



# 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

**March 14th 2018**

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

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

### **Welcome St Mary MacKillop Community:**

The summer term seems to be fading on us. I hope you all got through all the storms and you and your family were safe. The grass has grown quickly so we are looking nice and green again.

**School starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3pm.**

We have many children coming to school too late and not getting the chance to be in school ready. Coming to school early allows your children the chance to get into class, participate in prayers and be ready for the day.

### **Have you checked out your child's class blog?**

#### **Class Blogs:**

As part of our learning this year we have class blogs happening. Each class has one where pictures, writing, learning links are for you to look at. Please hop on to our website and have a look and share in your child's learning.



## Home engagement:

Student Led Conferences:

Wednesday April 4th and Thursday April 5th:

Our families are so supportive of their children with their learning. Now it is time for families to participate in their child's student led conference. We expect all of our families to come and be part of this. We aim for a 100% turn out from our Community. The key to your child having a successful year is continuing to build a strong partnership between school and home. Student Led Conferences are in week 9 and this is a great way to finish our term focused on your child's learning and the next steps needed.

What is in it for me?

- Being able to understand my child's progress
- Knowing ways to help them
- Growing my child's confidence
- Having fun with learning

What do I need to do to prepare?

- Make an appointment time
- We want to keep our parents informed and up to date with what is happening in school.
- Go with your child to the classroom
- Be prepared to stay around 15 minutes
- Listen carefully and ask questions about their learning
- So please make sure you go online and book a time or come and bring your form to the office and it will be sorted for you

## AWARD:

### Principal

A1	Elijah Schwenke	Manulevu Kolomatangi	A3	Santana Cawlins
	Geevarghese Anoop	A4 Uili Elia	A5	Mikaele Tupua Alexis Diaz
A6	John Ikahihifo	Lennox Tekeu		
B1	Moonique Posa	Giovanni So'oa	B2	Johnsun Posa Samiu Tevunga
B3	Kifasi Tuitavuki	Precious Elia	C1	John Swanney Pierre Poluleuligaga
C2	David Kaihea	Nui Ah See	C3	Joseph Tuungafasi Trinity Tae
D1	Lolongo Tuitavuki	Rainerlei Dillan-Ifi	D2	Eliza Tuave
	Rosie Luamanuvae	D3 Roberta Akeli		Juan Castillo

## Values Trophy: Cassius Tae for his excellence in swimming

### Values

A1	Kyra Suka	A3	Calvin Ula	A4	Richie Haungatau	A5	Eirene Sene
A6	Cassius Tae	B1	Sebastian Pepe	B2	Atiyanah Talalelei		
B3	Jordan Manase	C1	Jessica Keil-Smith	C2	Shaniice Tunufai-Dewit		
C3	Elemia Vehikike	D1	Jay Fiaalii	D2	Genesis So'oa		
D3	Joysina Faumui Tofilau						

### **Early finish Thursday 15th March. Classes finish at 12:30pm**

The Teachers will be attending a NZEI Paid Teachers Union Meeting away from school. Please collect your children up at 12:30pm.

If you wish for your child to walk home at 12:30pm please sign the permission slip that was handed out on Monday and hand it to the class teacher - more copies in the office if you need.

For safety reasons, if there is no signed permission slip given to the teacher, children will not be allowed to walk home until 3:00pm.

SKIDS are offering after school care for \$20 per child from 12.30pm - 3:00pm contact them directly on 360 6700 or 0210402375 to book a place.

### **Special Character:**

'Special character focus: Lent

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. As part of our preparation for Easter, students from C & D pods who have already received their Holy Communion will take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our school on Friday 23rd of March at 12:00pm.

Religious Education learning is focused on the Life of Jesus. Students are learning about the events that took place during Holy Week, leading up to Jesus' death on the Cross.



We will be presenting the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday at school. All classes will present a Station. The Stations of the Cross will begin at 10:am on Holy Thursday March 29th.

After the Easter break, room D3 will present the last station, the Resurrection.

Our school R.E books are coming home as well. If you have commented on your child's book, thank you very much. If you are unsure about a comment to make, you can write about the content of their learning. Pupils are encouraged to share what they are doing and studying at the moment. Please ensure you take the time to discuss your child's Religious education and what they are focused on at the moment.

### De La Salle College

**Open Day on Wednesday 4th April from 9:30am - 11:30am**

The morning will begin in the Multi-Purpose Centre with a brief presentation by the College Principal, Senior Leadership Team and students, followed by tours of the College by senior students.

### McAuley High School

Enrolment/Information Evening for students in Year 9, 2019.

**Date: Tuesday, 27 March 2018**

Time: Tour of the school and enrolments taken from 3.30pm.

Address by Principal at 4.00pm, 4.30pm, 5.00pm and 5.30pm.

Students should please bring with them:

Preference form, birth certificate/passport, latest school report

\$50.00 student ID card charge

### St Peter's College

Enrolment application closing 6th April 2018 for entry into 2019 at St Peter's College

Enrolments for entry to St Peter's College for 2018 are currently open.

**1st February - 6th April 2018 closing at 4:pm**

[Www.stpeters.school.nz](http://Www.stpeters.school.nz) **under Enrolments**

### TERM CALENDAR 2018

#### MARCH:

- 16 Syndicate Mass at school - B/C Pod
- 19 ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY - Liturgy at 9:00am in Wharenui
- 21 BOT meeting at 5:30pm
- Year 5/6 Ripper Rugby at Aorere Park Mangere
- 23 Reconciliation for C/D Pod and Staff
- School Assembly with Room A6 in Wharenui at 2:00pm
- 27 SW Zone Boys/Girls Tag Tournament
- 29 STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 11:00am
- 30 **GOOD FRIDAY - HOLIDAY**

#### APRIL:

- 2 EASTER HOLIDAY
- 3 EASTER HOLIDAY
- 4 Student Led Conference - school finish at 12:30pm
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- 6 School Assembly with Leaders/House Captains
- 13 SCHOOL MASS AT ST THERESE - 11:00am DRS and Team Leaders
- END OF TERM 1 School finishes at 3:00pm**
- 30 **School Starts back for Term 2**