



# Week 1 Term 1

## 3rd February 2020

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School Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysschoolwanganui](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysschoolwanganui)

School App From the Google Apps / Play Store: SchoolAppsNZ St Mary's School

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a chance to unwind and spend time with your family.

This year will be outstanding!

We have many new learning opportunities to engage and add richness to your child's learning.

Thank to those of you who completed our end of year survey. We do listen and tweak. We will be moving to mini surveys throughout the year around areas we would like feedback on. I do encourage you to take the time to let us know your thoughts as they help us to tweak and improve.

The first change is regarding this newsletter... **Newsletters will be fortnightly.** Any notices that come up during that time will be loaded up to our App and Facebook page.

God Bless  
Jacqui Luxton

## Meet the Teacher Interviews Thursday 20th February

This is your opportunity to share your hopes, needs and concerns with your child's teacher.

It is important that we work as a team to set your child up for success.

You can book two different ways.

- 1) [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

The event code **28bfy**

Follow the instructions

- 2) Ring Ivy and she will book you in

**We finish at 1pm on Thursday  
20th February.**



**Who to see...** If you have a query or concern regarding your child please see your child's Teacher first. If you still require assistance please see your child's Team Leader as follows:

**Junior Team**

Dallas Limpus:

Student from JLC, Room 3, 4 and 5

**Middle Team**

Cath Daignault:

Students from Rooms 6, 7 and 8

**Senior Team**

Ian Kerr:

Student from Rooms 9, 10 and 11



# Government School's Donations Scheme

Our Board of Trustees voted to opt into the new Government Donations Scheme for schools in 2020.

This means that the school will receive additional funding of \$150 per child for agreeing to stop asking families/whanau for donations.

This means that in 2020 we will not ask families for a school donation.

The \$150.00 will be used to cover the costs of trips, class materials, visiting performances etc.

As St Mary's is a State integrated school the school donation scheme does not replace Attendance Dues. You must still pay attendance dues to the proprietor of a state integrated school to cover the cost of property-related matters – these remain compulsory.

We think that the new scheme will benefit everyone in our community, however we want to make sure that we do not have to cut the number of opportunities we offer to children.

Under the new scheme, there are some costs that schools can still ask parents to contribute to:

- Overnight school camps will be exempted from the Donations Scheme, which means that Boards will still ask family/whanau for costs towards school camps that have an overnight component.
  - Parents will continue to pay for extra-curricula music lessons provided at St Mary's School.
  - Parents will be asked to pay for weekend and after hours sports teams as participation in these types of activities is voluntary and that participation incurs a charge.
  - Parents will still be charged for the 'take-home' component of the Year 7/8 technology programme – so that children can bring home the things that they make in woodwork, metalwork, food technology etc.
- We are working with Cullinane College to fine tune the details.

On the following pages I have included the Ministry Fact Sheet or to view the actual document in full size please click on the following...

<https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/donations/MOE-Donations-Scheme-Info-A3-FA-Web-2-DEC.PDF>

# What families/whānau need to know about school/kura donations

- 1 If your child attends a **decile 1 to 7 school or kura**, the school board of trustees **needs to decide each year whether it should opt-in or not** to the Government's school donations scheme.
- 2 The Government will pay your school or kura \$150 per student per year if the school board agrees to opt in to the scheme **AND** to not ask you for any donations (gifts/ koha), except for overnight camps.
- 3 You can ask to attend the board meeting where they will discuss whether to opt-in or not.

If your school/kura does not opt in to the donations scheme, the board may seek donations toward the cost of the core learning programme (curriculum). You can choose if you want to pay some, none or all of the donation. Schools/kura that have not opted in to the donations scheme may ask parents for a donation for any purpose.

## School/kura donations schemes

### 1 If your school/kura opts in to the donations scheme:

- The board of trustees cannot ask you to make a donation **unless** it is for an overnight **school/kura camp** – and then you can **choose** if you **want** to pay none, some or all of the donation. If you choose not to make a donation, your child cannot be stopped from attending a camp if it is part of the school's core learning programme (curriculum).
- You cannot be asked to make either a general or specific donation e.g. a donation for a day trip to a museum or a field trip to a hiking track.

### 2 If your school/kura doesn't opt in to the donations scheme:

- They will not receive additional funding, so they can ask you to make a donation.
- You can be asked to make either a general or specific donation (e.g. a donation for a day trip to a museum or a field trip to a hiking track). Donations are voluntary, and so you can **choose** if you **want** to pay none, some or all of the donation. If you choose not to make a donation, your child cannot be stopped from attending a camp or field trip if it is part of the core learning programme (curriculum).



## Information for all parents/caregivers/whānau whether your school/kura is in the donations scheme or not

- Your school or kura cannot charge you for anything involved in the core learning programme (curriculum), including "subject fees."
- Your school or kura can ask you to pay for goods they provide that are optional (for example pens, lunches) but it is up to you whether you buy them from the school/kura or elsewhere.
- If the school or kura has a uniform, you need to provide your child with one but you can choose to buy it from the school/kura or, if available, to buy a new or second hand uniform elsewhere.
- You should not be pressured to buy goods or services from a school or kura **but if you agree to buy a good or service, you must pay for it.**
- If your child is involved in weekend sports teams or after hours cultural activities (extra-curricular activities), these are optional. If you choose for your child to participate, you may be asked to cover the costs of these activities.
- You can make a voluntary donation to your school or kura at any time and if you choose to do this, GST is not payable on the donation and you can claim a tax credit.

## State integrated schools/kura attendance dues

- State integrated schools, and kura that are state integrated, have the same core learning programme as other schools and kura (the New Zealand Curriculum) but also their own special character (usually a philosophical or religious belief).
- You must pay attendance dues to the proprietor of a state integrated school or kura to cover the cost of property-related matters – they are compulsory.
- The maximum level of attendance dues cannot be increased without the approval of the Minister of Education.



**Donations are voluntary, no matter who asks for them. The school donations scheme does not change the long-standing entitlement of students to a free education.**

You never have to make a donation to your school or kura but you can give any size donation any time if you want to. If your school or kura decides to opt in to the donations scheme, it cannot ask you for any donations except for overnight camps.

If you have questions regarding payments contact your board of trustees or your local Ministry office. You can also email any questions to [school.donations@education.govt.nz](mailto:school.donations@education.govt.nz)

## What you can expect if your school/kura opts in to the donations scheme

**Key:** If my school has opted in to the donations scheme, I can be asked for a donation but I don't have to pay. If my school has opted in to the donations scheme, I cannot be asked for a donation and I don't have to pay. I must pay for this if I agree to buy it.

### Enrolment

Item	Item category	
Application fee	Other	
Enrolment fee	Other	
Out-of-core ballot fee	Other	
Bond	Other	
Fees for enrolment are unlawful. As enrolment is free, there can be no charge for anything associated with the enrolment process.		

### Camps, Trips & Outside Education

Item	Item category	
Overnight camp as part of specific course (Example - Year 12 Outdoor Education)	Curriculum	
Overnight camp as part of general education programme (curriculum) (Examples - Year 9 orientation camp, Year 7 EOTC camp)	Curriculum	
Overnight geography field trip	Curriculum	
Trip/Visit as part of general curriculum	Curriculum	
Charge/fee for an optional event (example - weekend ski trip, extra-curricula)	Goods & Services	
Schools and kura can continue to ask for donations for overnight school camps if they are part of the core learning programme (curriculum). Such a request is for a donation. Families and whānau can choose to pay the donation in full, in part or not at all.		

### ICT

Item	Item category	
Access to school/kura network	Curriculum	
Use of school/kura hardware	Curriculum	
Requiring students/whānau to provide devices such as tablets, smartphones, netbooks, laptops, Chrome Books (BYOD)	Curriculum	
Requiring students/whānau to provide software or pay for software licenses	Curriculum	
Requiring students/whānau to provide calculators	Curriculum	
Purchase of non-compulsory hardware or software	Goods & Services	

### Music

Item	Item category	
Tuition - course-related	Curriculum	
Tuition - optional outside of general education programme (extra-curricula)	Goods & Services	
Instrument hire - course delivery	Curriculum	
Instrument hire - optional (extra-curricula)	Goods & Services	

### Programmes & Courses

Item	Item category	
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	Curriculum	
Reading recovery and Learning Support	Curriculum	
High school "subject fees"	Curriculum	
Specialist units (examples - Montessori, Aikido, Te Reo, Samon Language)	Curriculum	
Supplementary programmes (examples - Mathematics, Education Perfect)	Curriculum	
STAR courses	Curriculum	
Tertiary-level courses offered as part of the school programme	Curriculum	
Tertiary course (dual enrolment at tertiary institution)	Goods & Services	
Gifted Education programmes	Goods & Services	
Out-of-school extra programmes that are not part of the core learning programme (curriculum) are considered a good/service. It should be made clear that participation is voluntary, and incurs a charge.		

### State-integrated Schools/Kura

Item	Item category	
Attendance dues - these are compulsory	Other	

### Course Materials

Item	Item category	
Materials used as part of delivering core learning programme (curriculum)	Curriculum	
Take home component where parents have agreed to purchase (examples - textbooks, item of clothing)	Goods & Services	
Schools and kura cannot ask parents/whānau to pay for materials used in delivering the core learning programme (curriculum). This includes cooking ingredients for a food technology class. Food eaten as part of a food technology class is part of the core learning programme (curriculum) - this is because students need to taste the food they prepare to ensure it is fit for consumption (sensory evaluation). Schools can charge parents/whānau for the cost of materials when they have agreed that the item can be taken home - for example an item of clothing.		

### Swimming

Item	Item category	
Swimming as part of general curriculum (at school/kura or off-site)	Curriculum	
Swimming as voluntary activity (lunch time or after hours)	Goods & Services	

### Optional Activities

Item	Item category	
Visiting drama or music groups (non-curriculum)	Goods & Services	
School sports teams	Goods & Services	
After-hours/funcetime/weekend culture or sports activities	Goods & Services	
Boards can charge parents/whānau for optional activities, like sports trips, that are outside the core learning programme (curriculum). Participation is optional, and schools can charge parents/whānau if they have agreed for their child to participate.		

### School and Kura Uniforms

Item	Item category	
School/kura uniform from a school/kura uniform shop	Goods & Services	
Schools and kura are not expected to make profits from school uniforms - they should recover only their costs.		

### Resources & Stationery

Item	Item category	
Textbooks	Curriculum	
Workbooks (compulsory)	Curriculum	
Workbooks (optional, when parents have agreed to purchase)	Goods & Services	
Photocopying/printing as part of core education programme (curriculum use)	Curriculum	
Photocopying/printing (personal and not needed for core programme learning, extra-curricula use)	Goods & Services	
Stationery (if parents decide to buy from school/kura stationery shops)	Goods & Services	
Schools and kura are not expected to make profits from school stationery - they should recover only their costs.		

### Operational Costs

Item	Item category	
Heating, lighting and water	Operational	
Soap, hand sanitiser, tissues	Operational	
Boards cannot ask families and whānau for contributions to operational costs - these costs should be covered by the school's operational funding, which is paid by the Ministry of Education.		

### School/Kura Publications

Item	Item category	
School/kura magazines are optional to buy	Goods & Services	

### School/Kura Events

Item	Item category	
School/kura Ball	Goods & Services	
Students can attend this type of event if they buy a ticket. Students should not be stopped from accessing optional activities because their families/whānau have not paid for other items. For example schools/kura should not require families/whānau to pay for sports costs or a donation towards the school camp before they can buy a ticket to the school ball.		

Kia Ora

My name is Vivienne East and I am a Registered Nurse based at the Whanganui Hospital. I visit St Mary's School throughout the school year offering support, advice and referrals for any health concerns that parents, caregivers or teachers may have.

Some of the health problems include: allergies, nutrition concerns, growth and development, immunisations, puberty concerns, bed-wetting, toileting issues, vision and hearing, parenting support.

I can be contacted on my mobile on 021 373 212 or through the Whanganui Hospital on 06 348 3343 or you can email me on

[vivienne.east@wdhb.org.nz](mailto:vivienne.east@wdhb.org.nz)

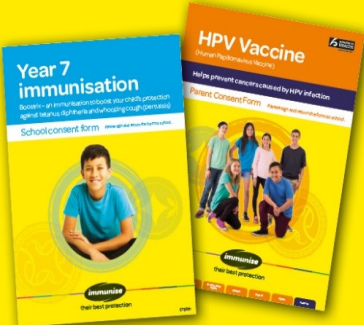
Nga Mihi

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If your child is in **Year 7 or 8** they'll be offered important **free** immunisations at school. These will help protect them against serious diseases, and will also help protect your whānau and our wider community.


Ask your child for the consent form they've been given for you to read, sign and return to school.

**For more information:**  
Talk to the **Public Health Nurse**  
visit [health.govt.nz/imms-older-children](http://health.govt.nz/imms-older-children)  
or call **0800 Immune**



**immunise**  
their best protection

 **MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
MAKAU KUPU

 **New Zealand Government**

Year 7 and 8 education sessions will take place on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am in the library.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

For more information please contact Vivienne East, Public Health Nurse on 021 373 212

Summer sports notices are coming home.

Please return these promptly so we can get teams and coaches sorted.

- Touch Rugby
- Primary Volleyball
- Intermediate Volleyball
- T-Ball



## Uniform Reminders

We take great pride in our school and it begins with uniform! Students looked stunning as they arrived this morning. We want these standards to stay high. Please remember hair ties should be Navy or Black, no nail polish, no rings or bracelets. Taonga and crosses are fine but must be tucked in. Thank you for your efforts in ensuring our students are the best dressed in town.



- St Mary's Hat
- Navy and Red Check Tunic
- Black Roman Sandals

### ITS SUMMER UNIFORM TIME

Please help us!  
Name things in at least 7 places.  
That way we can return misplaced  
items to their rightful owner.



PE Gear:  
St Mary's T-Shirt  
Navy Blue shorts



- St Mary's Hat
- White Shirt
- Navy and Red Check Skirt
- Black Roman Sandals

### Summer Uniform Shoes.

We are aware roman sandals are breaking easily. We will accept a sturdy black velcro sandal look alike replacement.

I have attached a photo of what we will accept. But please note we will not accept a closed in toe, heels, or a strappy dress sandal. If you still want to purchase the roman sandal option that is still acceptable.



**No Hat**

**No Play**



- St Mary's Hat
- Grey Shirt
- Grey Shorts
- Black Roman Sandals

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## February

Monday 3rd:

- Powhiri for new students

Thursday 6th:

- Waitangi Day

Friday 7th:

- Intermediate Team Building Day
- Gifted & Talented

Tuesday 11th:

- PTA Meeting 7pm (Gala planning)

Wednesday 12th:

- Rotary Readers
- Kapahaka
- Technology Yr 7 & 8
- Assembly Room 11 2pm

Friday 14th:

- Mass @ Cullinane Rooms 10 and 11

Monday 17th:

- Bike Skills

Wednesday 19th:

- Rotary Readers
- Kapahaka
- Technology Yr 7 & 8

Thursday 20th:

- School closes 1pm for Parent Interviews

Friday 21st:

- Gifted & Talented
- Mass @ Cullinane Rooms 4 and 5

Monday 24th:

- Volunteers Thank You BBQ 5 - 7pm

Wednesday 26th:

- Rotary Readers
- Kapahaka
- Technology Yr 7 & 8
- Assembly Room 10

Friday 28th:

- Gifted and Talented
- Mass @ Cullinane Rooms 6 and 7

## March