



**St Mary MacKillop
Catholic School**



NEWSLETTER

MISSION STATEMENT

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**"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.**

February 5th 2021

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.

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

Tena Koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa:

Welcome back to St Mary MacKillop Catholic School for 2021. We look forward to an exciting learning journey this year and sharing in the growth and faith of our school community.

I would like to welcome back the staff, pupils and new members of our community for 2021.

In this part of the newsletter I usually introduce new staff. However we are very lucky to have a very stable staff return for 2021.



Up and coming special events:

First School Mass: February 12th 11:00am - St Therese Church

Whanau night: February 18th 5:00pm-7:00pm

Saints Troopers meeting(PTFA): Mar 1 6pm in Staffroom

Student Led Conferences: March 24 -25

Stations of the cross: April 1

Whanau Night - Thursday February 18th 5pm—7pm

“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.”

We begin Thursday 18th February with an open evening for families and pupils to meet the class teacher and talk about your child’s learning. A free sausage sizzle will be available after 5.00pm. Come learn about what learning is to take place this year and the digital connection you have with Teacher/class and home. Make sure you sign up to get messages from your teacher and share in the digital life of their class.

Complete a raffle ticket and hand it into the office and go into a draw to win prizes. Come along and meet all the people involved in making our school a great place. More details to follow.

The long hot summer

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. It will be part of our excellence Award.

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Fo Guang Shan Buddhist temple. Through the connection of Mrs Schofield we were gifted a few hundred 500ml bottles of hand sanitizer. This great resource is part of everyday life now and we were lucky to receive it. All classes will be using it as we stay vigilant against COVID and keep high standards around hygiene in what we do.



School lunches:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/overall-strategies-and-policies/wellbeing-in-education/free-and-healthy-school-lunches/>

HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES PROGRAMME

STARTS Week 3 Term 1, 2021

The Government is introducing a free, healthy, daily school lunch in some schools for all students. We are really excited to let you know that our school will be joining the free lunch programme from Week 3 Term 1, 2021.

All parents want to provide their children with lunch every day. But, as you will know, there are many reasons why parents can struggle, often through no fault of their own.

We know that some of you will have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering a lunch for all our children who need it will go some way to helping families and whānau to support their children and rangatahi. This is why we have decided to take part in this programme. Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our students, and we will work with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure they are healthy and nutritious.

All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards. The lunches will be available for all our students. While we know there are hungry children in every community, we do not always know who they are so providing lunch to every child means we do not need to single-out those who need it more than others.

The programme will run until the end of 2021 and will be evaluated whilst it is running. This will include feedback from schools, students and suppliers about what the lunches are like, how they are delivered, and if they have an impact on students' learning and achievement.

This information will help to decide whether to continue beyond 2021, and what an ongoing programme might look like.



We have decided to run a staggered start at STMMK. We want allow ourselves the chance to build up our children's appetite and love for this new Initiative
Starting February 15th

Monday	APOD
Tuesday	BPOD
Wednesday	CPOD
Thursday	DPOD
Friday	Whole school

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