



**St Mary MacKillop  
Catholic School**



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# NEWSLETTER

## 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."**

**May 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***

**Mission:** "Together we grow Christ centred children who are ready for the next step:

Welcome back to St Mary MacKillop Catholic School for Term 2 2021. I look forward to an exciting learning journey this term and sharing in the growth and faith of our school community. Our school community welcomes back Cristina Cochrane who is teaching in A6. We have our new entrant classroom open and filling up with new faces.

**Speeches:** We place a huge emphasis on every child participating and learn to deliver a good speech. A big part of this is:

- Engagement with home
- Parents helping and coming to speech time.
- Using Family - to help with our Language speeches

We call them a cultural speech or our language speeches. Where our children present a speech/poem/prayer in their culture's language. We need all the support for this to make sure we give our children the best chance to learn and engage in learning their language.

**Mothers day:** Happy mothers day for this Sunday. I hope you all get looked after and have a day of rest that you deserve.

# Safe School Streets South

**Auckland Transport's Safe School Streets South (SSSS) is coming to St Mary MacKillop Catholic School.**



The countdown is on for work to start on the St Mary MacKillop Catholic School SSSS project on McNaughton Ave. Plans have been confirmed and the team from Auckland Transport and Travelwise were out after school at the end of last term informing our parents about the changes and getting some valuable feedback. Installation and road works are set to start on 17 May 2021. We will keep you updated.

## SMMCS Design a planter box Competition.

Some of our students will have the opportunity to be part of the project by designing and painting artwork for planter boxes which will be a part of the installation. The "SMMCS Design a planter box Competition" started this week for any student who would like to submit a design to appear on one of the 8 planter boxes that have arrived at school. Entries close this Friday 7 May. So get your creative and artistic juices flowing and submit an entry. Your child's class teacher has copies of the entry forms.

### Design a Planter Box Competition

Come up with a simple design that represents our school - eg. faith, culture, learning, community. Keep the design simple and a maximum of 5 colours. The winning designs from will be used on planter boxes that will be outside our school gates.

Name:

Room:



One of the major changes of the project will be NO PARKING outside the gates before and after school. There will be designated "Park and Walk" areas on nearby streets where you will be able to park and walk the short distance to school.

## **WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM**

All students should be in their full winter uniform.

**Boys** black leather shoes and grey long winter socks



**Girls** black leather shoes and white ankle socks or Navy blue tights



No sport shoes to be worn to school without a note from home.

### **Board Of Trustees: We are looking for a Proprietors representative!!**

A Proprietor's Representative – is 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.

What sort of skills do trustees need?

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.

### **SMMCS P.T.F.A. : Saints Troopers**

Are you new to the school or have you been around for a while?

Do you want to become more involved in the life of the school?

We are looking for enthusiastic, fun people who are committed to supporting the school and to help provide fun events for our students.

If this sounds like you, come along to our next PTFA Saints Troopers meeting

Thursday 6th May 6:15pm in the staff room, meet the team and take a break from the kids.

**For more details contact:**

**Teresa Chan FOUNG 02102998411**

**Linda Wirjapranata 0211071792**



## School Health Clinic:

Our school health clinic is open between 9.30am – 2.30pm, Monday - Friday.  
This is located in the breakout space in our C Pod area (Year 5 & 6).

If your child becomes unwell whilst at school, they should see either our school nurse or our whanau support worker who will assess them and decide whether they can be treated and return to class, or need to be collected and recover at home. Your child's safety is important to us and we need to be aware of their whereabouts. If not in class, they should not be arranging with caregivers directly to go home. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring this process runs smoothly and supports our students appropriately. What health services does our school health team provide? Your child can be seen for a range of child health conditions such as:

- Sore throat checks
- Health weight management
- Skin checks
- Breathing health (respiratory)
- Head lice asthma
- Dental health
- Immunisations



**From left: Marcy Hei Hei (School Health Nurse), Cara Graham (Whanau Support Worker)**

### TERM CALENDAR 2021

#### **MAY:**

**14 Term 2 Mass St Therese Church 11:00 - C Pod**

School Assembly with D3 in Wharenuui 2:00pm

**18 MOSA Netball year 5/6**

**21 Pink Shirt Day**

**24 C Pod trip to Skytower**

**A Pod trip - Stardome 12:00pm**

**25 SWZ Girls Football**

**26 BOT meeting in the staff room**

#### **JUNE:**

**1 SWZ Boys Football**

**7 HOLIDAY QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY**

**8 SWZ Girls & Boys Rugby**

**11 Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast** Syndicate Mass at school - Wharenuui A&B Pod 9:15am

School Assembly with C3 - Wharenuui 2:00pm

**14 Interzone year 7 Girls Football**

**15 Interzone year 8 Girls Football**

**16 Interzone year 7 Boys Football**

**17 Interzone year 8 Boys Football**

**23 BOT meeting in the staff room**

**24 St John the Baptist Feast Day - Liturgy A1**

**25 Syndicate Mass at school A & B Pod - Wharenuui at 9:15am**

School Assembly with B1 - Wharenuui at 2:00pm

**29 Interzone year 7/8 Boys Rugby**

**30 Interzone year 7/8 Girls Rugby**

# Know anyone selling their home?

Refer them to The People's Agent Bob Lemalu and on successful sale  
of the home, you will receive:

(1) a \$500 prezzy card

and we will donate

(2) a \$500 sponsorship funds towards St. Mary MacKillop School  
activities.

\*\* Terms and conditions apply.



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## St. Mary MacKillop Catholic School Community Sports - Netball

Grading rounds are completed, and so this **Friday 7th May 2021** our Year 7A, Year 7B and Year 8 Netball teams take to the court for their first Relegation game. **Saturday 8th May 2021** will see the start of our Junior competition, with three Year 1 & 2 teams, two Year 3 & 4 teams, and our Primary Year 5 & 6 team also competing in their first Relegation game. Parents could you please ensure you have updated your details with the school office, to ensure you are receiving both emails and texts messages of updates for netball from both your team managers or your school sports coordinator Mrs. Annafjeh. Please also ensure your fees are paid to the school office so that your child can take the court this weekend. All the best to all our teams for the season!

### Training Schedules:

Year 1 & 2's - Train during school hours with Mrs. Letoa, Mrs. Ili

Year 3 & 4's - Train during school hours with Ms Felise & senior students

Year 5 & 6's - Train Tuesday & Thursdays 3:30pm - 5pm with Mrs Hansell-Ifi

Year 7A & 7B - Train Monday & Wednesdays 3:30pm - 5pm with Mrs Hansell-Ifi

Year 8's - Train Monday & Wednesdays 3:30pm - 5pm with Miss Paiena & Miss Ili





## **St Mary MacKillop Catholic School Community Sports - Rugby**

2021 is the return of St. Mary MacKillop to the club rugby scene.

Our Under 6 Rippa team will start their season next week Friday 14th May 2021.

Training at school on Monday and Wednesdays, and playing at the Papatoetoe Rugby Club for the next 10 weeks starting with skills at 5:30pm, and rippa games at 6pm.

This weekend our Under 8's, Under 10's and Under 11's Rugby teams begin their season. Auckland Rugby Union will post out our fixtures later this week. Parents will be notified both through email and text of the weekly fixtures by Mrs Annafjeh. So please ensure the school office has your current details.

If you wish your child to take the field this weekend (Saturday 8th May 2021), then please ensure your fees are paid to the school office before the end of the week.

There is a NO PAY, NO PLAY policy parents!

Players must also attend training if they wish to play.

NO Train, NO play!

Training Days:

Under 6 Rippa - Monday & Wednesdays with coaches (DLS students) G. So'oa & J. Papalii

Under 8's Rugby - Monday & Wednesdays with Mrs. Annafjeh

Under 10's - Tuesdays with Mr Petaia, and Thursdays with Mrs. Annafjeh

Under 11's - Tuesdays & Thursdays with Mr Petaia





## St. Mary MacKillop Catholic School Sports - Softball



After weeks of waiting, and twice postponed due to covid lockdowns and level 2 regulations.

Our D Pod students finally got the opportunity to play at the South West Zone Intermediate Schools Softball tournaments.

Venturing off to Aorere Park, with beautiful weather for the occasion, our Year 7 & 8 girls went with the purpose

of placing yet again at this tournament.

With a long day of pool matches, the girls went through to their semi-final 2nd overall in their pool-games.

The girls faced Holy Cross Catholic School, though unfortunately had to settle for competing for third place in their final game.

With determination to take the podium again. The girls beat Otahuhu Intermediate out convincingly for third place. Mr Piper praised the girls for their determination and perseverance throughout the long day.

Team: Trinity Tae (Captain), Levone Penaia Teo, Caitlyn Taufu, Kesia Tony, Autumn Faumui, Tofilau, Tomeah Kasipale, Seini Sio, Kiara Ulugia and Telesia Peto.

Report by: 'Akosita Tu'ungafasi - Manager & Photographer.



Team: Mr Petaia (Coach) Maxs Sau, Maxwell Tae, Steven Taufu, Emmanuel Kirisome, Siosuia Taufu, Zedrick Haioti.

Kneeling: Jorge Gascoigne (Manager), Pius Chan Fong





The Year 7 & 8 Boys Softball Team also had a scorcher of a day. Weather wise - as well as competition. They placed first in their pool, beating out Mangere East, SDA, Viscount and Kedgley. We went into our semi final against Papatoetoe Intermediate, and beat them 4-1, and taking us into the finals against Otahuhu Intermediate.

It was a real nail biter! With the first inning played, and the score sitting at 4 - 1 to Otahuhu. We batted first in the 2nd inning, and then led 7 - 4. Otahuhu got up to bat and scored a home

run with their first batter. Anthony called out to his team to keep the fielding tighter.

Pitcher Emmanuel Kirisome stepped up to pitch. A wild hit down the middle saw Emmanuel scoop up the ball and whip it through to Siosuia Taufu on base 1. One down, two to go.

The next batter hit it down left field, and Maxwell Tae threw to Pius Chan Fong on two.

Tagged! Player out! Two down, one to go.

With nerves running crazily, Anthony calms his team and the team reset. Emmanuel pitches, and a foul ball is hit. Anthony jumps to his feet, as the ball sails mid-air. Anthony dives and the

ball falls softly into his glove. The brimming smiles of the boys as they ran in to congratulate each other were met by their proud coach Mr Petaia. South West Zone Champions 2021.

Both teams would like to thank Mr Petaia and Mr Piper for coaching our softball teams.

Captains Trinity Tae, and Anthony Wirjapranata would like to thank their peers for supporting each other and committing to the team with all the postponements.

Well done to both our teams, and now it's onto Football and Rugby in term 2.