



St Mary's  
Catholic School  
Tauranga

Our People Our Place

## Newsletter

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Whakapono students have been painting floral panels to brighten up the garden boxes



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## Message from the Principal

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time), Cycle A

Sunday, November 22, 2020

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

*Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In Sunday's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.



**be.**  
Christ-like

**be.**  
reflective

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creative

Téná koutou kátoa e te whānau,

There are many things in the school calendar over the next few weeks so please stay in touch via the website, app and HERO.

As we enter these last few weeks I would like to say a massive thank-you to everyone for the way in which we have worked together for the betterment of our children. We don't always get it right at school and at home but we know with strong communication and partnerships we always intend to do the best for our children. If you do have any concerns the first port of call is your child's teacher, then the team leader followed by Mrs MacKinnon or myself. We will always make time to listen and work through solutions for you and your children.

### First Holy Communion

I want to start by congratulating those children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. They were great celebrations and it was lovely to acknowledge these children at our Monday Liturgy.

### Jump Jam

Congratulations to all students who participated in the National Jump Jam competition this weekend. I am incredibly proud of your achievements. Well done!

This time of year our children get very tired, worried and fragile so communication is paramount. If they are well fed, have plenty of rest and are happy in their environments our children will be able to get through the last couple of weeks.

### 2021 Class Placements

We are working through class lists and the make-up of the school for 2021. The teams will all be very similar to this year with a few teacher moves likely. I will inform you when the puzzle is complete. In 2021 we will operate 2 Yr 3 classrooms and 3 Yr 4 classrooms and they will remain in their current location. Please note that the teachers, and leadership team take significant time to place children based on learning needs, relationships, gender.

### After School Care

Our last day of 2020 is Monday 14th December at 12pm. Please make sure your child is collected promptly. Shelley will be operating the after school care programme from 12pm and until Wednesday 23rd December. If you have any queries please contact Shelley.

**James Murray**  
Principal

## Year 0 - 4 Mass

On Thursday 3 December the Year 0 - 4 students celebrate their End of Year Mass in the Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey Centre.

All family and friends are welcome!

## Year 5 & 6 Mass & Year 6 Graduation

On Thursday 10 December the Year 5 & 6 students celebrate their end of year Mass at St Mary Immaculate Church.

Following the Mass a Graduation ceremony will take place for our Year 6 students. All family and friends are welcome!

## Music Concert

As is usual at this time of year we celebrate a year of learning with a small concert organised by our Music Tutors for those children enrolled in the schools out of hours music programme. We invite you to join us this Friday 27 November at 12.40pm in the centre and look forward to seeing you then.



## Parent Helper Thank you Morning Tea

On Monday 30th November at 10.30am we are having morning tea in the Blessed Anne-Marie Javouhey Centre for parents and whanau who have helped our school in any way this year. You are warmly invited to join us.

## Term Dates

### Friday 27 November

- Out of Hours Music Concert 12.40pm
- Celebration Hui 9am
- Be. Token Hui 1.45pm

### Monday 30 November

Morning tea to thank all our Parent Helpers. Please come along! 10.30am

### Tuesday 1 December

- Year 6 End of Year Fun Day
- Year 5 End of Year Fun Afternoon
- Board of Trustee Meeting 6pm

### Thursday 3 December

- Year 0 - 4 End of Year Mass 9.30am
- International parents morning tea
- School Band playing for parents 2.15pm

### Friday 4 December

Year 6 Retreat

### Monday 7 December

Farewell Liturgy 2pm

### Tuesday 8 December

- Prize Giving Holy Trinity 11am
- PTA Meeting 7pm

### Thursday 10 December

End of Year Mass for Year 5 & 6 and Year 6 Graduation 5.30pm

### Friday 11 December

- Whakapono Memorial Pools 9am
- PTA Disco

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### Saturday 19 December

St Mary's Fireworks

## 2021 Term Dates

### Term 1

Thursday 4 February - Friday 16 April

### Term 2

Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July

### Term 3

Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

### Term 4

Monday 18 October - Friday 17 December

**School will close on Monday 14 December at 12 noon.**

End of year bus times will be put on HERO as soon as this information comes to hand.





100's more beautiful Maui photos coming soon on our Facebook page

# 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.*

## Congratulations

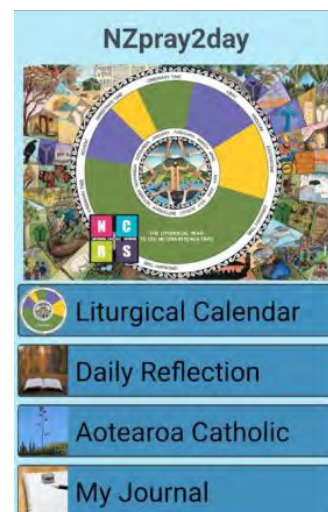
Congratulations to our many students who made their First Holy Communion on the weekend. All students looked amazing and enjoyed their very special day. We are very thankful to Margie Cooper and the team of leaders who taught the children their lessons over the year.

## Mufti Day

Thank you for your support for the mufti day- we raised \$770, I am sure this will make a massive difference for all those in need.

## NZpray2day

Now available on Apple devices as well as Android. The Church's National Centre for Religious Studies (NCRS) – part of Te Kupenga-Catholic Leadership Institute – is delighted to announce the launch of the NZpray2day app for Apple devices. NCRS Director Colin MacLeod says NZpray2day supports young and old – particularly in Catholic schools and parishes – to enter simply into the richness of the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings.



## Reverse Advent Calendar - Giving what we can Advent - being Christlike and caring for those who need our help.

2020

We ask families to send in items each week

Students will then be able to see how if everyone brings a little then we can give a lot.

This year we are going to focus on 2 weeks of giving.

**Week 8: Pantry Items and Water**

**Week 9: Toiletries and Treats**

Will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank







## Prizegiving at Holy Trinity Tuesday 8 December

You are all warmly invited to join us for our end of year Prizegiving on Tuesday 8 December held at the Holy Trinity Church in Devonport Road.

You will be contacted by your child's classroom teacher if your child will be receiving an award.

We thank Holy Trinity for kindly sponsoring our Prizegiving and allowing us the use their amazing facilities

Join us for a night of  
fabulous food and fun...

### AQUINAS COLLEGE COOKBOOK SOIRÉE

**27 NOV 2020**

**5.30 PM**

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Enjoy a glass of wine and tapas from our cookbook while Nicky Smith, our celebrity chef shares stories from her twelve years of roaming the world - including cheffing on the Formula One racing circuit, practising Ayurvedic cuisine, setting vodka jellies in a salubrious Russian fishing camp, or catering for a wedding in a makeshift kitchen in Bhutan.

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The library is closed for 2020.

Please return all library books and home readers to school as soon as possible.

## Râ Whānau Mai 2020

On Thursday 4 February 2021, St Mary's will open for Râ Whānau Mai (Family Welcome Day). This is a family open day and is a great opportunity for you, as parents and whānau, to share your expectations, your child's interests, strengths, and learning needs and the knowledge you value, directly with your child's teacher. There will be a coffee cart and a lunchtime sausage sizzle. More information will come home in our next newsletter regarding how to book interview times with your child's class teacher.

## Maui the Magnificent Book

A beautiful book had been produced,  
filled with every scene from  
Maui the Magnificent.

A copy of the book can be viewed  
in the school office.

If you would like to purchase a copy  
please contact Tracey Oliver-Marshall  
[tolivermarshall@stmarystga.school.nz](mailto:tolivermarshall@stmarystga.school.nz)





# St Mary's Jump Jam Excels on National Stage

**St Mary's has made Jump Jam history!** All five teams won medals at the North Island competition last Saturday - the only school ever to win that many trophies. The boys' team was also crowned National champions while the Year 5 & 6 Xtreme team missed the top NZ spot by just 0.3 points to finish second. North Island teams were ranked against the South Island's top scorers to determine NZ's best jump jammers. St Mary's Year 1-3 team was named the second-best in NZ and the Year 4 Advanced team placed third nationally. The results means St Mary's now holds 17 national jump jam titles, making it the most successful school in NZ. It is the ninth time in 11 years a St Mary's boys' team has won the national title. Rounding out the school's weekend success, the Year 5 & 6 All Star team ranked third-best in the North Island. It is the first competition where all St Mary's participants (53) came home with medals. The Aquinas College team, featuring several former STM jump jammers, also won a national title.





# WEEKEND SPORT



Some photos from last weekends Weetbix TRYathlon



## **Who are we?**

Catholic Family Support Services has been operating in Hamilton since 1980. We are a professional agency providing social work support and financial mentoring for people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. We now have a registered social worker based in Tauranga who is providing intensive, home-based social work services.

## **How can we offer support?**

- Home based visits
- Supporting parents and caregivers with parenting practices
- Goal setting for 'moving forward'
- Linking whanau with other support services, such as counselling and financial mentoring
- Advocating for individuals and whanau
- Support for extended family/ whanau caring for children

## **How do I make a referral?**

Anyone is able to make a referral.

To make a referral please contact:

Sophie Faulkner on 021 755 719 or email [sophie@cfss.org.nz](mailto:sophie@cfss.org.nz) for a referral form.



The LTP is a 10-year plan which is refreshed every three years, to review progress towards our city's priorities and amend those priorities if we need to. It's also a chance to find a balance between what we need and what we can afford, allowing all residents to have their say on the future of their city. More information on the LTP can be found here - [www.tauranga.govt.nz/ltp](http://www.tauranga.govt.nz/ltp).

Currently Tauranga City Council is reaching out to the community to start determining the level of involvement you would like to have in the LTP process. Whether this means providing regular updates through school newsletters and/or hosting workshops for you to attend, they want to know the best ways to support you in getting the information you need.

This is your opportunity to help build a great city for yourselves and your children.

They will be in touch again in the New Year to discuss the ways you may like to receive information and how they can support you through the LTP process. In the meantime, please contact Jacquie Jardine of Tauranga City Council at [Jacqueline.Jardine@tauranga.govt.nz](mailto:Jacqueline.Jardine@tauranga.govt.nz) if you have any questions and/or comments.

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