



**St Mary MacKillop  
Catholic School**



## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the pupils in our Catholic Community, Education that is inclusive, rich in Gospel and St Mary MacKillop Values and leads to Academic Excellence.

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# NEWSLETTER

**October 31st 2018**

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



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

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



### Vision:

**“Together we grow Christ centred children who are ready for the next step”**

**Show No Distinction – That every person is equal and is to be treated with respect.**

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

### “Term 4”

At St Mary MacKillop Catholic School we reflect the values of Christ as portrayed and lived by St Mary MacKillop in particular Respecting self, others and the environment. Valuing people and creation as Holy and Blessed. At our school this is what that will look like:

1. Having Lunch boxes they matter to us
2. Trying to use less plastic wrapping and packaging for our lunches
3. Trying to use reusable containers in our lunch boxes.
4. All leftover lunch rubbish gets taken home
5. Putting our fruit scraps in the class waste bin
6. Using our Paper bins correctly for recycling
7. Turning taps off properly so we don't waste water

## Camp:

I was lucky enough to spend last week at school camp with the mighty D-Pod. It was a great week of fun, laughter and plenty of challenges. Carey park was a great facility with many activities that our children were experiencing for the first time. Water slide, Climbing wall, Bushwalking to name a few. A big thanks to our parents who joined us for the week, giving up time to look after our Pod. They make these special weeks possible and they treat your child like their own. I know you had a few tired children for the weekend filled with memories and a few bumps and bruises.



## Strike day!

The NZEI has advised St Mary MacKillop school that a Strike day for Auckland will be happening on **November 12th**.

The Board will advise by the end of the week as to whether the school will be closed on this day. Please start to make alternative arrangements ahead of time.

## St Mary MacKillop Sport News:

**Athletics day:** We have our Annual School Athletics Day on November 15th. We aim for a 9.15am start and hope for sunshine. All children are expected to be in House Colours and be ready to participate.

**Penola- Yellow**

**Wood - Red**

**Temuka- Blue**

**Mackillop- Green**

We will be sending out more information closer to the time.

## Classes 2019 :

We are busy planning for 2019. It will come around really fast and we want to be organised for the new learning year.

Please contact Mrs Myocevich if you wish to have a talk about next year's classes.

Last date for catch up is November 2nd.

## School Photos:

Class photo envelopes will have come home with your child this week. Please put the correct change inside the envelope and return it to the school office no later than Friday 2nd November. No eftpos payments available for these photos.

## St Therese's Fair:

### **St Therese's fair is on November 17 We have a stall !!!!!!!**

On November 13th your child will come home with a Cake box. We ask you return it to school on Friday 16th November. Please fill with Baked goods for us to sell at the fair but please **NO FRESH CREAM.**

All money made will be donated to the Parish.



## St Mary MacKillop News

A huge congratulations to one of our Year 7 students - Kyla Ambler who had her poem entitled "I Belong" published in the 'Sense of belonging' - Mana Mangere Writers Collective and Mangere Otahuhu Communities' Voices Collection, edited by Helen Tau'au Filisi.

Kyla attended the official book launch at the Otahuhu Library on Saturday 29th September, where she read out her poem as well.

We'd also like to say a special thank you to Helen Tau'au Filisi for donating a copy of the book to our school and Mrs Agnes Rassmusen for supporting Kyla in her literacy experience.

### **I Belong**

*The feather korowai draped over my shoulders.  
I BELONG*

*The heavenly aroma of my nana's sapaui  
being served at our family to'ona'i.  
I BELONG*

*Looking at my Chinese great grandfather's face  
in a picture frame that hangs on my hallway  
wall.  
I BELONG*

*The school bell rings, I rush to go to class.  
I BELONG*

*Slowly running the rosary beads through my  
fingers as I quietly say "Hail Mary full of grace".  
I BELONG*

*My sense of belonging has never come from big  
events that I've experienced in my life but rather  
I've found it in the everyday acts that I do and  
for that I truly appreciate it ...*

*Ko tenei au  
Ou te auai  
I BELONG*





### Summer term is here:

It is summer term again so please make sure Hats and Sandals are all ready to go. Please make sure your child is in the correct Uniform which is available from NZ uniforms, Lambie Drive, Manukau. Hats with our school logo are available from the office until the end of the year.



## ST THERESE & ST ANTHONY PARISHES CALENDAR FOR SALE—\$5.00 FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

### TERM CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER:

31 BOT meeting in the Staffroom at 5:30pm

#### NOVEMBER:

2 MOSA Cross Country

School Assembly with A2 & buddy class

6 SW Zone boys/girls mix Touch Tournament

7 New Enrolment for 2019—9:30am-10:30am in Wharenuai

Duffy Theatre at 1:30pm

12 **Teachers Strike day**

15 **Whole School Athletics Day**

16 A & B Pod Mass at School

School Assembly with B1 in Wharenuai at 2:00pm

20 **School finishes early**

22 SW Zone Athletics girls/boys

27 MOSA Athletics at Mt Smart

28 BOT meeting at 5:30pm

30 School Assembly with C2 at 2:00pm

New Entrant Christmas Play at 12:00pm

CAREDAY: RAINBOW'S END

#### DECEMBER:

5 **WHOLE SCHOOL MUFTI DAY AND SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2:00pm**

**PRIZE GIVING AT ST THERESE CHURCH AT 6:00pm**

7 End of Term Mass at St Therese with D Pod at 11:00am

Students' Reports to go home