



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

October 14th 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:

Welcome back to Term 4!

In Alert level 1 we would still like to encourage the following good health and safety practices:

- Regular hand washing (before and after food, returning from the bathroom, or when coming in from break)
- No sharing of food. (Class parties will be organised between families and the teacher. Be safe and sensible).
- Try to bring a drink bottle (taps are open now, but try to use it for filling up bottles.)
- Try and maintain social distancing where necessary and safe.
- If you are sick, please stay home.
- Students have the option to bring masks if they wish.

As we have moved into Alert Level 1, entry to the school grounds will remain at 8.15am onwards for students until 8:50am.

Remember:
NE, A POD, B POD – A1 gate
C POD, D POD – Carpark gate
8.15 gates open.

8.30 Bell for class open.

They can be outside their classrooms. We have plenty of seats.

We would also like to be clear that you are more than welcome to visit the classroom before or after school

Congratulations to the following students who received their CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Michael Tevaga
Kalala Kasipale
Kalolo Te'o Vitolio
Leilani-Marie Aumareva
Juanito Tevaga
Martin Pesamino Fiu
Kate Luong

Marieta Tevaga
Pio Te'o Vitolio
Quanariah To'oto'o
Cruzito Fuimaono-Tevaga
Rosemary Pesamino Fiu
Shavan Pritchard

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021:

Parents are invited to enrol their children at St Mary Mackillop Catholic School when they turn **three**, and I strongly advise to not leave this to the last minute, even if you have children already attending our school, as we have quite the waiting list. Preference is given to children who are baptised Catholic. Please contact the office **09 257 1435 for more information.**

Camp update:

Education Outside the Classroom Week (EOTC)

Week 1 Term 4- Monday 13th - Friday 17th October 2020



Watch this space:



Special Character :

Beginning of Term Mass - Friday 23rd October 11am at St. Therese Parish. Please join us for this mass.

October is the month dedicated to praying the Holy Rosary. Let us continue to pray for Our Lady's help and guidance by reciting the Rosary wherever we are.

Term 4 Learning Overview:

- *Traditional and Devotional Prayers
- *God Strand
- *All Saints and All Souls Day
- *Advent
- *Christmas



Prayer Packs from each class:

Your children will bring home their class prayer pack for family prayers over the term. When your child brings the prayer pack home, please allow for him or her to lead your family prayers just the way they have been taught at school. Each pack will have an outline of a prayer routine that your child will be familiar with. Feel free to support your child when they use their prayer pack at home for the night. In the morning, we ask that you send your child with the prayer pack back to school for the next child to have their turn.

There will be a journal in the pack for you and your child to write a prayer to leave there or just to make a comment on how this prayer pack was useful for your family.

LIFE EDUCATION MOBILE CLASSROOM.

The Life Education mobile classroom is at our school for weeks 1 & 2 this term. Each class will get

2 visits to the mobile classroom and will take part in a programme specially designed for them at their level around making positive choices to do with health, relationships and well-being. Our SMMK students always look forward to having these engaging and memorable lessons with the specialist educator. Make sure to ask your child what they have learnt and whether they got to see Harold the giraffe or the other crowd favourite "the stars".



TRAVELWISE

SMMK is officially a Travelwise School! (Keep an eye out for our new Travelwise sign on the school gate that Mr Petaia is putting up). As a school community we are going to be working together to make sure we do our part to:

- encourage and increase the use of active travel modes and public transport.
- provide safer facilities for all road users.
- reduce traffic congestion around our school.



**NO PARKING OUTSIDE THE
SCHOOL GATE**



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support as a result of the Covid-19 Virus with the payment of 2020 Attendance Dues for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the School Website:

<http://www.marymackillop.school.nz/catholic-diocese-hardship-allowances-forms-and-process/>
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/covid-19-attendance-dues-assistance/>

PARK 'N' WALK.

We are back to the 3pm end of school day and we are encouraging all our families who pick up children by car to please park down the road on McKinstry Ave and walk the short distance to school. It will help make the road outside our school safer for our kids and reduce traffic congestion and illegal parking. We made a good start before lockdown - lets keep it going!

Get caught Park'n'Walking and you could be Pak'n'Saving with a shopping voucher.

TERM CALENDAR 2020

OCTOBER:

- 12-16 D Pod EOTC-Kokako Lodge - Camp
- Life Ed Caravan
- 19-23 Life Ed Caravan
- 19 Year 7/8 Girls South West Zone Volleyball tournament
- 20 MOSA Cross country B & C Pod
- 22 Year 7/8 Boys South West Zone Volleyball Tournament
- 23 Whole School Mass at St Therese - C Pod at 11:00am
- School Assembly with B1—2:00pm
- 26 **Labour Day - Holiday**
- 28 BOT meeting
- 30 Cans for Christmas Mufti day - Crazy Hair day
- Pink shirt day - anti bullying

NOVEMBER:

- 2 **All Souls/All Saints Day - Liturgy - C3**
- Duffy Theatre 11:20am
- 3 Year 7/8 SWZ boys & girls mixed Touch tournament
- 5 **New Enrolments meeting for 2021 from 9:30am - 11:00am**
- 6 School Assembly with A3 at 2:00pm
- 12 **Athletics day**
- 20 Syndicate Mass in Wharenuui with A/B Pod
- School Assembly with A5/A6
- 23 **Whole School photos**
- 24 MOSA Athletics
- 25 BOT meeting
- 26 New Entrant Advent Liturgy 12:00pm in Wharenuui
- 27 **End of Term 4 Mass at St Therese Church with School Leavers**

DECEMBER:

- 1 **End of year prize giving at Malaeola**
- 10 **END OF TERM 4**