

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 10th 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:

I hope you are all well and have looked after yourselves during these up and down weeks. Going in and out of lockdown certainly has a roll on effects in many different ways across the community. Thank you for your support with your tamariki in getting them back into learning so quickly. 80 % on Monday, 92 % on Tuesday now 93% on Wednesday.

Welcome to our new children



Up and coming special events:

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Student Led Conferences: March 24th -25th

Stations of the cross April 1st

Lunches:

We are now having school lunches everyday. We hope we get a full week of lunches so we can see the love for this grow within our children.

We hope you are now beginning to see the benefits with less food needed for your child at school. 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.

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.

PLEASE EMAIL
marthal@marymackillop.school.nz
IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY SPECIAL DIETARY
REQUIREMENTS.







Thank you: Headsets

We would like to take this opportunity to thank KiwiRail for some fantastic headsets. Through the connection of Mrs Schofield we were gifted over 200 headsets. This great resource is part of everyday life now and we were lucky to receive it. The kids really enjoy using them and we are grateful for this wonderful support from our wider community.

School Netball: Watch this space!!!

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 online enrolments. Your child will also receive a paper copy. **Registrations close March 19.**

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Home engagement: Student Led Conferences: Wednesday March 24th and March 25th:

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

Our families are 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.

The key to your child having a successful year is continuing to build a strong partnership between school and home. Student Led Conferences are in week 8 and this is a great way to finish our term focused on your child's learning and the next steps needed.

What is in it for me?

Being able to understand my child's progress Knowing ways to help them Growing my child's confidence Having fun with learning

What do I need to do to prepare?

Make an appointment time We want to keep our parents informed and up to date with what is happening in school. Go with your child to the classroom Be prepared to stay around 15 minutes Listen carefully and ask questions about their learning

https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/ Code: 7z253

DPOD:

Our D Pod students for 2021 have had a busy start to their learning this year. Our Year 8s had a leadership day, whilst our Year 7s learnt about growing up and changing. Our School leaders and house captains did us proud with our first school Mass.

Up and coming events for DPOD:

- Yr 8 retreat
- Motat trip STEM
- Tag



SMMK P.T.F.A. - Saints Troopers

Do you want to be more involved in the life of the school? Have you got energy, enthusiasm and ideas that will benefit the students at our school? If this sounds like you, we would love for you to come and join our group of passionate and fun parents volunteers and be a part of our SMMK PTFA - "Saints Troopers"

Our first meeting is on <u>Monday 15 March</u> @ 6pm in the school staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there.



Awards:

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Α1	Sania Swami	Dolce Ula	Christina Ahohako
A2	Annroena Vitolio	Pesamino Pesamino	Christopher Yavit
А3	Jireh Tamanikaiyaro	oi Xavier Fiva	Danielle Ahohako
A4	Winter Kerehoma	Daisha Chang Wai	Peter Muller

B1	lose Tapusoa	Agnel Agnel	Florence 'Ota'ota
B2	Clemen Suka	Jax Taufa	Virginia Safole
B3	TJ Faumui Tofilau	K'Liyah Feterika-Mafoe	Esther Tuungafasi

C1	Cruzito Penisio	Elijah Schwenke	Lennox Tekeu
C2	Lezleigh Nofakifolau	Selamana Lopeti	London Tekeu
C3	Shaylee Fonua	Bronson Alanotama	Emelda Chang Wai

D1	Edwayne Vea Siaupiu	Kiara Ulugia	Leonie Whalen
D2	Eiva-Ťuna Tairea	Arianah Lemalu	Esther Tuang Vungh
D3	Lyka Kuresa	Pius Chan Foung	David Unasa

TERM CALENDAR 2021

MARCH:

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- 12 Year 8 Retreat confirm
- 18 SWZ Boys & Girls Tag
- 19 St Joseph's Feast Day Liturgy
- ★ 23 D Pod Motat Trip
- ★ 24 Student Led Conferences-School finishes early
- **★ 25** Student Led Conferences-School finishes early

HOLY WEEK

31 INTERZONE Boys & Girls swimming

APRIL:

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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