



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

December 9th 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:
Term 4!***

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

Excellence – Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others “ ever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others.”

I hope you are enjoying yourself at Prize giving last week. Our change of venue reflects that 80% of you wanted a family friendly Prize giving. So here we are, moving in that direction. Keeping St Therese our special place for Mass.

Where do we start? 2020 will be remembered for a long time. A year when the whole world was brought to a standstill by COVID.

We were just getting ready to celebrate our 20 years. We had the photo done. Dance groups were practicing, school was learning our Haka. Then boom. the whole world began to stop. We went into a lockdown, something no one had experienced before. We had to adapt, we had to very quickly move online

All our staff very quickly moved and worked together to put together an online learning environment that gave the chance for all families to be part of it. Learning packs were also created to help as well.

As a school we pride ourselves on Parent engagement. We had to engage in a new place now. We would constantly challenge ourselves around who we had not heard from, who was offline.

School had become a changing environment having to move in and out of Levels, constantly changing the way we do things.

I usually finish by thanking the Blue Team, but this Year I would like to begin with them. Our Amazing staff. All of you have stood up this year. You adapted, changed and kept pushing. I have kept asking and you keep giving. We are blessed to have you all. You always go over and beyond what is expected and make our school an amazing place. You have kept on giving all year. You have always had the children in your heart and wanting to do the best for the school. Every year I say this:

“We have good people who work hard”
You work hard to make our school a special place.

Towards the end of term 3 after lock down 2. We could not break 89% attendance. We seemed stuck. I was getting grumpy, Mrs Lafaele would text me the numbers if I was out of school. We seemed stuck, but then I found out that our local schools were still sitting at 50 - 60 %.

I had to cool my jets. I was reminded that we were at a great school. Parents trusting us and getting their children back into school. Still a few took a bit longer than others but we got there.

An example being our Athletics day. Where our St MMK school was back to doing what it loves with our community.

We still face our challenges as we go ahead:

- Our children spending so long in lockdown
- Means we have some Gaps to fill in 2021

For us the Data, Attendance and Parent engagement still matters to us. We are still recording over 75% in Reading, Writing and Maths. Something to be very proud of.

To our year 8s we celebrate you. I remember some of you as Years 4s. being in the OLD B1,2,3. All the boys loved to play rugby. You certainly liked to knock heads on many occasions.

Our year 8s - Challenge yourself to continue to live the St MMK values, keep aiming high, keep achieving. Remember your time here and keep striving to be the best with Gods values in your heart.

To our Saints Troopers thank you for your service. They are our parent group who have continued to push and give in a COVID year. Look out for next year, the Saints troopers keep on planning. Every year we require volunteers who help our children do and try many different things. Camp, Trips, Sports.

To our Board of Trustees thank you for you for putting your hand up and getting into the hard work during the year. You have the school at the heart of all decisions you make. Your time and commitment to our school can not be under sold and I look forward to another great year next year.

One of our values is show No Distinction: But today I have the privilege of doing that.

Our St MMK staff recipient, who gets flights, accommodation to visit the St MMK Centre. They visit our Patron Saint's Tomb and the Josephite Museum. It could be for a number of things:

- Service
- just putting in
- working hard for the betterment of the school.

This year's award goes to Lucia Petelo. Lucia has been with us since 2012 and is an industrious worker, who does so much for us. Thank you Lucia.

I feel very lucky to be principal of such a great school. Our school has been built on 20 years of hard work and dedication from many people and many leaders. I look forward to building on this again next year.

Ma te Atua tātou e manaaki
God bless and have a Christ filled Christmas

Special Awards:

Lili'i Family Cup - Sportsman
Fr Roache Cup - Religious Education
Petelo-Myocevich Award- Cultural
Oldehaver Cup - Academic Excellence
Sisters of St Joseph Cup - Citizenship

Pierre Poluleuligaga/Mary Jane Taito
 Christine Tongia
 Agoletaua Tanuvasa
 Caitlyn Letoa
 Onosa'i Muliaga

House Captains 2021

MACKILLOP HOUSE: Kiara Ulugia
TEMUKA: Pricahyus Paulo

PENOLA: Vaneti Mila Fa'amau
WOODS: Steven Taufu

School Leaders 2021

Kesia Tony Joyce Chang Wai Tomeah Kasipale Caitlyn Taufu

Class	Special Character	Service	Most Improved	Academic Excellence
A1	Mark Sio	K'Lyah Feterika-Mafoe	Cullen Matisi	Achilleus Ah Wa Viau
A2	Susarnah Nasilai	Tihina Tupou	Adrianna Wirjapranata	Tristyn Fonua
A3	Ezekeil Afamasaga	Sophia Raki Vitaliano	Peyton Paulo	Lachlan McPherson
A4	Ian Schwenke	Arion Faau	Matelita Nasilai	Florence Fakaongo
A5	Esther Jorly	Leilani Levi	Sania Swami	Marika Arei
A6	Peter Muller	Jenny Maree Finau	Zeporah Fonua	Ayvah Laiseni
B1	Mikaele Tupua	Eirene Sene	Naryah Lyden	Elijah Schwenke
B2	Taniela Teutau	Paula Vehikite	Lenia Pupulu	John Ula
B3	Irie Cawlins	Matamoana Vaka	Carson Eteuati	Leilani Aumareva
C1	Kareen Michael	Tamiah Toomata	Palepa Lafaitale	Eli Sami
C2	Ruby Tafuna	Evangeline Hansell Ifi	Siosua Taufu	Elena Leniu
C3	Giovanni So'oa	Sebastian Pepe	Esther Tuang Vungh	Roman Fruean
D1	Joseph Tevaga	Erica Hewlett-Vaafusuaga	David Filo	Onosa'i Muliaga
D2	Seini Sio	Mary Jane Taito	Emmanuel Kirisome	Miracle Tupua
D3	Christine Tongia	Raevyn Tae	Pio Te'o Vitolio	Caitlyn Letoa





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- Office open in 2021 on the 25 and 26 January 9.30am to 2pm for enrolments and fee payments



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**SUBWAY ORDER THURSDAY 18th FEBRUARY
BEFORE 9:30am IN THE OFFICE**

TERM CALENDAR 2020—2021

DECEMBER:

**10 END OF TERM 4 - YEAR 8 ASSEMBLY IN WHARENUI at 9:30am
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:00 pm**

JANUARY: 2021

**25 OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am—2:00pm
26 OFFICE OPEN: 9:30am—2:00pm**

FEBRUARY:

3 SCHOOL STARTS - 8:50am

New 2021 class list will be display on the staff room window