddies checking to see if we have achieved the success criteria for writing.



Maths Learning



We enjoyed our parents coming in at open day.



PB4L Behaviour Expectations week 8, 9 & 10

- I listen to other (Classroom Setting)
I think of others
- I encourage others and help others to follow rules
- I am a thoughtful learning buddy
- I listen to wet day monitor
- I listen to adults
- I listen to peer mediators
- I listen to teachers



Makerspace

We have had an amazing term using the new Makerspace, children have been discovering and using problem-solving skills to design, make and create. We are excited to have this space and will be looking forward to another exciting term ahead. Here are some highlights from Aroha team.



Celebrating Our Different Cultures

Ni hao. Two weeks ago in Tauranga our Chinese community celebrated the Chinese Moon Festival. William Wu and his Mum were part of the celebrations and performed in the Lion Dance and the Drum Dance.

Next week we look forward to learning more about the Chinese culture as we celebrate Chinese Language week.

This is me and my Mum on Moon Festival Day. We were doing the Drum Dance and the Lion Dance for the people of Tauranga. Mrs Vincent and Miss Mayall came to watch me dancing and enjoy the Festival. There was lots of special food to eat and I had some pork dumplings and they were yummy. It was a very happy day. (William)



A reflection from Amy Kim on her year at St Mary's

Amy leaves us at the end of this term to return to Korea with her family. We wish Amy and her family a safe trip back to Korea and send them many blessings.



I have really enjoyed my time here at St Mary's school. I love the school environment, the fresh air, the nature and the estuary - it's just so different from Korea. I really like that I can go out and enjoy the fresh air so much and eat our lunch, but I do find the seagulls annoying. I love learning in New Zealand because you can choose where you learn. It can be at a table, on a beanbag, on the mat or even outside. I love working in the big classrooms having lots of friends and nice teachers. It also is great when we go to the staffroom after Class Mass and share yummy food with our family and friends. I also really like Kapa Haka and learning the songs and haka - I will be sharing that with my Auntie back in Korea.

One of the most special things for me and my Mum was when I made my Holy Communion and having some of my teachers as my godparents and sponsor. I love saying my prayers and Church and when I say my prayers it just feels nice.

The things I have loved about New Zealand is the outdoors, the fresh air and the bush. Some of my favourite places have been Hamilton Gardens, Te Papa, Mount Maunganui and the hot pools, Auckland Sky Tower and the beautiful Hamurana.

I am excited to be going home but I will miss New Zealand and my friends but I hope to come back to study again sometime.



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OUR WORLD FAMOUS
FIREWORKS GALA IS
BACK! A FABULOUS
NIGHT FOR ALL
THE FAMILY

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St Mary's Fireworks Gala

Saturday 10th November 2018

(rain postponement date: Saturday 17th November)

Gates open at 5.00pm

Live Entertainment - Fun Gala Stalls - Yummy Food

PLUS - back by popular demand the St Mary's Wheelbarrow Race

and of course our spectacular fireworks extravaganza
kicking off between 8.45pm and 9.00pm (weather dependant)

Ticket Prices

Family Pass = \$25 (2 Adults and up to 3 Children)

Adult = \$10 (18 years & older)

Child = \$5 (under 5's free)

Tickets on Sale:

from Friday 26th October @ St Mary's School Tauranga

Gate Sales - Eftpos available at the gate

St Mary's Catholic School



Cash-out facility available

No unaccompanied children 18 years & under. We have right of refusal.



St Mary's Fireworks Gala

GAZEBO PICNIC SPACE \$100

GRAB one of 10 primo spots on the night and set up your own 3x3 picnic gazebo in a designated area. Remember only 10 available! Email fireworks@stmarystga.school.nz NOW so you don't miss out!

VOLUNTEERS

With a little bit of help from everyone, we can make this a fabulous evening for our children and the whole St Mary's community. Next term we will call for volunteers. Please consider offering help when the time comes.



WHEELBARROW RACE

Back by popular demand! Which class will be crowned the 2018 champions and win the coveted St Mary's Wheelbarrow Cup? Every class will enter a wheelbarrow in the race and needs one or more sponsors to the value of \$300 per wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrows will be decorated by the class, proudly displaying the sponsor's logo and colours. Promote your business and get fantastic exposure to our community. "Class Prize for best dressed wheelbarrow". Contact your class teacher for further information on sponsorship.

DONATIONS & PRIZES

We would love awesome prizes & donations for gala stalls and for the Winning Wheel. All contributions will be greatly appreciated!! Prizes can be dropped into the school office.

SPONSORSHIP

We have several different sponsorship options for you to choose from. Email us today and we will email you a proposal. Please contact email fireworks@stmarystga.school.nz



JAR-O-RAMA - always popular

Hi everyone, this is just a reminder that it is coming up to Jar-o-rama time again!!! Yes fireworks is just around the corner. So over the holidays start collecting those jars and thinking up some creative ideas.

CLASS PRIZES - this year will be based on creativity, effort, imagination and design (not numbers). Please return your jar-o-ramas to your classroom teacher.

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