



**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

September 3rd 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.

Talofa lava St Mary MacKillop Community

Level 2.5:

Our broken year of Covid interruptions has continued. I actually started this newsletter on the day before we went into lock down. That seems a long time ago.

Our start to this week has been great with our children slowly returning to school and loving the chance to see friends and reconnect with each other. We have chosen to make our return all about getting back into school and feeling safe. Classes have been doing many different activities to help them feel good about themselves.

We expect to see more of our children come into school over the next few days. Having your child at school is important for their learning and well being.

Our key messages still are:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others
(in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance)
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Displaying QR code posters and having a register for those who can't use the app.
- Bring a water Bottle



Every week we will evaluate how we operate and what systems and procedures we have in place. Please keep an eye out for information.

Survey:

Every year at some stage we do a survey. This survey is then shared with the Board and then feedback to the teachers so we can best plan ahead for our ST MMK community.

Last year we did a ST MMK School Health and Physical Education Curriculum 2019 Community Consultation. This has then fed into our curriculum initiatives that will be rolling out soon. Obviously we have lost a bit of time with COVID. But we will keep you updated with new initiatives.

<http://www.marymackillop.school.nz/surveys/>

This year's survey Focuses on:

- SLCs:
- Report:
- Parent engagement:
- Safe environment:
- Curriculum:
- School facilities:
- End of year Prize giving:

D POD 2021:

I will be contacting families around next year. We are wanting to lock in who is staying and plan for next year.

Over the next few weeks we will be breaking up the weeks with celebrations and Mufti-days:

We are still unsure what they will look like and how they will be rolled out in the school. We will engage our children and share through our digital platform as best we can.

Wig Wednesday: September 9 more info to follow



Tongan Language week:

Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga 2020 is on from Sunday 6th September to Saturday 12th September

D3 online assembly: TBC

Curriculum update:

Getting active!

One of the initiatives we started this term is Getting active! Your children, weather dependent, are going to have more activity as part of our curriculum. Health and Physical Education is the first of our learning Areas that we are looking at.

You completed a survey last year to help guide us as to what you want to see.

Watch this space:



It was great to visit netball a few weeks ago and see our teams competing and representing our school with such pride and in a positive way. We are lucky to have had the commitment of our parents who helped get the teams going and performing considering the year we had with COVID.

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2 REVELATION SHARKS
3 ELLAV8
4 HAWKS KNIGHTS
5 SAINTS GOLD

1 REVELATION KNIGHTS
2 SAINTS BLUE
3 HAWKS BULLETZ
4 MAUNGA VIPERS
5 MEPS BLUES
6 MEPS ELYERS

1 STORM HAWKS
2 REVELATION EAGLES
3 PANTHER HAWKS
4 NGA IWI RUBIES
5 SAINTS GOLD
6 MRS SAPPHIRES

1 TITAN HAWKS
2 SAINTS BLUE
3 MEPS LEGENDS
4 ELLAV8 BLUE
5 REVELATION THUNDER
6 MBS DIAMONDS



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support as a result of the Covid-19 Virus with the payment of 2020 Attendance Dues for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the School Website:

<http://www.marymackillop.school.nz/catholic-diocese-hardship-allowances-forms-and-process/>
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/covid-19-attendance-dues-assistance/>

TERM CALENDAR 2020

SEPTEMBER:

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| 7 | Tongan Language Week |
| 9 | Wig Wednesday Mufti Day - Donation for Child Cancer Foundation |
| 11 | School Assembly with D3 at 2:00pm - online |
| 14 | Te Wiki o te Reo Maori - Maori Language Week |
| 17 | END OF TERM 3 MASS AT ST THERESE CHURCH 11:00am |
| 22 | St Annes Shield Sports Day |
| 24 | School Assembly with A2 TBC |
| | Loud Shirt Day |
| | LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3:00pm |

OCTOBER:

- 12 TERM 4 STARTS— 8:50am**