



St Mary MacKillop Catholic School



MISSION STATEMENT

"Our School, together with family and Parish, provides a quality Catholic education where each of us strives to know and love Jesus Christ, develop a love of learning and a respect for ourselves and one another."

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NEWSLETTER

February 5th 2020

*Fakalofa lahi atu, Greetings Kia Ora, Malo e lelei, Taloha ni,
Kia Orana, Talofa Lava.*

**Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata,
haere whakamua.**

Care for the land, care for the people, go forward.

Tena Koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa:

Welcome back to St Mary MacKillop Catholic School for 2020. We look forward to an exciting learning journey this year and sharing in the growth and faith of our school community. I would like to welcome back the staff, pupils and new members of our community for 2020.

A special welcome to Mrs Helen Annafjeh and Mrs Win Poe who joins us with a wealth of experience. Also Koloti Kamoto who is our new member of our support staff. I am sure you will make them feel welcome and part of our community.

Our huge prayers and thoughts go out Mrs D'silva whose Father passed away on Sunday. She is currently taking time with her family as they come to terms with their loss.

"Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace"

2020 Staff Role:

Mike Piper	Principal	Senia Myocevich	Deputy Principal	
Betsy Lui	Team Leader	Teacher	Year 7/8	D1
Silo Metai-McCathy		Teacher	Year 7/8	D2
Helen Annafjeh		Teacher	Year 7/8	D3
Susan Williams		Teacher	Year 5/6	C1
Peter Wirjapranata		Teacher	Year 5/6	C2
Denise Lennon	Assistant Principal/Team Leader	Teacher	Year 5/6	C3
Kathi Schofield	Team Leader	Teacher	Year 3/4	B1
Amanda Felise		Teacher	Year 3/4	B2
Shayna Crawford		Teacher	Year 3/4	B3
Anna Joseph		Teacher	Year 2/3	A1
Win Poe		Teacher	Year 2	A2
Mariam Zaia		Teacher	Year 2	A3
Vaai Koka		Teacher	Year 2/3	A4
Ingrid D'Silva	Team Leader	Teacher	Year 0/1	A5
Malia Tonga	Team Leader/DRS	Reading Recovery		
Sarah Mariu		Teacher		
Katrina Godinet	Principal's Assistant/Office Administrator			
Martha Lafaele	Office Administrator			
Manufou Papalii	English Language Assistant (ELA)			
Tia Yorke	English Language Assistant (ELA)			
Christine Ili	English Language Assistant (ELA)			
Lucia Petelo	English Language Assistant (ELA)	Library/Duffy		
Cecilia Letoa	English Language Assistant (ELA)			
Stephanie Tuala	English Language Assistant (ELA)			
Koloti Kamoto	English Language Assistant			
Peti Petaia	Caretaker			

Up and coming special events:

- **Family Open Evening- February 12th 5:00pm-7:00pm**
- **First School mass - February 14th 11:00am - St Therese Church**
- **Teacher Only day - March 6th No school**
- **20 years celebrations - March 20th**
- **Student Led Conferences - April 1st-2nd**
- **Stations of the cross April 9th**

"20 Years"**2020 Celebrations: March 20 SAVE THE DATE:**

Our School is celebrating being a Catholic school in Mangere for 20 years this term. We have earmarked March 20 as our day of celebration. More details will follow over the next few weeks.

Family Open Evening - February 13th 5:pm-7:pm

"Children are successful when parents have the time, energy and focus to support their children's learning. That starts with a strong partnership between parents and school."

"It starts on Thursday." 5:00pm-7:00pm



We begin this Thursday with an open evening for families and pupils to meet the class teacher and talk about your child's learning. A free sausage sizzle will be available after 5.00pm. Come learn about what learning is to take place this year and the digital connection you have with Teacher/class and home. Make sure you sign up to get messages from your teacher and share in the digital life of their class.

As part of our evening we have:

- Netball sign ups
- Rugby sign ups
- Soccer sign ups
- Meet the BOT
- Meet the Saints troopers our Amazing PFTA
- Meet Constable Priscilla Tauleva
- Sign your child up with Skids
- ASB bank here to talk children's banking
- Meet the BOT
- Free sausage sizzle



Complete a raffle ticket and hand it into the office go into a draw to win prizes.

Come along and meet all the people involved in making our school a great place.

The long hot summer:

Hats:

"No Hat No play"

It is term 1 and all children must have a school hat to wear. It is important we all come organised to school. We are a sun smart school that takes pride in our uniform and is responsible for our health. We will be doing a prize for the POD who has the most Hats at school today. Keep them coming in. It will be part of our excellence Award.

2020 and Future Enrolments:

Parents are invited to enrol their children at St Mary MacKillop Catholic School when they turn three. Preference is given to children who are baptised Catholic. To enrol at St Mary MacKillop Catholic School you are required to provide the following:

- A completed enrolment form signed by both parents
- A Preference Certificate signed by a Catholic Priest and stamped with a parish stamp.
- Original birth certificate or passport
- Original baptism certificate
- A passport must be sighted showing the residency status of a child who is born outside of New Zealand
- Immunisation certificate

Once the forms have been completed they must be returned to the School Office together with any original documents. The documents will be sighted and photocopied where necessary. The child will be placed on a waiting list. Once your child has been accepted to start at St Mary MacKillop Catholic School, a meeting and pre-school visits will be arranged with the Deputy Principal to ensure a smooth transition into school.

Family Contacts: It is vital that the school is notified



Corona Virus: Up date

As you will have seen in the media, the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning the coronavirus. This is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear, however it appears that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms. This incubation period is currently considered to be 14 days. Children and young people are currently returning to classrooms. The health of students and staff is a priority for all. I encourage you to err on the side of caution and here are some steps you can take;

As always, anyone who is unwell should not be at school. If you have a particular concern about your child/ren please contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice. Health-line has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages if students are attending school and display symptoms, they may be precluded, if there is reasonable grounds they may have a communicable disease (Section 19 Education Act). Students will be required to stay away for the infectious period of the specific disease. This affects those who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus). The Ministry of Education is working closely with the Ministry of Health to ensure that schools in NZ have the most relevant information to ensure potential risks associated with the coronavirus are navigated appropriately.

TERM CALENDAR 2020

FEBRUARY:

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| ★ 6 | WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY |
| ★ 7 | School Assembly with D1 in Wharenui at 2:00pm |
| ★ 12 | Boostrix Talk year 8 boys/girls |
| ★ 13 | Meet the teacher evening 5:00pm-7:00pm |
| ★ 14 | School Mass 11:00am at St Therese Church |
| ★ 19 | BOT meeting in Staff Room at 5:30pm |
| ★ 21 | School Assembly with Room C1 in Wharenui at 2:00pm |
| ★ 26 | ASH WEDNESDAY-Whole school to join Parish for Mass |
| ★ 28 | Year 8 Retreat-St Francis Retreat Centre |

MARCH:

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| ★ | 3 | Boostrix Dose 1 Year 7/8 |
| ★ | | MOSA Cricket year 5/6 |
| ★ | | SWZ Boys Softball |
| ★ | 6 | Teachers Only Day-No school |
| ★ | 9 | Whole school photo 2020 |
| ★ | 13 | Syndicate Mass A & D Pod at Wharenuī 9:15am |
| ★ | 18 | BOT meeting in Staff Room at 5:30pm |
| ★ | 19 | St Joseph's Feast Day Liturgy-D Pod |
| ★ | 20 | 2020 SCHOOL CELEBRATION 20 YEARS |
| ★ | 24 | MOSA year 5-6 Softball |

APRIL:

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| ★ | 1 | Student Led Conference-School finishes early |
| ★ | 2 | Student Led Conference-School finishes early |
| ★ | 3 | School Assembly with Leaders/House Captains |
| ★ | 6 | HOLY WEEK STARTS |
| ★ | 9 | HOLY THURSDAY—LAST DAY TERM 1 School finish 3:00pm |
| ★ | 27 | SCHOOL STARTS TERM 2 |
| ★ | | 8:50am—3:00pm |