



**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

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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



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