



St. MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Term 1 2023 Value :

Expression of Faith –Proverbs 3: 5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely"

Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, Kamusta.

March 16 Teacher Strike: School will be closed !

Our tamariki needs a quality education. And we want to give that to them. Unfortunately, the funding for our schools is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive. We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession.

Principals and teachers in primary and area schools have considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective collective agreements.

The offers did not meet our expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.

You may have seen that we voted to take industrial action on 16 March. It's the last thing we wanted to do. And the decision was not taken lightly. We felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support, building the case for better investment in our tamariki.

Thank you, Thank you !

Thank you to everyone who have paid their stationery
We have received just over 60% in payments

Please keep payments coming in.
\$40 for the stationery packs can be paid online 12-3076-0599850-04 account
or at the school office by cash or eftpos

SMMK P.T.F.A. - Saints Troopers SMMK PTFA KINDLY INVITES YOU

TO THE SAINT TROOPERS first official event.

You all have been invited to see what we are all about.

Come along - remember "many hands make it work", and we ALL are working together for our children, so let's give them what they deserve and bring on some fun events. We would love your



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ideas to make these events something fun for your child to remember for the year 2023.

If this sounds like you or you just want to find out what we get up to come along to our next Saints Troopers PTFA Event on Friday 17 MARCH

WHERE: SMMK SCHOOL WHERE: STAFF ROOM DATE: March 17 2023 TIME: 6 - 7PM
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED (tea/coffee)

We need new members - we need you!

If you can't come to the first event but want to join us you can contact Teresa Chan Fount (chairperson) 02102998411 or Linda Wirjapranata 0211071792 or email linawirjapranata@gmail.com for more information

We all meet up online where it's convenient for us to chat!

Lent

The theme for lent this year is "I am the Light of the World" John 8:12

"Our journey through Lent centres on the life of Jesus and his call for us to draw closer to God and look to be love and light to others." [Caritas Website](#)

What is your plan as we are about to enter the 3rd week of our Lenten journey? In what ways can we show we are the light of the world for others today? How can we teach our children at home and at school to be the light of Jesus to their families and their peers?

Here are some ideas of activities that can be done during the 3rd week of Lent to show we are the light of the world to others:

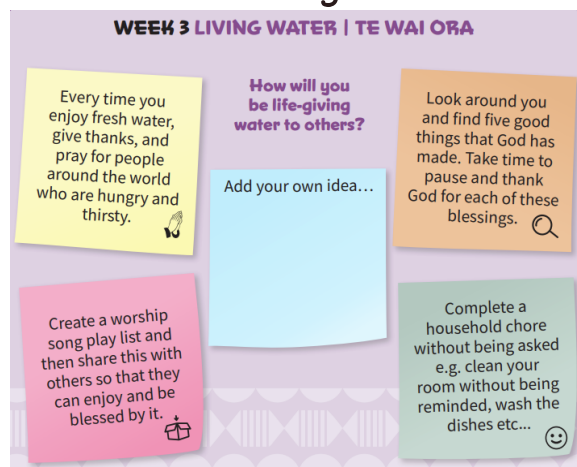


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St. Mary MacKillop Sports 2023

Community Sport

It's that time of the year to register your interest in joining a sport for the winter season.

Both netball and rugby are offered through the SMMCS *Community Sport 'Keeping Active'* project.

Here we offer sporting opportunities where our school netball and rugby teams play within our local club competitions.

A letter will be sent home with your child in Week 5 - Monday 27th February to register your interest.

For netball we participate under SMMCS in the Mangere, Otahuhu Netball Competition. In Y1 - Y8 grades for girls or mixed teams.

For rugby we are associated with Papatoetoe Rugby Club, and participate in the U6 Nursery Ripa through to U12's rugby grades. (Pending on interest!)

Pictures: Year 3&4 Miracles Netball Team 2022

Tietie Tietie (D3) - 2022 Rugby Player of the Year for the U11s Guardians Rugby Team. Overall Rugby Player of the Year 2022.



School Sport



Picture: 2021 South West Zone Champions

Come down to Aorere Park on Tuesday 28th February where our Year 7&8 Boys will be competing in the South West Zone Softball Tournament. St. Mary MacKillop Boys were 2021 champions, with the 2022 tournament having been cancelled due to covid restrictions. Our Year 7&8 Girls have their tournament in Week 6 on Tuesday 7th March, also held at Aorere Park.

Our Year 5&6 Boys are also representing our school next week Tuesday 28th February at Centre Park with Blitz 8-Aside Cricket. On Thursday 2nd March, our Year 5&6 girls will take the pitch also participating in Blitz 8-Aside cricket.

Good Luck to all our teams. Reminder please to both participants (players) and supporters to ensure we all uphold our Christian values so that we all win with humility and lose



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with dignity!

Live Jesus in Our Hearts - Forever.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED AN AWARD AT LAST WEEKS ASSEMBLY

| CLASS | PRINCIPAL AWARD | PRINCIPAL AWARD | VALUES AWARD | CAUGHT BEING GOOD |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| A1 | Alana Ng-Wun | Dililah Ikitule | James Cowley | Izayah Afamasaga |
| A2 | Alannah Tema | Leroy Raki | Onyx Ropati | Charlotte Fanguna Cook |
| A4 | | | | |
| A5 | Siaosi Talau Brown | El-Jay Feao Akai | Gabbeyrielle Armado | Hazel Metai-McCarthy |
| B1 | TuipulotuWilliams Motuapuaka | Daisha Chang Wai | Victoria Tupou | Winter Kerehoma |
| B2 | David Afele | Michaela Pouesi | Aizen Asi | Angelica Vili |
| B3 | Nicholas Tevaga | Alan Tagaloa | Paulhan Luamanuvae | Lisita Kolomatangi |
| C1 | Juliana Afamasaga | Agnel Agnel | K'liyah Feterika Mafoe | Gabrielle Brown |
| C2 | Simione Haungatau | Zac Salbalburo | Zyon Lui | Welly Lavea |
| C3 | Niki Latu | Clemen Suka | Tihina Tupou | Richie Haungatau |
| D1 | Leilani Aumareva | Quanariah Too-too | Precious Elia | Shavan Pritchard Sula |
| D2 | Kaislane Lale Faumuina | Samiu Tevunga | Shaylee Fonua | Lagimaina Maota |
| D3 | Naryah Lyden | Tui Tongotongo | Kingston Fono | Desire Maketi |

WELCOME TO THE NEW STUDENTS WHO HAVE JUST STARTED WITH US

| CLASS | NAME | CLASS | NAME |
|-------|---------------------|-------|------------------|
| A5 | Gabbeyrielle Armado | A5 | El-Jay Feao Akai |

Term 1 dates:

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| MARCH 10 | School Assembly in Wharenui - C2, D Pod Polyfest trip |
| 14 | Interzone Boys Softball, Year 7-8 Technology |
| 15 | Interzone Girls Softball |
| 17 | School Assembly with B1 in Wharenui at 2:00pm PTFA Meeting/event 6:pm-7:pm at school |



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| 20 | St Joseph Feast Day-Liturgy in the Wharenui - A2 |
| 23 | Syndicate Mass at School - 9:15am with B & C Pod |
| 28 | SWZ Boys/Girls Tag , MOSA Softball |
| 29 | BOT Meeting - Staff room |
| 31 | School Assembly in Wharenui at 2:00pm - D1 |
| APRIL 4 | HOLY WEEK Interzone Boys & Girls Tag |
| 6 | HOLY THURSDAY - Stations of the Cross 10:30am LAST DAY OF TERM 1 |
| 24 | TEACHER ONLY DAY |
| 25 | ANZAC DAY-HOLIDAY |
| 26 | TERM 2 START |