



# St. MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

**"Connecting to our Kura"**

**Excellence inspired by Te Atua and The Holy Spirit**

***Kia ora Koutou Whanau,***

***Welcome back to Term 2,***

Thankyou for a great finish to Term 1 and a great start to Term 2.

**SLCS:**

92 % of our families attended Student led conferences. It was great to see so many families , a few turning up giving our Teachers a surprise.

**Language weeks for 2024:**

We are meeting Monday to finalize our language weeks for 2024. They may look a little different this year, as we look to keep a consistent theme to all of them.

2024:  
**TERM 2:**

Speeches - for the first time since before COVID. As part of this we want to revitalize our language speeches. This will be a great opportunity for our languages to be heard and celebrated .

**Term 3:  
The Cultural Festival is back !!**

The world famous festival is back. We will keep you posted around what is happening and what your class is doing.

So with speeches and festival happening, we want our Language weeks to focus on:

- A planning meeting - before the week.
- A liturgy
- A Parent fono
- Possibly some food

This will all be confirmed once we have had our meeting. Thanks for your support.

**Attendance:**

Our Government has certainly been busy getting involved in education. I am sharing with you what our Government talks about when they are discussing attendance in schools. Attending school is one of the key parts to success in school.

Your child's learning progresses , the teacher builds a relationship and we get to know you as a whanau.

Regularly attending	Irregular absence	Moderately absent	Chronically absent
(attending more than 90%, an average of 9 days a fortnight)	(attending more than 80-90%, an average of 8 days a fortnight)	(attending more than 70% up to 80%, missing two to three days a fortnight) %	(attending 70% or less, missing three or more days a fortnight)

At the end of term 1 we had **60 %** of our school regularly attending school. We are working hard to have your children here , learning and being part of our Kura.

**3pm Finished !!**

We have noticed a pattern around some early pickups. School finishes at 3 pm so it is important our children are here for the whole day.

It disrupts the class and learning time when a child leaves early. We understand it may be easier to pick up with less traffic or children out front. But all schools are busy places at 3pm.

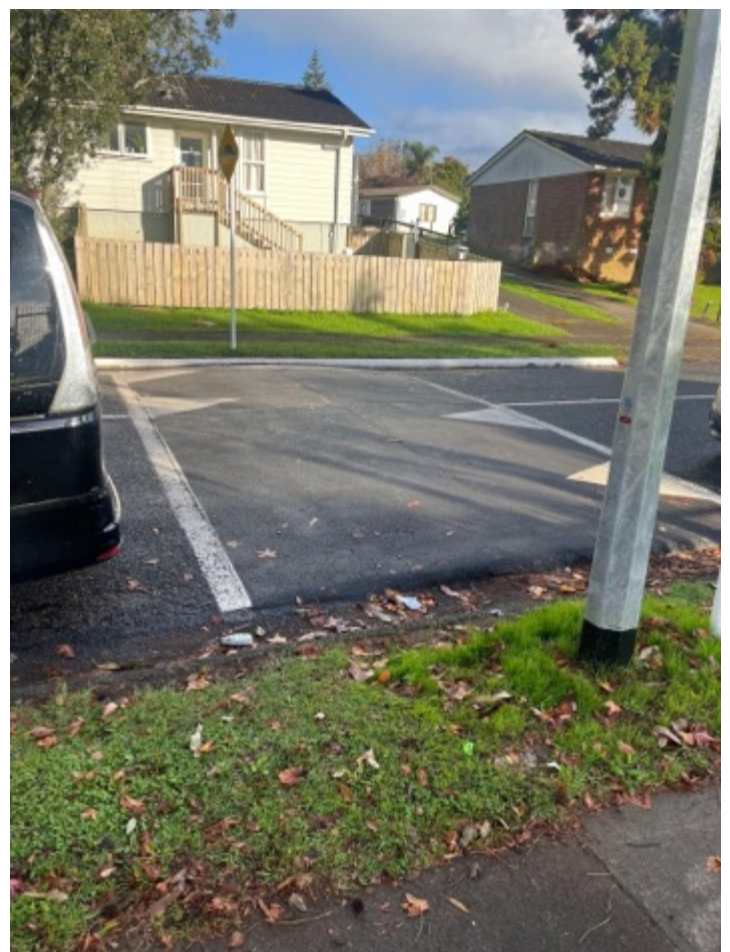
Work on your child Parking and Walking.

**3pm !!!**

***This is not a Car Park !!!!***



***This is not a crossing !!!!***



***We have a couple of work-ons for after school. These two areas need work and help to keep our children safe. Still too many children as well getting picked up from the middle of the road.***



## By-Election 2024

Box office Drop off - **closes May 6** , any votes sent through the mail will count up **until May 13**. Then all voting will be closed .

Thankyou for support and engagement as we look to continue the great work of our Board of trustees.



## STATIONERY 2024



Please remember TO PAY! DETAILS BELOW

COST \$40 PER CHILD

Payments can be made by Cash, Eftpos or Internet banking.

Please note that the account number for stationery payments is 12-3076-0599850-04 and is different to the school fee account. Please use your child's name/stationery in the reference.

Please contact me if you have any questions on [katrinag@marymackillop.school.nz](mailto:katrinag@marymackillop.school.nz)

## Key Dates Term 2, 2024

<b>May 9</b>	<b>Beginning of Term 2 Mass-Rakau</b>
10	Assembly - D3 (Cure Kids - film crew on site)
<b>13</b>	<b>Feast of the Ascension of our Lord-Liturgy -B3</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>St Johns Otara - Visit A/B Pod</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Powhiri to welcome ERO and New Students @ 9:00am</b>
17	<b>Pink Shirt Day</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Whole School Photos</b>
21	SWZ Girls Football
22	BOT meeting
24	Assembly in Wharenuui-2:00pm - B3
<b>27-31</b>	<b>Samoan Language Week</b>

28	SWZ Boys Football/MOSA Rugby League
30	Syndicate Mass at school-Mahuri/Tupu
31	<b>Teachers only day-no school</b>
<b>June 3</b>	<b>King's Birthday-holiday</b>
4	Mahuri in Pod Finals (Speeches in Wharenuui)
5	AAIMS Football Yr Girls
6	AAIMS Football Yr8 Girls/Kakano Hou, Kakano Poetry Recital & Speeches 9:30am in Wharenuui
7	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day-Liturgy-C2</b> <b>"KIWI AS" Mufti Day-bring a can House Challenge</b> Assembly in Wharenuui 2:00pm - C1
<b>17-21</b>	<b>International Language Week</b>
11	AAIMS Football Yr7 Boys/MOSA Netball
12	<b>ERO in school</b> AAIMS Football Yr8 Boys
13	Syndicate Mass at school-Rakau/Kakano/kakano Hou SWZ Boys Rugby
18	Senior School Speech Finals MOSA Hockey/SWZ Girls Rugby
21	School Assembly in Wharenuui-2:00pm -A1
<b>June 24</b>	<b>The Nativity of St John the Baptist-Feast Day Liturgy</b>
25	AAIMS Rugby Boys
26	AAIMS Rugby Girls BOT meeting
27	<b>End of Term Mass at St Therese-Tupu 9:00am</b>
28	<b>Matariki - holiday</b>
<b>July 3</b>	<b>Reports - Emailed Home</b>

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**End of Term 2 - 1:00pm finish**