



St Mary's  
Catholic School  
Tauranga

Our People Our Place

## Newsletter

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

## Message from the Principal

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Sunday, October 25, 2020

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

*The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

*This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.*

*The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.*

*The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.*

*Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.*

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are well underway with our Summer sports for Term 4 and we want to thank all our coaches, managers and volunteers for taking time out of their schedules to support our children. The most important thing we can do for our children is to continue to promote those strong core values of making sure every child is able to participate and enjoy their chosen sport to the best of their ability. Have a great term of sport everyone.

### End of year date

This year we finish on **MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER** at 12pm and we are having an **ACCORD TEACHER ONLY DAY** on Tuesday 15th December.

### Start of year date

The start of 2021 will begin on Thursday 4th February with our Rá Whánau Mai and Friday 5th being the first full day of school for 2021.

### 2021 Enrolments

If you have any enrolments for 2021 could you please let the office know so we can begin our planning for 2021.

### After School Care

We will run after school care on Monday 14th December from mid-day to 5.30pm and the holiday programme from Tuesday 15th through to Wednesday 23rd December.

Our January 2021 Holiday Program will run from Mon 18th – Fri 22nd January, Mon 25th – Fri 29th January. After school Care will start the first day back to school; Thursday 4th Feb 2021. For any more information please email Shelley at: [afterschoolcare@stmarystga.school.nz](mailto:afterschoolcare@stmarystga.school.nz)

I know we have had some parents enquire about a before school care programme and we will begin to look at the viability of this alongside our School Board of Trustees.

If you would be interested in this could you please email me and let me know the rough times. We are just beginning some initial discussions and looking into this. My email is: [jmurray@stmarystga.school.nz](mailto:jmurray@stmarystga.school.nz)

### Book Fair

I am sure you will agree that our Book Fair was a great success. Over \$1,000 was raised which will be used to buy new books. A special thank you to Debbie Nowell for her hard work and great organisation for the event.

### Travel safe parent survey

Next week via HERO and hard copy we will send out a link for a parent survey around travel safety. You will be able to complete the survey online or hard copy. Thank-you in advance. If you would like to complete the survey you can also use this link. <https://forms.gle/E4eV5xoL9tB6HE77>

### HERO

Thank you to all those families that have been logging in and checking their child's reports and gathering information from the school. There are a few issues with the system currently so you may be experiencing some difficulties and some lost image information. We are working with HERO to rectify these and we will keep you updated. We apologize for the inconvenience. We have worked with HERO and some images may have been lost for good. We are confident that this corrupt file through HERO will not happen again. Please note this is our main form of communication as well as the school app and facebook, so please make sure you are able to receive all these social media forms to access information. I have placed the information on how to login again for the first time below.

**James Murray**  
Principal

## TERM DATES

### Thursday 29 October

- School Photos
- Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

### Friday 30 October

- Whole School Mass St Mary Immaculate 9.30am
- Celebration Hui 2pm

### Sunday 1 November

Confirmation at St Mary Immaculate 2pm

### Monday 2 November

Speech & Drama concert 11.15am & 1.30pm

### Wednesday 4 November

WBoP Cricket Junior Carnival

### Thursday 5 November

- Aroha Athletics
- Class Mass Whanau Walter 9am

### Friday 6 November

- Aroha Athletics pp day
- WBoP Cricket Junior Carnival pp day

### Sunday 8 November

Parish School Mass 10.30am

### Tuesday 10 November

- South Cluster Athletics
- PTA Meeting 7pm

### Thursday 12 November

- Class Mass Whanau Tanner 9am
- Year 6 Aquinas Orientation Evening 7pm

### Tuesday 17 November

Grandparents and Grandfriends liturgy 10am

### Thursday 19 November

- Class Mass Whanau Wood 9am
- Aquinas Transition Day 9am-12pm
- New Entrant Meeting for all children starting in Term 1, 2021

### Saturday 21 November

- Jump Jam North Island Champs
- First Holy Communion 5pm

### Sunday 22 November

First Holy Communion 10.30am

### Thursday 3 December

Year 0 – 4 End of Year Mass

### Friday 4 December

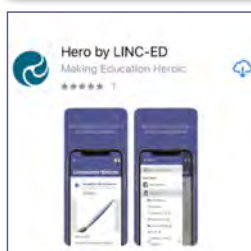
Year 6 Retreat

### Tuesday 8 December

- Prize Giving Holy Trinity
- PTA Meeting 7pm

## To set your password and log into HERO for the first time:

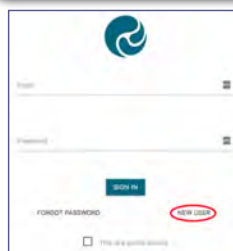
**1.** Download the Hero by LINC-ED app from the app store or play store.  
**Note:** use the keywords Hero LINC-ED when searching for the app.



**2.** Click **NEW USER**



**3.** Enter the email address you have provided the school and click **REQUEST PASSWORD LINK**







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# Special Character Term 4

*With God, we strive to Be our best, Be prepared for the world;  
And Be true to our Catholic faith, to others and to ourselves.*

## Prayers

We keep the Knight Family in our prayers. Trish Knight passed away on the weekend. Please pray for Trish, her husband Peter and children, Liam, Flynn and Max. Max is a current St Mary's student and the older boys also attended St Mary's.

*Eternal rest grant unto Trish, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

## Grandparents/Grandfriends Day: Tuesday 17th November

This year due to the ever growing number who attend the Grandparents/ Grandfriends Liturgy we have made a small change. The Liturgy aspect will now be held in the Church; St Mary Immaculate Church 9:30am. This will allow us to safely host the Liturgy. Following the Liturgy Grandparents/Grandfriends and whanau are invited to Morning tea at BAMJC (School) will be served and visitors will have a chance to visit classrooms. At 12:00 noon We will have a short Concert for Grandparents and Grandfriends. In the BAMJC.

## School Parish Mass

**Sunday 7th November, 10:30am St Mary Immaculate Church.**  
**We encourage all our students and their families to attend the Mass. The students will be leading the singing and having active roles within the Mass.**

## Confirmation

Please pray for our students who will be Confirmed in the Spirit by Bishop Steve this Sunday at 2pm.

## All Saints/All Souls Day

This Friday students will attend Mass to celebrate All Saints day, followed by All Souls day liturgy on Monday. Students will be asked next week to create a candle with the name/names of their loved ones who have passed away, these will be displayed in the office area to remind us during the month of November to keep them in our prayers.

## Pope Francis November prayer intention

Artificial Intelligence - We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

## 5 November Parihaka Day

Students will reflect in prayer on Monday 9th November a Parihaka Liturgy. **Prayer for Parihaka and for Non-Violence in our Country**  
*"Parihaka speaks to us of peace, A new way of seeing justice. It opens up the horizon of hope to bring glory to God Peace on Earth and goodwill to all people".*

We remember the choices made by the people of Parihaka. They chose to act with dignity at a time when aggression was met with aggression. Their leaders acted to restore well-being among their people traumatised by violent confrontation. May we respond with dignity to any form of aggression we meet in our lives.

**Teresa Rush - DRS**

## Parish News

Jesus was clear. Love of God and love of neighbour are the greatest commandments. They underlie all the commandments as on these two "the whole law and the prophets depend". For most of us we can easily say 'Yes' to love of God with all our heart, soul and mind, but to love your neighbour is 'Aah... Hmmm... ahhh... que sera, sera!' In other words DIFFICULT! But Jesus reminds us these two commandments depend and compliment one another. We cannot love God if we don't love our neighbour. We need the grace of God to fulfil these great tasks!

Fr. Arnold

## Baptism Course

The next Baptism course will be held Thursday 5th November, 7pm at St Mary Immaculate Church. Please contact the Parish office to register your attendance at this course. Thank you.

## Prayer for those who have died

God our Father,  
Your power brings us to birth,  
Your providence guides our lives,  
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,  
their lives change but do not end.  
I pray in hope for my family,  
relatives and friends,  
and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,  
Who died and now lives,  
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,  
where all our tears are wiped away.  
Unite us together again in one family,  
to sing Your praise forever and ever.

Amen.



In Tika and Māramatanga we have been learning about Litterless Lunchboxes. Rachel from ZeroWaste took us on a litter hunt around our school grounds. We then talked about ways we can reduce the amount of rubbish in our lunchboxes. We had lots of fun making our own beeswax wraps!



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