

Week 9 Term 4 December 2021

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Kia ora koutou

Here we are at the end of a very busy year.

We don't really know what the future holds for us in terms of **Covid-19** but I really wanted to **reassure you** that we will never exclude students from curriculum trips, activities or just good old fun because they are not vaccinated.

Please be reassured that we will be working very hard to ensure we deliver a full school programme by being creative and carefully planned. We are an inclusive school. I know some families are anxious about what education looks like for unvaccinated children. You are most welcome to come and talk to me or email me if you have any worry's or concerns. Email me at jacquil@stmarys.ac.nz

Reports come home this Wednesday. If your child is not at school they will be posted to you. On the report it will have **next years class teacher**. Please trust us as this is our core business and we work very hard to get the best possible fit for your child. We look at teacher, child, academic, social, gender, behaviour... the list goes on. It is not a simple flick of a child.

We do have some new staff and have shuffled a few teachers to new areas of the school. As you are aware Ms Casey is going on Maternity Leave but we will see her return in 2023. Mrs Harper is heading off to a new role as an Assistant Director of Religious Studies at Cullinane College. She will be missed by staff and students alike. However she has assured me that she will be our number 1 parent supporter next year.

We welcome two new teachers to our fold. Both familiar faces...

Miss Devon Corney will be teaching
Year 5 & 6 in Room 7.



Mrs Sarah Patching will be teaching
Year 7 & 8 in Room 10.



We are so blessed to have these two amazing teachers. we look forward to working with them both and I know their students are going to thrive.

We have re-arranged several teachers for next year.

JLC:	Year 0 & 1	Dallas Limpus and Kate Linklater
Room 3:	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Calver
Room 4:	Year 2 & 3	Lewis Waite
Room 5:	Year 3 & 4	Heather Loveridge
Room 6:	Year 4 & 5	Therese Couper
Room 7:	Year 5 & 6	Devon Corney
Room 8:	Year 5 & 6	Cath Daignault
Room 9:	Year 7 & 8	Chris Scudder
Room 10:	Year 7 & 8	Sarah Patching
Room 11:	Year 7 & 8	Ian Kerr

Please do not worry if your child goes back a room number. This does not mean they have gone backwards in learning as we have mixed level classrooms.

Tomorrow we have our **prize giving**. As you will be aware we have made our prize giving students only. I understand this is disappointing, so to make up for this it will be filmed and all going to plan put out by tomorrow afternoon. We will also be taking photos of Cup Winners so they can bring home their photo holding the trophy they have won.

I would like to explain the reason we have moved the **start date to the 8th of February** as I appreciate this is different to other years.

All schools have a window of a week that we set our start date. As you know we usually start earlier and some other schools later.

Three years ago we were given 8 Teacher Only Days through the Collective Agreement to use for staff professional development. We chose not to use them in 2020 and 2021 due to lockdowns and the pressure we would put on you. It was important to us to support the wellbeing of our families during a difficult couple of years.

We have been notified that if we don't use these days we lose them part way through 2022.

Outside professional development providers often set dates that we have to accommodate based on their availability. The other professional development that we have currently booked falls within term break time. At this stage we won't be using any of the other days.

Professional development is vital for our staff to deliver the best possible current education for your children. This is always at the heart of what we do.

I would like to **acknowledge our whānau**. I have been so appreciative of all of the wonderful messages of support throughout the year. We have had a tough year with the passing of our Mel and of course the impact of Covid-19 and working through the process of the mandate and traffic light system. Your kindness is appreciated.

Last, but definitely not least, I wish to **acknowledge my staff**. I am so proud, so appreciative and so in awe of the dedication and determination to make this year as normal as possible in what has been a tricky year. This is following on from last year which was also difficult. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and I hope my staff get the chance to refresh over the coming weeks.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday break. Take care.

Mā te Atua e manaaki
Jacqui Luxton



Advent art from the JLC!

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.



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

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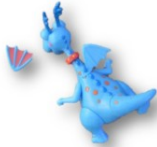
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Please keep toys at home
where they belong.

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.

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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: 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.

December

Monday 13th:

- Year 8 Graduation Dinner 6pm

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
- Reports come home

Thursday 16th:

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



February 2022

Tuesday 8th:

- Term 1 begins.

