



**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.**

**March 24th 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:***

We are looking forward to seeing you all at school over the next 2 days. COVID took away our two opportunities to connect with you on our Whanau night. Meaning we are still yet to get some of you in school and connected with your class.

As I write this on Tuesday night we have 91% booked. We are looking for 100%.

**"We need to see you to connect and make sure we are all locked in together"**

Our families are always so supportive of their children with their learning. Now it is time for families to participate in their child's student led conference. We expect all of our families to come and be part of this. We aim for a 100% turn out from our Community.

**Pizzas for the classes with 100%.**

# Up and coming special events: Holy week

## Stations of the cross April 1

### Netball:

Time for express registrations !!!

Lockdowns have taken away the chance to get sign ups in. We want Netball to be available to our children.

Check your emails on Friday. We will send out an online enrolment. Your child will also receive a paper copy.

Registrations close March 19. We need to make up for limited time

### DPOD

#### Year 8 Retreat

It was Friday the 12th of March 2021, The year 8's were ready for the day ahead of us. A day of reconnection with our Saviour Jesus Christ, and

reflection on how we can apply his teaching to our lives.

With our lunch boxes and water bottles packed into our bags. We set off for the Franciscan Friary in Hillsborough. As soon as we had arrived we did what was needed, went into the Chapel and prayed.

With candles tucked tightly in our hands we walked to the grotto where we met Mary, our mother. We lit the candles while praying in reverence for someone we know or knew earlier in life.

As we had ended our prayer for the morning, Brother Philip had set up an activity for us. Within the garden of the Friary we searched for particular leaves that were different to each other. This activity has given us a better perspective of how Jesus noticed the beauty within each of us, amongst many. Just like the leaves we are all unique; we have our differences and beauty.

Later that day we had a scavenger hunt and we all had to listen and co-operate with each other or else we would be disqualified from the hunt. It really did teach some people that listening skills are important. Along with the importance of acceptance of each other's ideas, and strengths.

The reverence for the ideals of our retreat shown by our Year 8's was superb! Thank you Khona Va'aga-Gray who volunteered to assist in the supervision of our group, and Brother Phillip Jefferies for your inspiring words of reconnecting with our Heavenly Father through our Actions.

By Joyce Chang Wai







D pod once again, did us proud when they represented our school at the South West Zone tag tournament.

It was an intense week of training but it was fun for our students to learn some mad skills and work together as a team. Watching the team during training was interesting because you could see them getting better each day.

Our boys and girls played their hearts out and tried their best with the girls placing 4th and boys placing 6th. Their skills and game plans were awesome and it was great to see everyone in action. Overall we all had a good time and hope to do the same for our upcoming tournaments.

On behalf of the team I would like to say a big thank you to our coaches Mr Petaia and Mrs Annafjeh for taking their time to get our team ready for the tournament. I am super proud of our team for showing amazing sportsmanship.

God bless and have a great day.

Kiara Ulugia  
Team Manager



### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 & 2022: Keep them coming in !!!!**

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.

Preference is given to children who are baptised Catholic.

To enrol at St Mary Mackillop Catholic School you are required to provide the following:

- A completed pre-enrolment form signed by both parents (which is available at our School Office or on our school website)
- A Preference Certificate signed by a Catholic Priest and stamped with a parish stamp.
- Original birth certificate or passport
- Original baptism certificate
- A passport must be sighted showing the residency status of a child who is born outside of New Zealand
- Immunisation certificate.

They are running a sausage sizzle today and tomorrow and Raffle tickets for the 1 of several Easter Hampers

They are busy and ready to go !!!!!!!!

A Proprietor's Representative – An active, practising Catholic appointed by the Bishop to represent the Bishop and help ensure special character of the school is well maintained.

We are looking for people !!!!! If you are keen to help our great school and can spare a few hours a month please read on.

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need a balance of skills and experiences. They need to work well in a team, be able to put plans in place for the school's future, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. It helps to have an understanding of financial matters and the education sector, and experience in managing people.

If you are interested please email: [office@marymackillop.school.nz](mailto:office@marymackillop.school.nz) to express your interest in becoming a Proprietor's Representative for ST MMK.

**TERM CALENDAR 2021**

**MARCH:**

- 24 **Student Led Conferences-School finishes early**  
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26 School Assembly with A3 & B2 in Wharenui at 2:00pm

## HOLY WEEK

- 31 INTERZONE Boys & Girls swimming

## APRIL:

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| 1  | HOLY THURSDAY-STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 10:00am |
| 2  | GOOD FRIDAY                                    |
| 5  | HOLIDAY  |
| 6  | HOLIDAY  |
| 7  | SCHOOL STARTS - 8:50am                         |
| 8  | INTERSONE Boys & Girls Tag                     |
|    | SWZ Boys Softball Tournament                   |
| 13 | SWZ Girls Softball Tournament                  |
| 16 | School Assembly with D2 - LAST DAY OF TERM 1   |

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