



# Week 7 Term 1 March 2021

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Kia ora koutou

Thank you to those families who joined us on Wednesday night for Mass. We do really appreciate your support. You all looked amazing in green!



Father Vaughan was really pleased to see you... I wonder if he managed to get any Guinness from the supermarket on his way home? He may have left it a bit late on St Patricks Day.

Thank you to Mrs Daignault for putting together our Mass. It takes huge effort to get it ready and you are appreciated. Thank you also to staff who attended. It is nice for us to all worship together.

Amazing speakers and readers... well done. It takes great courage to get up and speak in front of a big audience! You did a great job.

Another thank you to families who gathered for our BBQ on Monday night. An excellent turn out and really lovely to connect with you.

Mā te Atua e manaaki  
Jacqui Luxton

# Room 3

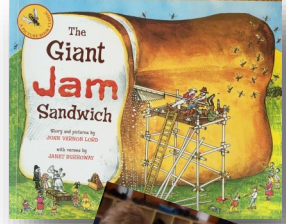
Our poem was Sam's Jam  
We are looking at the am word family.

We watched an online story called "The Giant Jam Sandwich" - this is a story about capturing annoying wasps using a giant jam sandwich.

Our follow up activity was a time to allow individual ideas on what we would catch and how we would get rid of it - as the story did.

One great idea was that he would make a giant sandwich to catch Covid-19 and drop it into a volcano to get rid of it!

The students love recreating a part of the story with their own ideas.





E Tipu e ako...  
Where learning grows...

## Pepeha

In the last newsletter we talked about what a Pepeha is and why it's special to us.

Have a bit of fun at home and create your own with your children!

There are a variety of special parts to your Pepeha but here is one example. Everyone has an important story to share so this is unique to you. We are teaching the students at St Mary's to be proud of who they are!

Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku maunga (mountain)  
Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku awa (river)  
Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku waka (transport)  
Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku iwi (tribe)  
No \_\_\_\_\_ ahau (where from)  
Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku whānau (family)  
Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku pāpā (father)  
Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku māmā (mother)  
Ko \_\_\_\_\_ tōku ingoa (your name)



Tau ke Room 6!

The Year 5/6 students have completed three sessions with **Cricket Wanganui**. Our St Mary's Kiwi Cricket team has been competing on a Friday evening in the inter school competition.



We also have school teams currently representing our school in Tee ball, Touch Rugby, Badminton and Intermediate Volleyball.

# Our peer mentors at work...

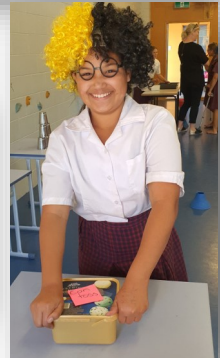


**HELP  
OTHERS**

# GALA DAY



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## We need your help!

Please use the **parking bays** or the **grass across the road** when picking up students after school.

As you will be aware we patrol the road crossing at the front of the school. It is so important that you **don't stop in the driveway or double park**. Our road patrollers cannot see if traffic is coming as they are shorter.

Thanks for your cooperation with this.

## Safety is our priority!





# 2019 Active NZ Survey Results

The Active NZ survey is an annual survey run by Sport New Zealand that measures participation and attitudes around play, active recreation and sport. The 2019 results were released just before Christmas, and we've enjoyed looking at the insights around how people in our region like to get active.

## Did you know?

*The most popular activities in our region are:*

1. Walking
2. Gardening
3. Running/Jogging
4. Individual workout using equipment
5. Cycling



*The most popular activities Whanganui people want to try over the next year are:*

1. Tramping
2. Pilates/yoga
3. Swimming
4. Cycling
5. Fishing



*We also live up to our region's reputation for growing talented athletes:*

**34%** of people in our region have represented a region or country in sport, compared to **27%** of all New Zealand.

*But overall, we're less active than the average New Zealander:*

**66%** of us have done physical activity for sport, exercise or recreation over the past 7 days, compared to **72%** of all New Zealand.

Our people participate in competitive sport at the same rate as New Zealand overall, but the difference in overall activity comes from the amount of physical activity we do for recreation:

**58%** of us participated only in non-competitive sport or activities in the past 12 months, compared to **63%** of all New Zealand.

You can check out more findings from the Active NZ survey here: <https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/active-nz-survey-2019/>

**Policies and procedures** are the guide map for how we operate at St Mary's School. This is your opportunity to **help shape the way we operate**. We would love your feedback and suggestions. Every term a number of policies come up for review on a 3 year cycle. Some policies are reviewed by the Board of Trustees, The staff or caregivers, sometimes all three.

Go to: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> to give us feedback and suggestions. Find our school and...

Community username	stmarysac
Community password	icic



## Home Learning

Home learning is an extension of the school programme and supports, enhances, and consolidates teaching and learning. It provides a positive link between home and school.

We set home learning weekly, which at a minimum consists of reading, spelling, and mathematics. Students have their faith diaries which record set tasks. Occasionally catch-up work and projects are set.

Teachers:

- outline expectations, routines, and suggested time requirements for home learning to students and parents at the start of the year
- set home learning that reflects students' individual needs and changing ages and stages, and reinforces teaching and learning
- ensure students understand their home learning tasks and can work independently, where possible
- communicate home learning concerns to parents.

Students:

- are responsible for their own home learning
- understand their home learning tasks and work as independently as possible.

Parents:

- encourage and support their children
- provide feedback to the child and the teacher
- communicate with the teacher if their child is unable to complete the home learning, or if family or other circumstances take priority.

UNDER REVIEW  
Term 1, 2021

# Uniform Reminders

We take great pride in our school and it begins with uniform! Students looked stunning as they arrived on Wednesday. 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 accepted 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

No  
Hat  
No  
Play



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

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

**Please remember to name your child's uniform...**

**Name it, name it and name it again...**

**Vivid marker, fancy lables, twink pens, sewn in initials...**

**We have 260 of everything and it gets hard to return uniform if it is left behind at break.**



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**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: [dallasl@stmarys.ac.nz](mailto:dallasl@stmarys.ac.nz)  
Students from JLC, Room 3, 4 and 5

**Middle Team**

Cath Daignault: [cathd@stmarys.ac.nz](mailto:cathd@stmarys.ac.nz)  
Students from Rooms 6, 7 and 8

**Senior Team**

Ian Kerr: [iank@stmarys.ac.nz](mailto:iank@stmarys.ac.nz)  
Students from Rooms 9, 10 and 11



**Pita Pit**



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Youth Group  
2021  
GROUP

PRAYER!  
ACTIVITIES!  
FELLOWSHIP!

26 FEBRUARY 5 MARCH 19 MARCH | CULLINANE  
COLLEGE  
6-8PM | AGED 12-15



## Update Contact Info



If you have shifted, had a new phone number, changed your emergency contacts or changed work numbers please let us know.

## **Sandpit Toys...**

**Do you have any **old toys** that would make excellent fun in the sandpit? We would love them!**

**Please drop them into the office.**



< Absentee

Call office

Email

All fields are required.

Student's Full Name

Student's Class or Room No.

Parent's Full Name

Parent's Email Address  
example@email.com

Parent's Contact Number  
+641234567

Reason  
Please provide a clear reason for this absence.

Send



St Mary's School  
Whanganui



### School App

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

**Please use our Absentee App when your child is sick. This makes things so much easier for us here at school. Please give a detailed reason as this helps us to monitor the spread of illness and to assign the correct absence code for the Ministry of Education.**



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, bedwetting, 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

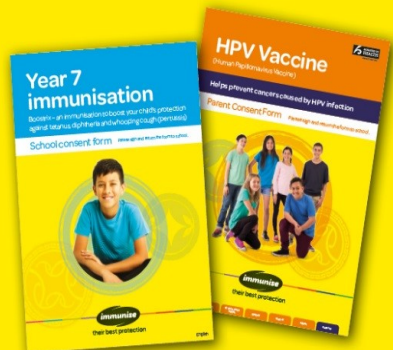
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If your child is in **Year 7 or 8** they'll be offered important **free** immunisations at school. These will help protect them against serious diseases, and will also help protect your whānau and our wider community.

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**



And  
the  
Winner  
is...



# In Christ I Can... Champions!



**I**nclusion

**C**ourtesy

**I**ntegrity

**C**ourage



St Marys School In Christ I Can

Name: Sophie

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusion Reason: Showing patience and kindness to a student who feels nervous in the mornings.

Courtesy

Integrity

Courage

Teacher: Miss Linklater



St Marys School In Christ I Can

Name: Hazel

Room: 8

Inclusion Reason: You just shine with inclusion when working as a peer mentor!

Courtesy

Integrity

Courage

Teacher: Mrs Lwiza



St Marys School In Christ I Can

Name: Hunter

Room: 5

Inclusion Reason: role modelled St Marys Schools special character when helping a new student who has hurt. Hunter was amazing.

Integrity

Courtesy

Courage

Teacher: Mrs Limpus



St Marys School In Christ I Can

Name: Masada

Room: 8

Inclusion Reason: Being a need in the classroom and just getting stuck in and doing it. So helpful to keep our class orderly and neat.

Courtesy

Integrity

Courage

Teacher: Chloe Reynolds



St Marys School In Christ I Can

Name: Ellie

Room: 8

Inclusion Reason: Being a fantastic, supportive peer teacher in writing time to help someone with adding descriptive words.

Courtesy

Integrity

Courage

Teacher: Chloe





## March

Tuesday 23rd:

- Combined Schools Swimming Sports

Wednesday 24th:

- Technology @ Cullinane College Year 7 & 8
- Rotary Readers
- Assembly 2.15

Thursday 25th:

- Central Football
- Pita Pit go to lunchonline
- Intermediate School Swimming

Friday 26th:

- Gifted & Talented Arts
- Intermediate Rippa Rugby

Monday 29th:

- Chrism Mass in PN
- Library Bus Rms 3/5

Wednesday 31st

- Technology @ Cullinane College Year 7 & 8

## April

Thursday 1st:

- Immunisation for Year 7/8 students
- Pita Pit go to lunchonline

Friday 2nd

- Good Friday **NO SCHOOL**

Holy Saturday 3rd

Easter Sunday 4th

Easter Monday 5th **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday 6th **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday 7th:

- Technology @ Cullinane College Year 7 & 8
- Assembly 2.15

Thursday 8th:

- Pita Pit go to lunchonline

Friday 9th:

- Junior School Wellington Zoo trip
- Gifted & Talented Arts Gallery Trip

Sunday 11th

- Baptism Mass

