



Week 2 Term 1

11th February 2019

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Welcome to week 2!

We are already back in the swing of things and students have settled into school life with ease which is pleasing.

This weather certainly helps!

We still have a number of students forgetting their hats. Please check with your child that they have their hat at school.

We have our first **assembly on Wednesday at 2pm**. Room 11 start the ball rolling. This week we will be announcing the names of the students who applied for the different groups from the middle and senior school.

Teachers have been busy setting the expectations for the year with their students and getting new routines in place. Testing has begun in their classrooms and you will start to see homework coming home in the next few weeks.

All classrooms have a minimum of reading, spelling and basic facts work. If your child is saying they don't have **homework** please check with us. Occasionally life interferes with homework but this is rare.

If you have concerns around the pressures of homework please talk to your child's teacher at our meet the teacher interviews. We do not want this time to be stressful as it will not reinforce the learning.

God Bless
Jacqui Luxton

Meet the Teacher Interviews

Thursday 21st 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

The event code **fp3g6**

Follow the instructions

- 2) Ring Ivy or send a note by 3pm 20th Feb

We finish at 1pm on Thursday 21st February.



End of day reminders:

- Sandals on please... this is both health and safety but also minimises lost shoes.
- Crossing at the correct place... health and safety also. Please don't cross your child further down the road.
- Care when picking up and dropping off... please don't double park or stop across the gate. We have already had a few close calls.

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
- Monday Night Athletics



Hat time!

We have a no hat no play policy! Our sun is fierce! Children without hats sit in the shade. They can read and chat but the goal is to have all children out playing. Please ensure your child has their hat at school every day.

We also need those hats named please. White twink works well as does black vivid marker.

All students are required to wear these at break times.



This year our school will not be entering Athletics as a school team event.

On Monday evenings students can participate in the Junior Athletics Coaching and Teams Competition for 9 to 13 year olds from 6-7pm.

All at Cooks Gardens.

Please see the Athletics Wanganui Facebook and website for fees and additional programme details. Fees can be paid directly to the club and students wear mufti. For any queries please contact Jodie Brunger 0211448944.



We have decided to trial the use our carpark as a play space for your children!

Teachers will be parking elsewhere (not in the front parking bays 😊).

This means more play area for students!

Broken Roman Sandals



If your child's Roman Sandals have broken please don't hesitate to return to the shop you purchased them from or a replacement.

Goods have to be fit for purpose under the Consumer Guarantees Act.

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Sorry, this was suppose to have been last week but there was a communication breakdown and the date was missed. This special will definitely be available for this week.

Pita Pit



\$3 Pita Pit Day!!!

\$3 Day at St Mary's

Thursday **14th** February

\$3 Pita Pit Welcome Back Deal

(Normal Thursday delivery and prices resume **21st** Feb)

Order your lunchonline today

Kia ora tātou

Welcome back to the new term and a special welcome to those who are new to the Catholic schools' whānau. You have made the right decision.

A couple of Sundays ago I was celebrating a 'usual' Sunday Mass. What was different however was that I was among a crowd 750,000 (the large majority in their 20s).

World Youth Day, in Panama City, Central America was the venue, and the presider was our Pope, Papa Francesco.

This was the first WYD I have been to. Before leaving NZ my expectations had been neutral, but I returned from our two weeks in Panama (about 25 Kiwis contribution to the 750,000!) invigorated and in deep awe of the gift of our universal Church and faith. Papa Francesco was in great form and the welcome of the Panamanian people was infectious.

Please follow my Facebook  www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan blog and photos of Panama WYD, or read more on our diocesan website site www.pndiocese.org.nz/. My reflections are heartfelt and I thank the Holy Spirit for ensuring the Church keeps dynamic in all we seek to be for Christ.

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Te Rau Oriwa/St Joseph's Hall

The Rau Oriwa Trust was established by the Bishop of our Diocese, in 1994.

The Trust has responsibility on the Bishop's behalf, for the marae and hall complex attached to St Mary's Church.

In particular, we are charged to "promote and foster the special nature of the complex as a meeting house, cultural centre and parish centre for the mutual benefit of the Maori people of the region, the parishioners of St Mary's Parish and the wider Catholic community of the region" (Trust Deed 31/7/1994).

Our current Board Trustees are: Kataraina Millin (chair), Barbara Vine (treasurer/secretary), Ruth Ockey, Raukura Boatwright, Cate Joyce, Claire Heffernan

The latest news from The Rau Oriwa Trust is that we have managed to secure sufficient funding from grants to allow for major renovations of the main kitchen in the hall. This work will be completed during the week of 18-22 March.

As a Charitable Trust, we struggle to remain solvent, as our only income is from hiring out the facilities. We still have rates, insurance, maintenance to pay regardless of bookings, and we would encourage all parishioners and friends to consider using the hall or marae for future functions. Many family functions including weddings have successfully been held at the hall and marae in the past. Our charges are very reasonable and inquiries/bookings can be made with Jo at the parish office.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in the Te Rau Oriwa Trust please either see one of the Trustees, or Jo in the office.

God bless you all, Kataraina Millin (Chairperson)

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February

12th:

- Swimming Trials Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
- Intermediate Club: Fitness

13th:

- Year 7/8 Tech @ Cullinane
- Kapahaka
- Rotary Readers
- Assembly Room 11

14th:

- Pita Pit go to lunchonline
- Swimming Trials Rooms 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

15th:

- Gifted and Talented

18th:

- Year 5 & 6 trip to Moutua Gardens

19th:

- Vision and Hearing checks
- Intermediate Club: Fitness

20th:

- Year 7/8 Tech @ Cullinane
- Kapahaka
- Rotary Readers

21st:

- Meet the teachers - school closes at 1pm



22nd:

- Gifted and Talented

23rd:

- Year 7/8 Tech @ Cullinane
- Kapahaka

26th:

- Dog Safety Lessons
- Intermediate Club: Fitness

27th:

- Year 7/8 Tech @ Cullinane
- Kapahaka
- Rotary Readers
- Assembly Room 10