



# 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

**January 30th 2019**

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

***Tena Koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa:***



**EHARA TAKU TOA I TE  
TOA TAKITAHU ENGARI,  
HE TOA TAKATINI**

*Success is not the work of one,  
but the work many.*



Welcome back to St Mary MacKillop Catholic School for 2019 I 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 2019.

A special welcome to Mrs Esther Blake in B-pod I know you will make her feel welcome and part of our community.

**Value: Expression of Faith**

## 2019 Staff Role:

Mike Piper	Principal	Senia Myocevich	Deputy Principal	
Silo Metai-McCathy		Teacher	Year 7/8	D2
Betsy Lui	Team Leader	Teacher	Year 7/8	D1
Peter Wirjapranata		Teacher	Year 7/8	D3
Susan Williams		Teacher	Year 5/6	C1
Denise Lennon	Team Leader	Teacher	Year 5/6	C3
Elroy Muller		Teacher	Year 5/6	C2
Kathi Schofield	Team Leader	Teacher	Year 3/4	B1
Esther Blake		Teacher	Year 3/4	B2
Shayna Crawford		Teacher	Year 3/4	B3
Anna Joseph		Teacher	Year 2/3	A1
Liz Gill		Teacher	Year 1	A6
Vaai Koka		Teacher	Year 2/3	A4
Emma Rekareka		Teacher	Year 2	A5
Malia Tonga	Team Leader	Reading Recovery		
Ingrid D'Silva	Team Leader	Teacher	Year 0/1	A3
Sarah Mariu		Reading Recovery		

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)

Peti Petaia	Caretaker
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## ST MARY MACKILLOP STAFF 2019



### **New classes: 2019**

You would have noticed that we have had 2 new classes arrive. These classes are still not ready for use and will probably take at least another 2 months. It is an exciting development for our school.

### **Stationery: Office Max.**

We have had a great response with stationery with lots of our families arriving Day 1 ready to go. We will be doing a prize for the class who has the most Stationery this Friday. Keep them coming in.

### **Uniform: NZ Uniforms Manukau**

5/10 Lambie Drive, Manukau, Auckland

### **Up and coming special events:**

- **First School Mass - Friday February 8th at 11:00am St Therese Church**
- **Family Open Evening- February 21st 5-7pm**
- **Special Character review - March 13th-14th**
- **Student Led Conferences - March 27th-28th**

**“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.”**

The key to your child having a successful year is building a strong partnership between school and home. At St Mary Mackillop we pride ourselves on having a strong relationship between home and school.

Throughout the year we have planned opportunities to celebrate your child’s success including student led conferences, sports events, syndicate activities and celebrations. We begin this in week 4 Thursday with an open evening for families and pupils to meet the class teacher and talk about your child’s learning.

More details will follow closer to the time as to what is happening.

## **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.

### **Water Bottle:**

**“Keeping our Fluids up”**

Please organise your child to have a water bottle with them. It will allow regular access to water.

### **Netball:**

Time to start thinking again.

Aim to be ready early and going early.

**Details next week.**



Romans 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him.

Proverbs 3: 5 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely”

Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others.

Mark 10:45 "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many"

(References taken from the New American Bible Revised Edition 2010 App)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence, do not rely” Proverbs 3:5

This Bible reference to me is about giving your all for the Lord. Put God first and don't be ashamed to show this as you live your life. We may be blessed with gifts but ultimately, where did these gifts come from? They were given by God and so it is only right that we should trust in his Word. Prayer is a form of connection with God so do not be afraid to pray. I believe God will answer the prayers of everyone with sincere hearts.

Please read with your children and discuss your thoughts on the Bible verse. Your help will go a long way in the children's understanding of what our School Values mean and how they can be lived by each person in our school.

## FEBRUARY:

**6 WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY**

8 Whole school Mass at St Therese Church at 11:00am  
School Assembly with D3

## 13 BOT meeting

21 FAMILY/TEACHER EVENING from 5:00pm-7:00pm school BBQ

22 Year 8 Retreat at St Francis Retreat Centre Hillsborough

Syndicate Mass at school - A/B Pod in Wharenuui at 9:15am

School Assembly with Room B1 in Wharenui at 2:00pm

**MARCH:**

6 ASH WEDNESDAY - Whole school to join Parish for Mass  
BOT meeting

8 School Assembly with C1 in Wharenuī at 2:00pm

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15 D Pod trip—ASB Polyfest

22 Syndicate Mass in Wharenui C/D Pod at 9:15am

School Assembly with A1 at 2:00pm

## 27 STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

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29 C & D Pod Reconciliation at 11:30am

## APRIL:

5 School Leaders/House Captains Assembly at 2:00pm

## 12 Stations of the Cross Presentation

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