



# 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

**February 19th 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.**

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

### **Family Open Evening:**

**"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."**

Thank you for making it a great success where many of our children brought you along for the chance to meet and spend some time with their teacher. Creating that engagement is a big part of what we do and what we expect from each other.

### **Value: Excellence**

**Week 2: D pod = Best POD for having 99% people with hats**

**Week 4: ??? We will find out at Assembly**

### Up and coming special events:

- Teacher Only day - March 6th No school
- 20 years celebrations - March 20th
- Student Led Conferences - April 1st-2nd
- Stations of the cross April 9th

### Dedication Mass for all Teacher in Catholic Schools:

We attended our Annual Mass for all Catholic Schools at Christ the King School. Bishop Pat lead us with a great homily around being leaders and passionate in what we do. Teachers are also recognised for the study they have been doing.

Senia Myocevich : New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies - Religious Education

Shayna Crawford: Living Life to the full

Anna Joseph: Living Life to the full



### Travel Wise:

Stop chaos at the school gate !!!!!!!

Never stop on yellow lines or double-park around the school.

Parking like this can block the view of students and motorists making it hard for students to safely cross the road. Develop your child's road sense and let them walk the last 500 meters to school.

### Park and walk !!!!!

Too many cars at the gate are backing up , making long queues and dangerous times after school in particular.

### 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. We will be doing a prize for the POD who has the most Hats at school today. Keep them coming in. It will be part of our excellence Award.

### NETBALL:

NETBALL SIGN UPS - They are happening again over the next 2 lunchtimes. We will be asking to see the pupils at Lunchtime to gauge interest.

Week 4 - Feb 21 - names taken , numbers approx

Week 5 - Feb 28 - registrations out , fees and forms returned

Week 6 - Mar 6 - teams confirmed Depending on coaches and numbers





**CoronaVirus:** Up date has not changed: Monitor your children !!

This incubation period is currently considered to be 14 days. Children and young people are currently returning to classrooms. The health of students and staff is a priority for all. I encourage you to err on the side of caution and here are some steps you can take;

As always, anyone who is unwell should not be at school. If you have a particular concern about your child/ren please contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages

If students are attending school and display symptoms, they may be precluded, if there is reasonable grounds they may have a communicable disease (Section 19 Education Act). Students will be required to stay away for the infectious period of the specific disease. This affects those who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus). The Ministry of Education is working closely with the Ministry of Health to ensure that schools in NZ have the most relevant information to ensure potential risks associated with the coronavirus are navigated appropriately.

### **2020 and Future Enrolments:**

Parents are invited to enrol their children at St Mary MacKillop Catholic School when they turn three. Preference is given to children who are baptised Catholic. To enrol at St Mary MacKillop Catholic School you are required to provide the following:

- A completed enrolment form signed by both parents
- A Preference Certificate signed by a Catholic Priest and stamped with a parish stamp.
- Original birth certificate or passport
- Original baptism certificate
- A passport must be sighted showing the residency status of a child who is born outside of New Zealand
- Immunisation certificate

Once the forms have been completed they must be returned to the School Office together with any original documents. The documents will be sighted and photocopied where necessary. The child will be placed on a waiting list. Once your child has been accepted to start at St Mary MacKillop Catholic School, a meeting and pre-school visits will be arranged with the Deputy Principal to ensure a smooth transition into school.



### **Open days: St Peter's College Open Day**

Date: Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 9:30am or 1:00pm

### **Sacred Heart College Open Day**

Date: Friday 27th March 2020 at 11:45am or 1:30pm

### **Marcellin College Open Day**

Date: Thursday 27th February 2020 at 4:00pm—7:00pm

### **St Paul's College Open Day**

Date: Thursday 5th March at 9:30am or 1:45pm



**Attendance  
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

**The Incredible Years** parenting programme acknowledges that parenting is one of the most important jobs adults can do. The programme aims to encourage positive family relationships.

They provide:

- Practical step-by-step suggestions for parents of 3 to 8 year olds, to help handle everyday family situations.
- An encouraging and supportive learning environment.
- Strategies to help parents manage challenging behaviours.

The programme runs on Wednesdays 9:30am - 12.00pm.

Start Date: Wednesday 26th February 2020.

Venue: BestStart Mangere East - 48 Tennessee Avenue, Mangere East.

To enrol, please contact:

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**Subway Order: Every Thursday in the office before 9:30am. Please bring the right change. Let the office know if your child did not get their subway order straight away at lunch time so we can ring Subway lady.**

### **TERM CALENDAR 2020**

#### **FEBRUARY:**

- 19 BOT meeting in Staff Room at 5:30pm
- 21 School Assembly with Room C1 in Wharenuui at 2:00pm
- 26 **ASH WEDNESDAY-Whole school to join Parish for Mass**
- 28 Year 8 Retreat-St Francis Retreat Centre

#### **MARCH:**

- 3 Boostrix Dose 1 Year 7/8
- MOSA Cricket year 5/6
- SWZ Boys Softball
- 6 **Teachers Only Day-No school**
- 9 **Whole school photo 2020**
- 13 Syndicate Mass A & D Pod at Wharenuui 9:15am
- 18 BOT meeting in Staff Room at 5:30pm
- 19 St Joseph's Feast Day Liturgy-D Pod
- 20 **2020 SCHOOL CELEBRATION 20 YEARS**
- 24 MOSA year 5-6 Softball

#### **APRIL:**

- 1 **Student Led Conference-School finishes early**
- 2 **Student Led Conference-School finishes early**
- 3 School Assembly with Leaders/House Captains
- 6 **HOLY WEEK STARTS**
- 9 **HOLY THURSDAY—LAST DAY TERM 1 School finish 3:00pm**
- 27 **SCHOOL STARTS TERM 2**