

October/November 2021

St Mary's Catholic School's *Whakamana Korero* Scholarship Announcement

Attention: 2021 Year 6 Students

Dear Parents and Students,

It is with great pleasure that St Mary's School, along with Dee Ellwood – our Speech and Drama teacher, gift a year-long *Whakamana Korero* Communication Skills/Speech and Drama Scholarship to a Year 6 student in 2022.

Effective communication skills and development are relevant and pivotal in all areas – education, trade industries, sports, performance arts, to name a few. As young students soon heading off to intermediate, college and beyond, we believe tuition in the areas of effective communication and performance a valuable tool to carry with you on your journey ahead.

Our *Whakamana Korero Scholarship* – includes lessons once a week, in a small group of students, for all four terms with Ms Ellwood. Areas of the communication skills and speech and drama syllabuses covered include: voice modulation skills and development, breathing exercises, impromptu speaking, prepared speaking, debating, poetry and prose reading, reading-aloud and narration, characterisation, improvisation, mime and role-play and play script performance.

The scholarship student will have the opportunity to sit a mid-year communication/speech and drama exam with Ms Ellwood, a Trinity College, London Speech and Drama Exam (at an additional cost), the option of entering into the Tauranga Performing Arts Competitions and be involved in Ms Ellwood's end-of-year St Mary's Christmas Concert in Term 4.

All 2022 Year 6 students are eligible to apply, and submissions must be handed into the office no later than **November 27th**, with the scholarship candidate chosen by St Mary's principal and teachers, and announced at final assembly of Term 4, 2021.

Our assessment criterion includes – but is not limited to – these key areas:

- Student demonstrates diligence across school subjects and a willingness to consistently learn and improve skills.
- Student demonstrates empathy and kindness towards fellow students, teachers and school members.

- Student is gratuitous, helpful in class and demonstrates a willingness to volunteer in classroom, playground and outside school events.
- Student exemplifies a drive to set goals and works hard to achieve them, no matter the outcome.
- Student addresses students and teachers alike with a positive attitude and a willingness to present their best forward each day.

If you would like to apply for our *Whakamana Korero Scholarship* please fill in your details below and return to the school office, **by November 27th**.

Kind regards,

St Mary's teaching staff and Dee Ellwood

Application for Whakamana Korero Scholarship:

Full Name:

Year Level in 2022:

In a few words please describe yourself i.e. your values, goals and aspirations:

In a few words please tell us how you think this Whakamana Korero Scholarship would benefit your learning and development:

Please share with us a few of your interests and hobbies:

Please share with us any future plans/career plans if you know what you'd like to focus on:

In your own words please detail why you believe effective communication skills are important to have:

* Please submit this application form into the school office no later than **November 27th**.

