



# St. MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

## **Value Term 1: 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:***

Kia ora ST MMK Parents, Caregivers and whānau,

As we finish our Circuit breaker Week(Distance learning) we can now look forward to returning to school on Monday, March the 14.

It has been a great chance to reset , reengage and ensure we are ready to go for Monday.

The virus is still active in our community and we ask that any of our St MMK learners who are showing any symptoms stay home and if need be, get a test.

A negative result gives us all confidence that our learners are well enough to be at school.

Any of our learners who are returning after having a positive test are required to be symptom free for at least 48 hours before coming back to school.

Coming Back:

- They are well, and symptom free.
- With device loaned out

Thank you to our hard working staff for all everything they have done to keep learning programmes running during our Distance Learning Week.

We have had staff engaging in planning and preparing lessons while they have been in isolation and this is an example of the commitment ST MMK staff have for their learners and whānau.

Thank you to all of our ST MMK whānau for your support during our Circuit breaker /Distance Learning Week, your emails, txts and messages of encouragement have been very much appreciated.

### **Keep up the Communication:**

If your child returns a positive COVID-19 test result please continue to let us know.

We are continuing to work with the Covid Response Team from the Ministry of Education and updating our school's information spreadsheet.

A reminder that the isolation period for people who test positive for Covid19, and for household contacts, will reduce to 7 days (currently 10 days) from later tonight.

Please ensure you notify [mikep@marymackillop.school.nz](mailto:mikep@marymackillop.school.nz) or [marthal@marymackillop.school.nz](mailto:marthal@marymackillop.school.nz) if your child tests positive for Covid19, or is a household contact.

### **Key dates:**

Please note a change in the Teacher only day for term 1 - April 1st is the new proposed day.



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**Up and coming special events:**

**Student Led Conferences: April 6,7**

**Stations of the cross April 14**

**TERM DATES 2022:**

Term 1 ... Wednesday 3rd February - Thursday 14th April 2022

Term 2 ... Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July 2022

Term 3 ... Monday 25th July - Friday 30 September 2022

Term 4 ... Monday 18th October - Wednesday 13th December

**STUDENT LED CONFERENCES Home engagement:**

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

**April 6,7**

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 10 and this is a great way to finish our term focused on your child's learning and the next steps needed.

They will be different this year. They will be online. We wanted to share early so it allows us time to prepare and get ready. We will have more details to come.

**“Thank you again Fo Guang Shan Buddhist temple”**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Fo Guang Shan Buddhist temple again. Through the connection of Mrs Schofield we have been gifted again a few hundred 500ml bottles of hand sanitizer. This great resource is part of everyday life now and we were lucky to receive it. These gifts help us as a school to stay safe .





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Class		Class	
A1	Matthew Talau Brown		

## CONGRATULATIONS

Class	Principal	Principal	Values	Caught being good
A1	Kosetatino Teo Vitolio	Cole Williams	Christy Faalili	Elwyn & Erwyn Swapnesh Ambatt
A2	Charlotte Fanguna-Cook	Daisha Chang-Wai	Leroy Raki	Hannah Futialo
A4	Daniel Vitolio	Lauryn Cowley	Jenny Maree Finau	Aizen Asi
A5	Rhian Llasus	Denise Hunkin Melesia	Liliana Oliveti	Peyton Tixier
B1	Cornelius Tootoo	Liam Malamug	Esther Jorly	Christina Ahohako
B2	Leilani Levi	Kayla-Angel Sausoó	Juliana Afamasaga	Brayden Veal
B3	Tihina Tupou	Sonatane Mau	Michael Tuang Vungh	Theresa Muller
C1	Matamoana Vaka	Cruzito Penisio	TJ Tietie	Dominic Tepania
C2	Zyon Lui	Contessa Lapuaho	Jeshca Pantua	Carson Eteuati
C3	Matelita Nasilai	Leo Muliaga	Aniyah Faámau	Lewis Powell
D1	Vanessa Tupou	Autumn Faumui Tofilau	Seionala Latu	Tom Kasipale
D2	Jonathan Unasa	Michael Tevaga	Shavan Pritchard-Sula	Anjolina Wirjapranata
D3	Shaylee Fonua	Emelda Chang Wai	Giovanni Soóá	Palepa Lafaitale



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## Special Character

### Week6:

March 11

Psalms are often overlooked in the daily diet of Mass scriptures. These ancient hymns hold a place of great esteem in the Christian life since they were prayers that Jesus knew by heart and prayed daily from memory.

There is a psalm for every human experience and emotion, for joy and for grief, for pain and loss, for tentative curiosity and for confident hope.

There are psalms to express delight, gratitude and excitement.

There are psalms for people who have been robbed of reputation and psalms for those who are unjustly slandered and physically attacked.

Some psalms express the suffering of one abandoned by friends and others well up from the depths of loneliness and insecurity.

Today's psalm is often referred to as the De Profundis, from the Latin for the opening cry: "Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord."

Every healthy person feels down at times. In our lowest moments we can fear that the darkness will not pass.

I am greatly comforted at such times knowing that my feelings are not necessarily a sign that something is wrong. I'm especially encouraged knowing that Jesus has been there before me, and that even the most confident, successful and happy people I know at times it feels as though they are in the pits.

Our Christian faith is about facing reality however difficult and unwelcome that reality is. While there is nothing wrong with taking opportunities to lift a mood by calling a friend, at other times, perhaps in the middle of the night, we will be alone and there is no easy relief or escape.

Such moments are a privileged opportunities for knowing the presence of Jesus. When we turn to him he responds with assurance that we are not alone, reminding us that the darkest hours are closest to the dawn.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,

Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleading.





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If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,

Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:

for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord.

I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord

more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak

and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy

and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem

from all its iniquity.

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit

as it was in the beginning,

is now and every shall be

world without end

Amen.

John C. O'Connor - \*\*Food for Faith website



**\*\*March 19 is the Feast Day of St. Joseph. A gentle and great saint who was there for the Holy Family. St. Mary MacKillop had a great devotion to him and she has left that legacy for us to continue today. Let us not only remember St. Joseph on his feast day but in each and every moment in these uncertain times and pray to ask for his help and guidance in times we need it the most.**





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## Inspiration from our School Leaders



**Kareen Michael**

"To those in isolation: If we all hold on a little while longer, I'm sure we'll be able to return to our learning at school, and the restrictions in place to keep us safe."

**Eli Sami**

"Don't let the fear of covid change our faith in God. Don't keep the faith, pass it on.  
The faith we have in God can only grows stronger as a community, just as long as we support each other."



**Giovanni So'oa**

Romans 15:13

May God fill you with all Joy and Peace as you Trust in him so that you may overflow with Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



In these times of trials, physically, mentally & spiritually just know that with Hope and Faith in our Lord all things are possible. We never know what God's plans are, but the beauty of believing is knowing that Gods always with us.

**'Akosita Tu'ungafasi**

"Don't give up. Keep being your awesome selves, and keep going! Remember to keep calm and stay focused on your learning".





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## ST MMK Sport:

Get Active - Get Moving! Keen to register your child for netball or rugby this season. Join St. Mary MacKillop club teams.



We are affiliated with Papatoetoe Rugby Club where all grades play Saturday mornings.



We play in the Mangere-Otahuhu Netball Centre Competition. Y7&8 netball play Friday evenings and Y1 - 6 netball teams play on Saturday mornings.

Playing for SMMCS makes it easier for our community to participate in club sports: we provide cheaper fees; convenient training sessions held at school, 3.30pm - 5pm; use of uniforms; Free Parent Coaches & Manager development sessions, and strengthening our teams participating within our inter-school competitions.

Registrations are being taken for the following teams:

- Rippa - U6s
- Rippa - U13s Girls
- Rugby (Girls also welcome) - Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s and Under 11s
- Netball (Boys are welcomed to play) - Year 1&2's, Year 3&4s, Year 5&6s, Year 7s, Year 8s

Registrations will indicate numbers interested. Teams entered will be confirmed at the end of **Week 7 - Friday 18th March 2022 4pm**. Payment of \$50 for fees to be paid to the school office before the season begins. No Payment - NO PLAY.

Parents interested in coaching, managing or umpiring (netball) for any of the teams, or have any further inquiries: please contact Helen Annafjeh