



St Mary MacKillop Catholic School



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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."

NEWSLETTER

May 31st 2017

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

Tena Koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa:

Talofa, talofa lava ile paia ma le mamalu i tatou aiga uma i le 'aoga a St Mary MacKillop Catholic School!

We would like to wish Mrs Mariu all the best as she leaves to go on maternity leave next week. It is an exciting time for her, we look forward to sharing the news when our new baby of St Mary MacKillop arrives.

Culture Counts:

As we enjoy Samoan Language week it is important to realise why we celebrate this. Our school chooses to celebrate and recognise our children's cultures. Having a child feel that their culture is valued in the classroom is important to us. Having a child feel a connection between home and the classroom makes them feel they have a connection in both places.

All Pods are doing, preparing and getting ready for up and coming speeches. Having Language Speeches is another way we get our children to engage in their Culture and share it with us as a school.

It is Samoan language this week and our school has been really enjoying learning more language and celebrating the week. We believe that Culture counts in our children and at school. It has been a chance for our learners to share and grow in the knowledge of Samoan Language.

**Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa 2017
St Mary MacKillop Catholic School
Week 5, 28 May - 3 June 2017**

***Theme is: Ma'au i lou ofaga. Maua'a lou fa'asinomaga
(Keep your identity alive, to thrive)***

Samoan Parent FONO:

We extend a warm welcome to all our Samoan parents to attend an important fono to



be held in our school Wharenuui **Friday 2 June from 12:00-1:00pm.** In this meeting, we would like to hear your views on what you would like to see happening in our school in the future, and answer any questions you may have.

Friday, we ask that our Samoan parents please bring a Samoan plate to share with our staff, community and BOT at lunch time, **from 1-1.45pm in our staffroom.**

Then **at 2pm**, we would love for you to stay for our school assembly. Also, we encourage **ALL students and parents to come dressed in their own cultural attire Thursday and Friday.**

We have 2 Parent meetings this term. Samoan Parent Fono this Friday and our Filipino parent group in week 8. I plan over the next 2 terms to meet with all parents groups to discuss where we are headed as a school and what issues and challenges we are facing.

Keeping our children safe:

Thank you for helping after school and helping us fix our pick up problems. We have improved, after school now flows better and our children and parents are safer.

**"Park and walk"
Let's keep it up.**

Remember we are still wanting you to have exciting opportunities for our families:

Pasifika PowerUP Plus Programme

The Pasifika PowerUP Plus programme is an educational programme.

Pasifika PowerUP Plus actively supports Pasifika and Maori parents, families and communities to champion their own children's learning and delivers targeted workshops to four groups:

- Parents, Families, and Communities (Parents, Families, Communities (PFC)
- Secondary students (with a separate focus on those sitting NCEA Level 2)
- Intermediate students
- Primary Students
- ECE Children

We are Powering Up to accelerate:

MANGERE POWERUP PLUS PROGRAMME

Where: NGA TAPUWAE COMMUNITY CENTRE
253 Buckland Rd, Mangere East

When: Wednesday 4:30pm – 6.30pm (Beginning 3rd May 2017)

Who: All Welcome - The Whole Family!

Cost: FREE

****Snacks and Supper provided.***

Please come and see us in the office if you interested so we can give you more details. Or come and see Mrs Metai-McCarthy she is involved in the programme.

Pentecost

The Feast of Pentecost (this Sunday) marks the end of Easter and the beginning of Ordinary Time in our Church season. On this day, we remember that Jesus kept his promise to



the Disciples. He sent our Advocate, our Guide and Helper - The Holy Spirit to be with us until the end of time.

The Holy Spirit is the voice of reason. Like the day he came to be with the apostles and our Mother Mary, we have to be still and quiet our hearts so that we can hear him and listen to his advice. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we embark on a new church season and give us enlightenment and strength that we need to continue Jesus' mission on earth today.

Religious Education Books

Dear parents and caregivers. The children will bring their books home to share the learning in the classroom. Please make a comment in their books regarding the content of the book then sent this to school the very next day.

Awards:

Principal:

A1 Naleeka Pura	Leilani Aumareva	A3 Iyla Filoa
Alisi Tuungafasi	A4 Dontaye Fidow	Kala Muller
A5 Dominic Toutaiolepo	Alefosio Sime	A6 London Tekeu Tupou Palelei
B1 Caitlyn Laupola	Sorona Filo	B2 Benjamin Ropati See Ieremia
B3 Cyprian Tolovae Peto Paulo	C1 David Fa'alili	Maylene Fuimaono
C2 Kyla Ambler Genesis So'oa	C3 Lolo Filoa	Kameron Letoa
D1 Avis Akaroa Lesieli Tuipulotu	D2 Losi Luamanuvae	Junior Lafaele
D3 Lilly Godinet	Lute Vaeno	

Pastoral Care:

A1 Precious	A3 Makatu'u Ata'ata	A4 Vanessa Tupou
A5 Moe Lene	A6 Tylar Fa'alili	
B1 Isabella Sulu-Kiripati	B2 Fabianni Napara	B3 Emmanuel Kirisome
C1 David Fa'alili	C2 Chelsea Pelo	C3 Finau Lavaka
D1 Marama Leniu	D2 Logan Kaetau	D3 Manusiu Manuha'apai

SUBWAY ORDER

EVERY THURSDAY 8:30am-9:30am

Please bring the right change

TERM CALENDAR 2017



JUNE:

- ★ **1 All students wear their cultural attire to school**
B Pod Speech Competition 9:15am-10:15am
Hoisting of the Samoan Flag celebrate Independence Day at 2:15pm
- ★ **2 All students wear their cultural attire to school**
School Assembly in Wharenuui at 2:00pm—D2
- ★ **5 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY— HOLIDAY**
- ★ **7 Year 1-2 Speeches and Poetry Recital 9:15am—10:15am**
- ★ **9 Mass at School 9:15am with B/C Pod**
- ★ **12 Book Fair in the Library whole week**
- ★ **16 Duffy Theatre—All classes at 11:00am early morning tea**
School Assembly with C1 in Wharenuui at 2:00pm
- ★ **20 Filipino Family meeting in Wharenuui at 5:00pm**
- ★ **28 BOT Meeting in the staff room at 5:30pm**
- ★ **30 End of Term Mass at St Therese Church at 11:00am with B Pod**
School Assembly with B2 in the Wharenuui at 2:00pm

JULY

- ★ **3 Dental Van Visit**
- ★ **7 LAST DAY OF TERM 2**
- ★ **24 Term 3 starts—8:50am - 3:00pm**