

Week 5 Term 4 October 2021

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Kia ora koutou

It is still urgent that you let us know if you have a **sibling starting school** in 2022. Our roll is capped at 260 students and we are unable to go over this number.

Equally if you are going to be leaving St Mary's we would like to know that too as we have people interested in these spaces.

Today I sent out a **Covid-19 update** explaining how we are complying with the Public Health Order. I have included the message in this newsletter also in case you missed it.

Tomorrow I will be putting out our planning for **Prizegiving** and to our Year 8 students, the plan for Graduation. As I'm sure you will understand these are very difficult events to organise in keeping with the Public Health Order.

We look forward to seeing students and staff turning up in **Christmas Decorations** on Friday. We ask that you bring an item to contribute to **Christmas Hampers** for families finding things hard this Christmas.

We would still love some help for sorting out **pies** on the 25th of Nov. If you are able to help can you please let Ivy know.

Mā te Atua e manaaki
Jacqui Luxton

Covid-19 Update

Kia ora koutou



As you will be aware the Government announced nationwide mandatory vaccination for the education workforce in order to work onsite as a means of protecting our students, you, your whanau and our staff.

As the Principal, I am responsible for ensuring the Government's Health Orders are put into practice. All school staff, volunteers and contractors must have received their first vaccination by the 15th of November 2021 and be fully vaccinated by the 1st of January 2022.

The health and wellbeing of our students, staff and everyone involved in the safe operation of our school is something we take very seriously.

Under the Vaccination Order, those who wish to volunteer with students, attend school trips and camps must have received their first vaccination by yesterday the 15th of November 2021 and be fully vaccinated by the 1st of January 2022. You must provide proof of vaccination as I am required to keep a vaccination register and we will ask for evidence as needed. Your information will be kept confidential.

Proof of vaccination:

Vaccination card with dates of vaccination

Email: vaccinestatus@health.govt.nz - they will send you a link for you to complete your details and will send you a Ministry of Health letter confirming your vaccines

My Covid Record - app.covid19.health.nz (through the NZ COVID Tracer app got to your dashboard and click More Info)

You do not need to show evidence of vaccination if you are dropping off, picking up children or visiting the office. We do ask if you need to come onsite to visit the office or a teacher that you wear a mask and sign in using the Covid Tracer app and the sign in book in the office.

We ask that you continue to support us by only coming onsite if it is absolutely necessary and that you have arranged this with us first.

Mā te Atua e manaaki
Jacqui Luxton

GROCERY HAMPER FOR CHRISTMAS

The wise men came with gifts
for baby Jesus.

We are asking you to bring a
special grocery item to help our
Whangarei families who find the
season of Christmas

hard. We will be helping Saint Vincent de Paul
and the awesome work they do each
Christmas.



IDEAS FOR ITEMS:

- Toiletries
- Jams & Spreads
- Canned fruit
- Toilet paper
- Pasta
- Biscuits/crackers
- Cereals
- Something special



Each house will collect their items and house points will be collated.

FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

LET'S CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF JESUS BIRTH.
COME DRESSED IN THE THEME OF CHRISTMAS!

MOST FESTIVE OR CREATIVE WILL BE IN TO WIN!



We have some changes ahead...

Some of you may have noticed that **Tash Casey** is pregnant. She will be finishing with us at the end of the term to take maternity leave. We are so excited for her as she embarks on this new adventure and look forward to seeing her return in the future.

We will also be fare welling **Nicola Harper**. Nicola has been successful in gaining the position of Assistant DRS at Cullinane College. We congratulate her and wish her well. We will still see her around as she remains a parent of our school.

We are in the process of appointing replacements. I am able to let you know that we have appointed one of the positions.

It is with excitement that we welcome Devon Corney to teach in our Junior School. Devon has worked with us for a number of years as a teacher aide and pastoral worker. She has worked part-time with us while she completed her teaching degree. She will fit into the school seamlessly as she knows how we operate and more importantly she knows our students.

We are waiting until our second appointment to decide where teachers will be placed next year. It is likely that we will be moving some staff around to ensure we have the best match for our students.

Have you enrolled your pre schooler for 2022?

**Enrol
now
>>**

This may seem early...

But we **only have a few spaces left** until we have to close the roll.

Ring Ivy if you are unsure whether we have your child on our list.

It is vital you get your forms in as we cannot go over our capped number. Please grab an enrolment pack from Ivy and make an appointment to meet with Father Vaughan and then Jacqui.



Are you leaving?

If you know you are leaving St Mary's School please let us know as soon as possible.

We are having a large number of enrolment queries from new families . We are very close to putting people on a waiting list for 2022.



Gospel Values—I.C.I.C.

MAIA- COURAGE

"Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be people of courage, stand strong" (1 Chron16:13)

TAKING A STAND

I think of Matthew 21:12-13 when reflecting on taking a stand and having the courage to do it. Jesus was so appalled at the money-lenders being in his Father's house, that he got angry and forceful. Hard to picture him being like this when we see all the gentle pictures of Jesus.

We have a society that takes a stand on a lot of issues: 3 water reform, vaccinations, black lives matter, global warming, LGBTQIA+. We, as Christians, are called to take a stand too - for the rejected, poor, lonely, sick, oppressed. He also wants us to stand up for ourselves and those we love. Most importantly, in an age where Our Father is ignored more and more, we need to stand up for God, to speak of Him when others reject God. We look at the early apostles who stood up for their Christian faith and shared Jesus teachings to others - the sacrifices they gave.

When and how do you stand up for yourself? When and how do you stand up for others? Do you stand up and proclaim your faith to others? Yes it needs courage to do this, but the rewards are heavenly!

Christ the King

This Sunday (Nov 21st) marks the end of the Catholic Church's liturgical year concluding with the feast of Christ the King. It was



instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "Pax Christi in regno Christi" ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ").

When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of king, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. But that wasn't the case. Before He died, Jesus said that His kingdom was not in this world. Do you know where Jesus' kingdom is? It is not just in Heaven, but I the soul of every person who follows Jesus. Do you try to be like Jesus? Is He your king?



Sunday the 28th November is the first Sunday of Advent. So set up your Advent wreath. The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. Traditionally, Advent wreaths hold four coloured candles, lit one by one through the four weeks of the season. These candles represent in order: hope, love, joy, and peace. Each is purple except the pink, which represents joy. A fifth candle, the white Christ candle, is first lit on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day.

Advent wreaths are a great way to mark the Advent season and involve your household in the process. Make yours now!



St Mary's School Service Team are in the planning stage of building a **Pātaka Kai** (community pantry) on the school grounds. It will mean we can share our school garden produce, and hopefully whanau and surrounding community's garden produce, with people in need in our community. We will also have cans of food we gather from mufti days to be put in it as well. It will be open 24/7 to either give to or take from. Check out [www.https://www.patakai.co.nz/](https://www.patakai.co.nz/) to see all about it.

To make this a 2022 reality, we need to build it first. "Build and they will come!" So we are hoping that parents may be able to help us—donations of spare building supplies OR your time and talent with hammers, saws and measuring tapes.

If you think you can help, please ring the school office or email Mrs Daignault at catld@stmarys.ac.nz





Be part of the change!

Pope Francis, Priests and parishioners know that the Church needs to change. Pope Francis is asking us to speak up and share how we think the Church can improve. This is an amazing opportunity for us to be part of the future of the Church.

Please take this opportunity to be part of the Synod.

Go to the diocesan website, where you will find out more about this exciting opportunity to be part of the vision for the future church.

<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2021/10/synod-2021-2023/>

You can put in an individual submission or get together with a group of people, sharing your thoughts.



COURAGE

Māia

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In Term 4 we are focusing on the Gospel Value of **Courage.**

We would love you to take the time to talk about and reinforce each aspect of our ICIC Gospel Values with your child.

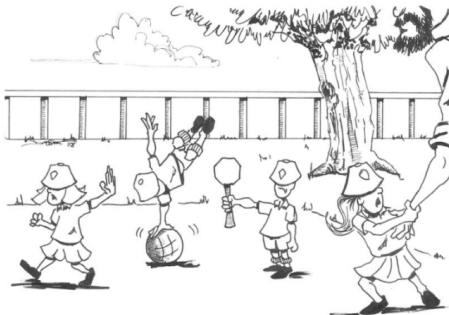
There are 5 skills that we can work towards.



Taking a Stand

Walk away & speak up when it is wrong.
Find help for someone who is doing the wrong thing.

Do the right thing even if it is difficult.
Challenge others when you know it is wrong.
Being proud of your identity.



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



In our classrooms we are learning this special karakia to bless our kai. We are always thankful for the food we get to eat, which strengthens us each day. See if you can learn it at home. Kia kaha koutou katoa!

**E te Atua,
Whakapaingia ēnei kai
Hei oranga mō ō mātou tinana
Ko Ihu Karaiti hoki tō mātou Ariki
Amine**

**God,
Bless our Food,
May it nourish our bodies
For Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen**





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FALL IN LOVE WITH TENNIS



Love Tennis Weekend is still coming to a court near you! Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have postponed this event to the 21st of November 2021 for clubs and venues OUTSIDE of Auckland (Waikato and Northland events are pending, subject an Alert Level change and we will monitor this over the next several weeks).

Find a Love Tennis event happening near you using the map tool below.

The annual event sees tennis clubs around the country open their doors and courts for members of their community to come along and give tennis a go for FREE! With activities for all ages including coaching sessions and court play, mini games, BBQ's and much more, there's so many reasons to come along and give tennis a go.

WHANGANUI TENNIS CLUB

HOT SHOTS COMMUNITY PLAY

LOVE TENNIS

Love Tennis Sun 21st Nov 10am-4pm

Community Play - Roland Hiri: 0272259996,
roly.h@xtra.co.nz

3 Bassett Street
Wanganui 4500, New Zealand

<http://www.wanganuitennis.co.nz>

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



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MANAWATŪ WHANGANUI VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL



SPRINGVALE PARK
WHANGANUI
11AM-4PM



THE SQUARE
PALMERSTON NORTH
11AM-4PM

\$80 PER TEAM 2 EVENTS
1 LOCATION

\$120 PER TEAM 4 EVENTS
2 LOCATIONS

GRADES: JUNIORS | SOCIAL MIXED
WOMENS | OPEN COMPETITIVE

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION AT

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**BRING YOUR
FEMALE FRIENDS
AND WHANAU**



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FEMALE ONLY VOLLEYFEST HAVE A GO

WHANGANUI

**4
DEC**

**11
DEC**

SPRINGVALE PARK 12-4PM

**ROCK UP AND PLAY
LEARN SOME SKILLS**

FREE ENTRY INFO & REGISTER AT

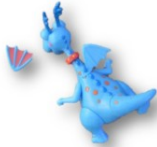
VOLLEYBALLMANAWATU.CO.NZ

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPULSORY





MISSING



Please keep toys at home
where they belong.

Unfortunately we end up
with broken or missing toys
which create tears and
arguments.



**Update
Contact Info**



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

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Whanganui

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

Please use our Absentee option on our School 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.

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

Students from JLC, Room 3, 4 and 5

Middle Team

Cath Daignault: cathtd@stmarys.ac.nz

Students from Rooms 6, 7 and 8

Senior Team

Ian Kerr: iank@stmarys.ac.nz

Students from Rooms 9, 10 and 11



We need your help...

We have a lot of bugs floating around
and they are spreading rapidly.

If your child is unwell with coughs, sore throats, vomiting or has diarrhoea you are required to keep your child at home and remain at home until **48 hours after** all symptoms have stopped.

This is vital to contain the spread of bugs.

Please remember to put their absence in the school app.

November



Wednesday 17th:

- Year 7 & 8 Technology at Cullinane
- Cricket Yr 5 and 6's

Thursday 18th:

- Hearing and Vision
- Sketch Club
- Inter School Intermediate Athletics
- Yeah Girls: Intermediate

Friday 19th:

- Dress as Christmas Day - collection for Christmas hampers for families needing a bit of help at Christmas



Tuesday 23rd:

- Middle School Athletics Day (if whanau are coming to watch please wear a mask, contact trace and socially distance)
- Rippa Rugby Intermediate Girls

Wednesday 24th:

- Year 7 & 8 Technology at Cullinane

Thursday 25th:

- **Pies arrive today** - We would love your help if you are free (ring Ivy if available to help - Ministry guidelines require you to be vaccinated to be onsite).
- Sketch Club



Friday 26th:

- Junior Athletics Fun Day - (as it is on site if whanau are coming to watch please wear a mask, contact trace and socially distance)

December

Monday 29th:

- St Mary's Tough Kids - Intermediates

Wednesday 1st:

- Year 7 & 8 Technology

Thursday 2nd:

- St Mary's Tough Kids - Juniors
- Year 7 & 8's Tennis, Squash, Bowls
- Sketch Club

Friday 3rd:

- St Mary's Tough Kids - Middles