



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 4th 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:

Teachers Only Day Friday 6 March

A reminder that there is a Teachers Only Day on Friday 6th March.
There will be no school on this day.



Skids will be open from 8.30am until 3pm on Friday 6th March for a small charge of \$30.00 for the day. Please call Teresa on 02102998411 if you would like to book a place for your child.

Value: Excellence

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

Week 4: C pod = Best Turn out for Meet the teacher

Week 6: ???

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

“20 Years”

2020 Celebrations: March 20 SAVE THE DATE:

" St Mary MacKillop is celebrating 20 years as a Catholic school on March 20th at 10:00am.

Bishop Dunn will be joining us to help us bless our new buildings and celebrate 20 years together. Past members(parents and pupils) of our St Mary MacKillop community are invited to come along and join us in our celebrations."



A special newsletter will come out next week around the timing of the day. We are welcoming back many people who have made our school a special place over the 20 years.



Awards:

Principal

A1

A2 Tihina Tupou

A3 Benjamin Tietie

A4 Fine Niupulusu

A5 Ezekeil Fehoko

B1 Semiga Penaia Teo

B2 Jasmine Matangi

B3 Carson Eteuati

C1 Harlem Fono

C2 Cruzito Fuimaono

C3 Sebastian Pepe

D1 Erica Va'afusuaga

D2 Ana Taufa

D3 Caitlyn Letoa

Dolce Ula

Danielle Ahohako

Isebella Lavea

Angel Pupulu

Mikaele Tupua

Epenesa Luamanuvae

Jax Taufa

Tamiah To'omata

Esther Tuang Vungh

AnaRose Su'esu'e

John Swanney

Kim Tunlut

Values

Theresa Muller Juliana Afamasaga

Adrianna Wirjapranata

Jacob Swanney

Christopher Yavit

Esther Jorly

London Tekeu

Otila Lavea

Kareen Michael

Elena Leniu Linkin McPherson

Precious Elia

David Filo

Jericha Kelsall

Agaoleatua Tanuvasa

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.

Coronavirus update : Kia Ora,

During the weekend there has been much media coverage on this topic. You may be wondering what St Mary MacKillop is doing to plan and prepare for an event like this. The Ministries of Education and Health have been providing excellent communications to school Principals on this issue for the last few weeks. If you have checked our Pandemic Planning Policy on-line, you will have seen that school specific content is no longer there. Instead, we will follow the daily updates from the Ministry of Education and Health.

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.
- staying home if you are sick.
- 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>

Park and walk !!!!!

Too many cars at the gate are backing up, making long queues and dangerous. After school in particular we need to be extra cautious.

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.



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

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

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:

Sanjeeta Prasad: 0275875765 Sanjeeta.Prasad@education.govt.nz

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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

MARCH:

- 6 Teachers Only Day-No school**
- 9 Whole school photo 2020**
- 10 SWZ Girls softball year 7 tournament
- 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 SCHOOL CELEBRATION 20 YEARS 10:00am start**
- 23 PTFA meeting
- 24 MOSA year 5-6 Softball
- 27 Syndicate Mass in School with B/C Pod at 9:15am
- Reconciliation at school - C & D Pod at 12:00pm Sacrament for children only

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 Stations of the Cross at 10:00am**
- HOLY THURSDAY—LAST DAY TERM 1 School finishes 3:00pm**
- 27 SCHOOL STARTS TERM 2**
- 8:50am—3:00pm**