



# 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

**March 18th 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***

Kia Ora,

We would like to take this opportunity to contact all parents, caregivers and whanau, to assure you all of the ongoing commitment we have towards our children and extended families in the light of the recent circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

At present, we are in daily contact with the Ministry of Education to ensure we are adhering to all guidelines. Our Health and safety policies and procedures have always been in correlation to those stated by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.

We are aware that discussions have started at ministerial level about potential school closures and the Ministry of Health and Education are currently corresponding with their overseas counterparts. We continue to take advice from the Ministry and can assure you that we will follow their directives in a timely and up to date manner.

**The following events have been postponed until further notice:**

- 2020 Celebrations
- POD Mass Week 9
- School Reconciliation week 9
- All cluster sports days

Here is the current advice to us all: Everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:

- regularly washing hands for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly.
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze.
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events.

Here are two links for those who wish to read more.

Ministry of Education <https://www.education.govt.nz/.../novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>

Ministry of Health <https://www.health.govt.nz/.../dis.../covid-19-novel-coronavirus>



**“Staying home if you are sick.”  
If your child is sick we will send them home.**

As we continue to prepare for moving forward with the uncertain times. Our next step is to move to possible online learning. Schools may be forced to close. We want to make sure we are ready.

**Have you got access?**

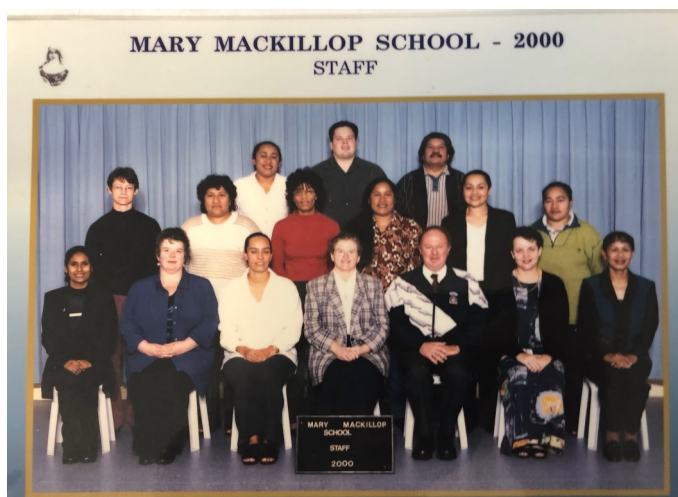
**A pod - Blogs**

**Bpod - Class Dojo**

**Cpod - Class Dojo**

**D pod - Learning website**

**Now is the time to make sure you are online and have access to your teachers.**







## PARK AND WALK.

*Help keep the road outside our school clear and safe for your children.*

We are encouraging all our families who pick up children after school to park on McKinstry Ave and walk the short distance to school to help ease the congestion problem outside our school - and to get a bit of exercise while you are at it!

On Tuesday 31st March we are having a special "Park'n'Walk" promotion. All those who park on McKinstry Avenue will receive a small gift from a representative from Auckland Transport as a reward and to encourage you to continue to "Park and Walk" everyday.





[www.incredibleyears.com](http://www.incredibleyears.com)

**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 correct change. Let the office know if your child did not get their subway order straight away at lunch time so we can ring the Subway lady.**

### TERM CALENDAR 2020

#### MARCH:

18 BOT meeting in Staff Room at 5:30pm

20 **SCHOOL CELEBRATION 20 YEARS-Postponed until further notice**

#### APRIL:

1 Student Led Conference-School finishes early

2 Student Led Conference-School finishes early

6 **HOLY WEEK STARTS**

9 Stations of the Cross at 10:00am

**HOLY THURSDAY—LAST DAY TERM 1 School finishes 3:00pm**

27 Holiday - Anzac Day

28 Term 2 starts - Easter Liturgy-DRS and School Leaders 9:00am

#### MAY:

8 Term 2 school Mass at St Therese Church - Soul Buddies

School Assembly in Wharenuui at 2:00pm with A1

22 **Pink Shirt Day—Anti Bullying Awareness Day**

School Assembly in Wharenuui at 2:00pm with B1