

Week 7 Term 4 December 2021

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Kia ora koutou

Time is marching on... we are entering the busy part of the Term with finalising assessments, class lists, stationery lists, prize giving lists, selection of school leaders for 2022... whew!

Then of course we have the new traffic light system to come to terms with.

I hope that you were able to take the time to read the notice I put out yesterday. This is a new phase to navigate and we appreciate the support you have given us during this time. I have included it again in this newsletter just in case you missed it.

The biggest thank you is for **keeping unwell children at home**. I know this puts pressure on working families but we are working very hard to keep illness away for both our students and staff. I am concerned as the Principal about how to staff the school if we get any spreading illness as we also are expected to be tested and isolate. We will keep you informed as much as possible going forward. If in the worst case scenario we are unable to safely operate I will be asking families who are able to have children at home to support us in this way. If we keep unwell children and staff at home we hopefully will not need to resort to this option.

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.

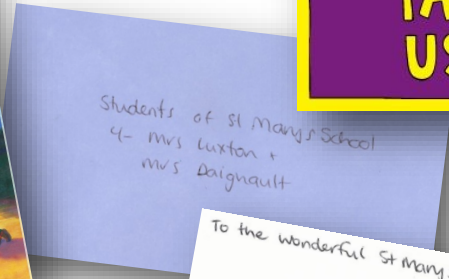
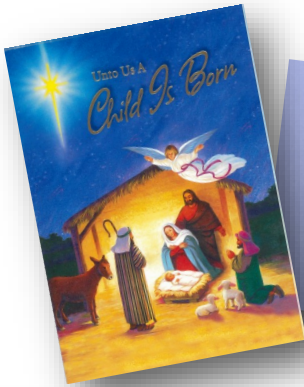
We are still working through decisions around our end of year celebration for our Year 8 leavers. We will keep families involved informed as we work out where and when this will go ahead. Thank you for your patience.

Prize giving will be held here at school and we will be filming it for you and hope to send prize winners home with photos on the day. If we have to resort to an indoor prize giving because of rain we will be running three separate ones which may delay getting films and photographs to you that day. We are determined to keep this special for our students as our final celebration for the year.

I will be putting out one final newsletter in Week 9 with last bits and pieces for the year end.

In this newsletter we have some photos from our St Mary's Tough Kids. It was great to see the children having fun! A huge thank you to Mr Kerr, Ms Casey and the team for putting together this event.

Mā te Atua e manaaki
Jacqui Luxton



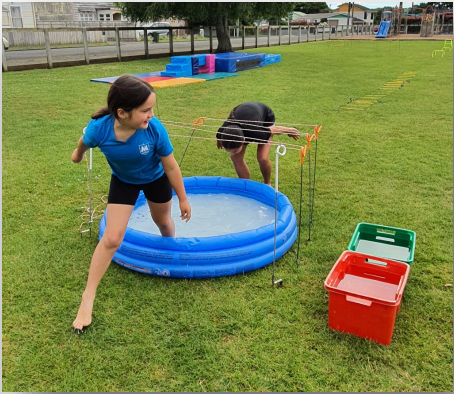




St Mary's Tough Kids









U7 tigers and U9 Pandas tee ball teams in action.

Teams are both doing well this season, although we are light on numbers and really could do with at least 2 extra players per team. Let Ivy know if you are interested.





Congratulations...
these students have
been awarded their
platinum Badges!!!

Kia ora koutou,

We have been informed that Whanganui is in the Red Setting for the Covid Protection Framework.

This is the framework specifically for schools to follow. (On the next page)

I want to reassure you that we will continue to take a cautious approach to keep our school community safe.

The Ministry of Education has advised that we can continue with our current practice until the end of Term 4 and bring in any new protocol as of the start of Term 1 2022. Our current practice covers, ventilation, staggered break times, two school bubbles, hygiene, sanitising hands, door handles and high use equipment, contact tracing, social distancing where possible and the use of drink bottles.

However, we have decided that if Whanganui has positive cases in our city we will move straight into the new framework.

The main changes you will see for us as a school when in Red Setting are:

- Students and staff from **Year 4 upwards will be required to wear a face mask** when indoors.
- Ask that you keep your children home if they are sick **and get tested**.
- Staff will also stay home and get tested if they are unwell.
- Schools will remain open regardless of Traffic Light Setting and we tighten up our contact tracing protocol.
- If we have large numbers of students and/or staff self isolating we may ask for support in keeping children home if possible. Unfortunately it is very difficult to source relievers at present.

I understand that the wearing of face masks will be a difficult transition for some. We will be working hard to normalise the wearing of face masks and ensure children get plenty of outside breaks from mask wearing to begin with. We will be putting further thought into our Year 8 Celebration and will notify families as soon as we have another new plan.

It would also be helpful to let us know if your 12 year old child and above are vaccinated as outside providers are beginning to put restrictions in place so they are compliant with the new framework.

I would like to say thank you for the messages of kindness that I have received from families. This has been a tough time with some very difficult decisions made and I so appreciate the support.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me on jacquil@stmarys.ac.nz

Mā te Atua e manaaki
Jacqui Luxton

Public Health Measures are applied across all CPF settings

Basic hygiene

Basic hygiene measures include hand hygiene, sneezing and coughing into your elbow, avoiding touching your face, and regularly cleaning and disinfecting surfaces.

Contact tracing

Schools are required to display QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App. They must also have other contact tracing systems in place, including an attendance register and visitor register.

Vaccination

Getting vaccinated is a key step to gain more protection against the virus. From 2 January 2022, only fully vaccinated staff and support people can have contact with children and students.

If you are sick - stay home and get tested

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home. Call your doctor or Healthcare on **0800 358 5453** for advice about getting tested. Staff are to observe children on arrival, checking for symptoms. Those presenting as unwell will be asked to go home or arrange for parents or caregivers to come and pick up.

Ventilation

Indoor spaces should be well ventilated, for example by opening windows, doors, and any vents. If mechanical ventilation is used, make sure the ventilation system is regularly maintained.

Case management across all CPF settings

Cases of COVID-19 in a school will continue to be managed across the framework. Schools will work with the Ministry of Education, following public health guidance, to identify who else may need to self-isolate and get tested. Contact tracing systems will support this process. Letter templates and other supports will be provided, to assist with communications to the community.

Closing schools on site is an unlikely option at all colours of the framework. However, it may be considered where there is a high volume of cases in a school.

Cases in school hostels will be managed directly by public health, as there is a greater risk of spread in a hostel, than there is in a school setting.

Additional mitigations at each CPF setting

GREEN

Schools and kura are **OPEN** for on site learning for all students.

ORANGE

Schools and kura are **OPEN** for on site learning for all students.

RED

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Face coverings are encouraged but not required.

Children with complex medical needs are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. Parents, caregivers and students will need to work with the school to develop a plan to support attendance on site.

Face coverings are required on school transport for ākonga aged 12 and up.

Face coverings are encouraged but not required indoors at school.

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- for all ākonga Years 4 and up when indoors or in close contact with others
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A Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand

Living, Caring, Worshipping and Ministering in a Covid-19 World

November 2021

Caring for and prioritising the most vulnerable

We find ourselves in challenging times as we struggle to live with the global Covid-19 pandemic which affects our lives in many ways.

We have all had to make significant sacrifices because of the restrictions imposed as a consequence of Covid-19. We are acutely aware that some people have carried, and continue to carry, the burdens and negative consequences of Covid-19 more than others. Many among us are more vulnerable to the virus, susceptible to a higher risk of infections, hospitalisation, or death. They include those with a compromised health status or living circumstances as well as those with a chosen involvement in higher-risk front-line roles related to keeping us all safe. The principle of the 'preferential option for the poor', which is an integral part of Catholic social teaching, demands that the needs and vulnerabilities of all these people take priority as we continue to respond and adapt to the new world shaped by Covid-19.

Faith and Reason – the case for vaccinations

More than five million deaths have been directly attributable to the Covid-19 virus worldwide since the pandemic began early last year. While our combined efforts to date mean that we in Aotearoa have been spared large numbers of deaths and large numbers of seriously ill people in our hospitals, we know the catastrophic effects the virus has brought to countries with low or previously low vaccination rates. As the Delta variant spreads in our country, there are serious concerns about the capacity of our health system to cope with a surge in Covid-19 hospital admissions.

We bishops are vaccinated. We renew our call for those of you who are not yet vaccinated to do so.

We know that, by far most New Zealanders, Catholics included, are vaccinated. We have previously sought to reassure those with questions about the moral status of the vaccines and we reiterate, in the words of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, that all of the Covid-19 vaccines recognised as clinically safe can be used in good conscience.

We hear from some Catholics concerned that requiring people to be vaccinated for certain jobs or to gain entry to some places potentially undermines their freedom to choose, as well as their right to religious and other forms of association. Some have concerns about the vaccine's makeup and

its long-term effects. We accept that for most such people, the wish not to be vaccinated is based on a sincere conscience. Catholic moral teaching upholds the central importance of conscience, describing it as a person's inner sanctuary where we are alone with God and as a judgement of reason that we are obliged to follow.

Equally, the Catechism of the Catholic Church describes conscience as that which enables us to assume responsibility for the acts performed. For those who by following their consciences do not want to be vaccinated, the consequences are significant, potentially including a loss of employment and income. In these circumstances, wherever possible, all efforts should be made to find other roles or give people leave without pay for the duration of the public health emergency.

The introduction of the Vaccine Pass means that people who are not vaccinated could face restricted entry to certain venues and public events, potentially including entry into some church spaces, including Mass.

We know that the tensions emerging around 'vaccine mandates' and the 'My Vaccine Pass' are creating lines of division within families, faith communities, friendship circles and places of work. These tensions call for restraint and discipline. While we can disagree with those who have a different view to our own, the Gospel dictates we continue to show care, love and respect even while we experience the real-world consequences of the different decisions people make around getting vaccinated.

Guidelines for worshipping and ministering with Covid-19 in our midst

The 'traffic light' system will allow people to gather in churches under certain conditions; either in limited numbers if vaccination passes are not required, or in potentially unrestricted numbers by presenting proof of vaccination in the form of the official 'My Vaccine Pass'.

As Church leaders, we have been struggling with how we might best and safely allow for church gatherings to take place under this system without people feeling alienated. We believe that churches should be safe places for all people, physically, emotionally and spiritually. In the spirit of the Gospel, we also want our churches to be places of hospitality and inclusion, open and welcoming to all without prejudice or discrimination. With that in mind, we have agreed to the following guidelines:

- Parishes will provide Masses for people with a My Vaccine Pass while ensuring there is the opportunity for people without a pass to access a separate numbers-restricted option where possible.
- Accordingly, we anticipate that parishes will, either singly or in collaboration with neighbouring parishes, provide worship opportunities for the vaccinated (requiring proof of vaccination) as well as separate gatherings, subject to number restrictions, that will be open to vaccinated and unvaccinated alike (no proof of vaccine required).
- All lay people involved in public-facing public ministries related to a worship service or other parish ministries (ushers, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, those leading liturgies of the Word, Communion to the sick, home visitation) will need to be fully vaccinated at vaccination-only Masses and when performing other work where vaccination is required.
- Priests who are not fully vaccinated will, under the current public health orders, be significantly constrained in their ministry; they will be unable to exercise pastoral care in aged-care residential

settings or hospitals as well as schools. Priests who are not fully vaccinated or who do not wish to declare their vaccination status will not be able to attend and preside at vaccinated-only Church events.

- When asking a fully vaccinated priest to preside at a service open to both vaccinated and unvaccinated, parishes and priests need to give due consideration to any specific health conditions a priest may have which could make him more susceptible to the health consequences of being infected by Covid-19.
- Similarly, all church workers (whether paid or voluntary) involved in home-based pastoral care visitations need to have regard for the vaccine status of those they are visiting, along with their own health conditions which may make them more susceptible to the health consequences of being infected by Covid-19.
- Pending any changes accompanying the 'traffic light' system, the current situation also demands that parishes continue with measures designed to minimise the risk of transmitting Covid-19, such as encouraging the use of masks, social distancing, communion only in the hand, no holy water for blessing, and no shared hymn or other books.

Faith and trust in God

In these times we need more than ever to draw on our faith and trust in an all-loving God. Thus, recalling the recent re-dedication of Aotearoa to Our lady Assumed into Heaven, we pray with Pope Francis:

Mary Most Holy and Beloved Mother, help us realise that we are all members of one great family and to recognise the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Excerpt from Pope Francis' prayer to Mary for the end of the pandemic – May 04, 2021.)

- ✠ John Dew, Cardinal Archbishop of Wellington, Apostolic Administrator of Palmerston North and NZCBC President
- ✠ Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin
- ✠ Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland
- ✠ Michael Gielen, Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland
- ✠ Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton and NZCBC Secretary
- ✠ Paul Martin SM, Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington and Apostolic Administrator of Christchurch.





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At “**Red**” we are limited to 25 people in each designated area, therefore, we will have two areas available for each Mass (church and foyer) able to accommodate **50 people at each Mass**, excluding staff/musicians/readers, etc.

Could I please ask some of those who have been attending the St Mary's 9:30am Mass to consider attending either the 8:00am Mass or the 4:00pm St Anne's Mass as both of these have been well under the 50 mark.

Ushers – If anyone is willing to assist with this at the St Mary's 9:30am Mass, please turn up at 9am, you will not be counted as part of the numbers attending.

Sunday Masses

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Holy Family - 4:00pm & 5:30pm Vigil (Sat)

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Blessings,
Fr Vaughan PP



Catholic Parish of Whanganui

Te Pārihi Katorika ki Whanganui (2015)
Diocese of Palmerston North, New Zealand

ST MARY'S CHURCH
1 Campbell Street

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
22 Tawhero Street

ST ANNE'S CHURCH
47 Raine Street

TE RONGO O TE POI
(Beat of the Poi to the Gospel)
584 Kaiwhaiki Road
Kaiwhaiki Marae

NGAKAU TAPU (Sacred Heart)
4491 Whanganui River Road
Rānana (London)

HĀTO HŌHEPA (St Joseph's)
600 Whanganui River Road
Hiruhārama (Jerusalem)



Second Sunday of Advent—Year of St Joseph

5th December 2021; Year C / Weekdays Year 2

MASS TIMES—RED

Sunday Masses

Whanganui

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4:00pm & 5:30pm Vigil (Sat)

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8:00am & 9:30am

St Anne's (SA)
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Sunday Masses—6 Across the City (2 groups of 25 Limit) Liturgies will be kept simple.
Weekday Masses as normal

"My Vaccine Pass" is not required for any Mass in the Parish—Number limits apply

Kaiwhaiki

11:00am (1st Sun)
No Mass at Level 2

Hiruhārama (Jerusalem)

Rānana (London)
12:00pm (4th Sun; alternating venue)
December will be the Christmas Vigil Mass

Weekday Masses

Mon	9:00am	HF
Tues	10:00am 11:30am	HF SA
Wed	5:30pm	SM
Thurs	12:05pm	SM
Fri	12:05pm	SM
Sat	9:30am	SA

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Wed 6:00pm—7:00pm SM
Fri 9:00am—11:50am SM
concluding with Benediction on Fridays

RECONCILIATION (Rite I)

Fri 11:20am—11:40am SM
Sat 9:00am—9:20am SA
or by appointment

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Sunday Readings: Bar: 5.1-9; Phil 1.4-6, 8-11; Lk: 3.1-6
Next Week: Zeph: 3.14-18; Phil 4.4-7; Lk: 3.10-18



Navigating the Traffic Light System

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Funerals – Families are welcome to have open gatherings or use the Vaccine Pass system to increase numbers which the funeral homes will kindly operate.

Blessings, Fr Vaughan.

MASKS—Please consider bringing your own as these are expensive for the Parish to provide.

Parish Historic Loan

It is with sadness that the Finance Committee wish to inform the Parish that last month we were made aware by the Diocese that we have an additional outstanding historical debt of \$500,000. This debt occurred when the Parish raised a loan for the completion of St Mary's church redevelopment in Oct 2008. This loan was from the Keating Estate for the Waverly Parish. The loan is interest free and due for repayment in Oct 2028. In the interests of transparency, it is important to note that the Parish had no record of this loan, nor was the present Finance Committee aware of its existence as the Diocese was not including this liability on the Parish Balance Sheet. Consequently there has been an unacceptable error in the reporting of our financial position to the Parish each year and the Diocese has now been asked to correct this failure.

It is helpful to know that the Finance Committee requested proof of the loan and upon this request, the Diocese furnished us with the loan agreement and statements demonstrating that the loan was received into the Parish accounts and spent. These documents can be view by parishioners who wish to see them by visiting the Parish office and requesting to do so.

This news will likely come as a shock to many, as it did to us. This is not the kind of news we like to share just before Christmas, but we believe it unwise not to bring this to light now. Please be assured that we are committed to meeting the financial obligations that have been agreed to by previous administrations in good faith, even though mistakes have been made in record keeping, reporting and planning for loan repayment.

Catholic Parish of Whanganui,
Parish Finance Committee

Died Recently

Tony Murphy

Anniversaries

Bernadette Thompson, Glenn Watson

Requiescant in Pace

JOSEPHITE RETREAT CENTRE

14 Hillside Tce, Whanganui, 06 345 5047, Ex3

Meri Kirihimete – Christmas Liturgy

(Please bring a non-perishable food item to assist those in need at this time.)

Sunday 19 December, 4 – 5pm

www.marymackillop.org.nz

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3 or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

A HOMELESS HUB OUTREACH FOR 2022 - Parish Exploring Faith Group.

If you would be willing and able to take a turn once every 3 months in helping to provide a soup & bun meal for the homeless accommodated at the Hub (approx 20 people)

Please contact Jo Smillie 027 278 7943 or Pat Garforth 027 491 9637

You would be part of a rostered team of three, each team member providing a large pot of soup (3 litres or more) delivered cold with buns to the Koha Shed in Duncan Street – 12 teams of three-a turn once every three months ensuring that the commitment was not too demanding.

ON SALE

NZ Catholic \$4

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COLUMBAN CALENDARS—are available from the office and will be available at some Masses. \$12.00 each.

SYNOD—To contribute you can download the Participant Booklet from the Parish Website

www.catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz

or collect a hard copy from the Office. All groups, schools or individuals are welcome to meet and make submissions directly to the Diocese for collection and summary by the end of March 2022 <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2021/10/synod-2021-2023/>

FOOD FOR FAITH offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

MARIST RUGBY AGM—Sunday 12th December 11.00am at the Marist Club Rooms. All are most welcome.

NEED EXTRA PRAYER ??

The Prayer Vine

is made up of a group of 14 Parishioners who will pray for you or your family, and or friends who need extra prayer. Any request is prayed for. Christian names only are used, so it is confidential.

Please call either Maureen Ph 3455480 or Barbara Ph 3425812

THE PRAYER TREE

Details: contact Merle Manson Ph 344 7652 after 5.00pm each night. Christian names only are used.

HOSPITAL / REST HOMES—If family members are admitted to hospital or a rest homes please contact the Parish Office know so that we can arrange a visit by a priest or chaplain or arrange for Holy Communion to be taken to them.

PRAYER FOR CONVERSION

Almighty, ever living God; in your infinite goodness you sent your Son Jesus into our world to teach us how to know, love and serve you and to win us unending life; have mercy on your people who live in New Zealand.

Grant to them the precious gift of faith and unite them in the Church founded by your Son that they may love, serve and worship you forever in heaven. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (NZCBC)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES—These will be published next week, but please be aware that we will be professionally streaming the 7pm Vigil (24 Dec) from St Mary's Church on our Parish YouTube Channel. Thank you for your support during these challenging times to stay united.

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PARISH GROUPS

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Whanganui conference of the Society meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of

each month at Holy Family

Church, Tawhero St,

Whanganui. **5.00pm.**

.Enquiries: Marianne Vine

027 422 8170 or Kevin

Foley 06 345 0542.



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Wednesdays 7-8pm, St Anne's Church Foyer.

Contact Sandy Marks via text 027 343 7478.

MEN'S FAITH-SHARING

Fridays 7.00am. For further information and

venue contact Peter 06 342 5812

LEGION OF MARY

Meets Tuesdays 4pm at Holy Family Church.

Contact Lake Falconer 06 344 4170

LADIES COFFEE CLUB

Meets Wednesdays 10am at Cooper's Cafe,

53a Wilson St—All welcome

MAINLY MUSIC

Contact Anne 344 6569

Facebook: [mainlymusicstannes](https://www.facebook.com/mainlymusicstannes)

CLC (CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY)

Meet every Thursday at 1.00pm -St Mary's

Meeting room. Ph 06 343 8031

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

Mondays 7.30pm-9pm Zoom meeting &

Tuesdays 10.00am-Noon. St Marys' Meeting

room. Contact and enquires to Nancie & Brian

Quigley 06 347 8177 (Evening Group) Jo Smillie

06 345 0609 (Morning Group) Led by Sr John

Bosco Kendall rsj. All welcome to attend.

HOLY FAMILY CRAFT GROUP

Meets weekly on Thursdays 9:30am. For further information contact Shirley 06 344 6365

Parish Priest

Rev Fr Vaughan Leslie BTheol, MSPS

027 385 9615

frvjplleslie@yahoo.com

Assistant Priest

Rev Fr John Roberts MSJ

027 634 6877

jroberts@inspire.net.nz

Parish Secretary—Office hours: 8:30am-3pm

Mrs Jo Boul

06 345 3872

info@catholicparishwhanganui.org.nz

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RCIA Parish Catechist

Mr Kieran Udy BTh Grad Dip Th

kudy@cullinane.school.nz

Convener of Care

& Concern Team

Mrs Jane O'Connell

0273803110

Hospital Chaplain

Mrs Norma O'Connor

027 233 4557

Prison Chaplain

Mr Sean Ryan

06 349 6887



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.



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.



<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

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.



Religious Education

Religious education is a specific part of the curriculum, sensitive to all cultures, and integrated into the total life of the school. Regular prayer has a vital place in the classroom, assemblies, and staff life.

Active participation in mass and liturgies is a regular feature of our school's religious education.

Our parish-based sacramental programme involves parents, school, and parish in a meaningful way.

At St Mary's School we fulfil the teaching mission of the Church by living and teaching the values of Jesus Christ.

Leadership

The principal and the director of religious studies provide leadership and sound management in religious education.

- Regular meetings are held to focus on religious education.

Religious education curriculum

The religious education programme is soundly managed and professionally delivered.

- The National Curriculum is implemented.
- Teaching is effective, creative, and meets the needs of individual students.

Integrated curriculum

The teaching of religious education is integrated with other curriculum areas, especially those which include ethical issues, personal relationships, and sexuality education.

- The national curriculum is implemented and religious education is a compulsory subject at each level.
- The health programme reflects the Catholic special character of the school.
- Sexuality education is set in the context of the Church's teaching.

Resources

The board makes financial provision for religious education and Catholic special character resources.

- The school makes appropriate use of Catholic Education advisory services and the religious education programme is well resourced.
- Staffing time is allocated, and resources given, to religious education as recommended by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC).

Professional development

The school provides opportunities for regular religious education professional development and spiritual development for all staff.

- The school expects all teachers of religious education to be working towards a suitably approved qualification in line with the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference requirement for certification.
- In-school professional development is available at least once per term.
- Catholic Education Office courses are attended by all staff.
- Teachers are encouraged to complete the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6) – Religious Education.
- Induction and support is provided to new staff.

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Communication

The school communicates with parents about religious education programmes.

- This is done on a regular basis through school newsletters.
- Parents/caregivers are expected to provide input at parent meetings or if the need arises.
- Religious education may be reported as part of each student's assessment and reporting.



Māori Educational Success

This policy relates to students who identify as Māori students.

St Mary's School is guided in our thinking, planning, and actions for Māori learners by the cross-agency strategy for the education sector, [Ka Hikitia Ka Hāpaitia: The Māori Education Strategy](#). We support its vision to help Māori learners to enjoy and achieve educational success as Māori, as they develop the skills to participate in te ao Māori, Aotearoa, and the wider world. In keeping with the National Administration Guideline (NAG) 1, the board and staff also consult with the school's Māori community when developing policies, plans, and targets for improving the progress and achievement of Māori students.

St Mary's School is committed to the principles of [te Tiriti o Waitangi](#).

To achieve equitable outcomes for Māori learners, St Mary's School:

- provides Māori learners and their whānau with appropriate information to make informed choices about their education
- recognises and builds on the unique abilities and strengths of Māori learners
- works to eliminate racism, discrimination, and stigma
- develops productive partnerships with whānau and, where possible, local iwi and hapū
- integrates te reo Māori, tikanga Māori, matauranga Māori, and te ao Māori into school life and the curriculum, as appropriate, to reflect the dual cultural heritage of New Zealand, grow the Māori language, and give Māori students a sense of belonging
- engages with any national, regional, and local implementation plans developed by the Ministry of Education and education agencies
- supports students with clear transition processes as they move through their schooling
- supports staff to access appropriate professional development and implement effective practices that promote success for Māori students.

St Mary's School monitors and reports on Māori student achievement by:

- tracking the attendance and achievement of all Māori students using our student management system (SMS)
- identifying any areas where a Māori student's educational achievement is not in line with their peers
- providing appropriate **learning support** and other support programmes for Māori students, as needed
- evaluating the impact of school programmes and practices and using this information in our self-review
- reporting regularly on the progress of Māori students to parents and the school community, the board, and the Ministry of Education.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF
WANGANUI NORTH
PROUDLY PRESENTS

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Facebook Live Stream



For information and to watch follow

ROTARY CLUB OF WANGANUI NORTH



Visit our page any time for more information including
where to collect song books



Donations this year will be online with
givealittle and all proceeds going to
Wanganui Community Projects.

givealittle

SUNDAY
DEC 12TH
7PM

LIKE THE ROTARY CLUB OF
WANGANUI NORTH'S FACEBOOK
PAGE TO WIN A XMAS
GIFT PACK



COURAGE

Māia

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be people of courage, be strong (1 Chron 16:13)



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.



Being Truthful

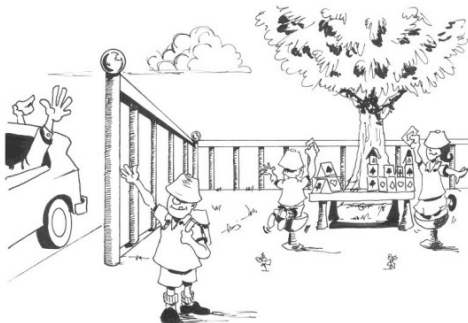
Tell the truth.

Front up to a person of authority.

Say sorry and come up with a solution.

Try new things even if you might fail.

Be honest with yourself when reflecting.



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



Our learning grows by doing and that is exactly
what these tamariki have realised as they learn
how to use rakau and poi.

He pai rawa atu tamariki ma!

Keep learning about Te Reo Māori me ona tikanga!





SPRINGVALE PARK
WHANGANUI
11AM-4PM



THE SQUARE
PALMERSTON NORTH
11AM-4PM

MANAWATŪ WHANGANUI VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL

\$80 PER TEAM **2 EVENTS**
1 LOCATION

\$120 PER TEAM **4 EVENTS**
2 LOCATIONS

GRADES: JUNIORS | SOCIAL MIXED
WOMENS | OPEN COMPETITIVE

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BRING YOUR
FEMALE FRIENDS
AND WHANAU

FEMALE ONLY VOLLEYFEST HAVE A GO

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SPRINGVALE PARK 12-4PM

ROCK UP AND PLAY
LEARN SOME SKILLS

FREE ENTRY

INFO & REGISTER AT

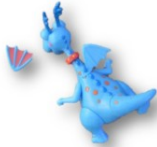
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Please keep toys at home
where they belong.

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.

< 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



School App

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: cathd@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.

December



Friday 3rd:

- St Mary's Tough Kids - Middles
- Gifted & Talented Art

Tuesday 7th:

- Cadet Forces visit Year 7 & 8 students

Thursday 9th:

- Gifted & Talented Art
- Sketch Club

Friday 10th:

- Gifted & Talented Art
- Water Day Juniors
- Water Day Seniors

Monday 13th:

- Year 8 Graduation Dinner 6pm

We are still trying to work out the details around making this event special for our Year 8 students. We will keep parents of year 8 students informed.

Tuesday 14th:

- Prizegiving 9.15am

We will be filming prizegiving and making it available to families as soon as we are able. Children will also bring home photos of themselves with their trophies.

Wednesday 15th:

- End of year Liturgy

Thursday 16th:

- Last day of term... school closes at 1.00pm

