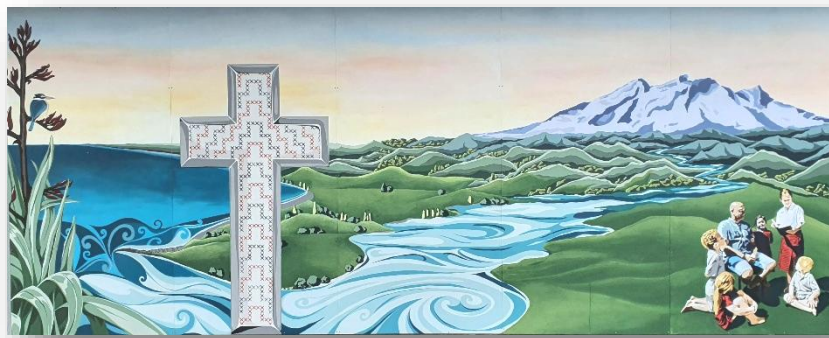




Term 3
September 2026

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Kia ora koutou and welcome to our final newsletter for the term!

It's safe to say it's been a bit of a marathon getting to the finish line this time around, with so many bugs doing the rounds and plenty of tired little faces ready for a proper rest. With just one week to go, everyone is counting down to next Friday and looking forward to sleeping in, slowing down, and shaking off the winter illnesses.

Prayers for our school

We warmly invite our school and parish community to join us in keeping the search for our new Principal in your thoughts and prayers. As our Board of Trustees and Proprietor navigate this important appointment process, we ask for your prayers that those involved are granted wisdom, discernment, and clarity. Please pray that the right leader is drawn to our school, someone with the vision and heart to uphold our special Catholic character, inspire our tamariki, and walk alongside our staff and whānau.

Community Survey

It is the time of year that we offer you an opportunity to be involved in the future direction and development of our school. We encourage you to add comments which will help us gain a better understanding of your thoughts and feedback. Our Board of Trustees do use your feedback as we form our strategic plan for the following year.

Answer a little or answer a lot!

Answer some or answer all!

Pick and choose what you would like us to know.

<https://forms.gle/7pWF6MtEZspzYGaq8>

We use the framework of:

KEEP: What do we currently have or do that we want to keep doing because of the benefits to our students, school and community?

STOP: What do we currently have or do that we want to eliminate or stop doing because they don't benefit our students, school and community?

START: What do we currently not have or not do that we want to achieve or get up and running because it will benefit our students, school and community?

Have you enrolled your pre schooler for 2027?

This may seem early...

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

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 me if you have not already done so.



Changing of the guard in Room 4.

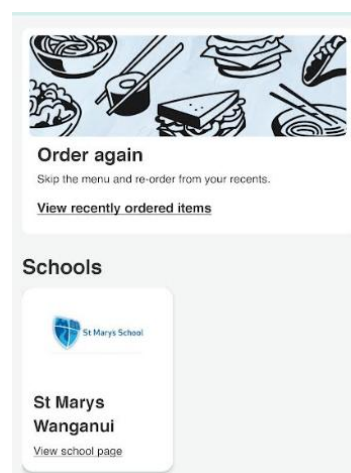
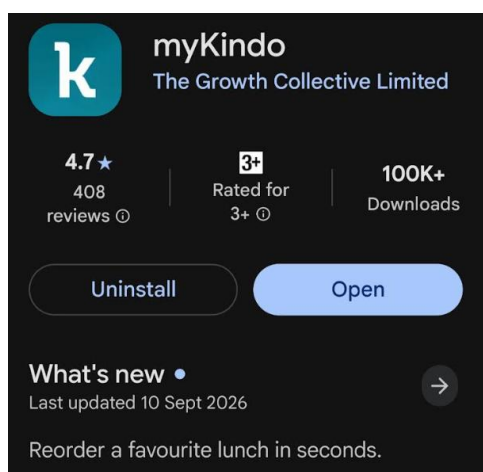
Next Term we see a change in teacher for Room 4. We wish Mrs Tammy Forsyth the very best as she prepares for the birth of her second child. We welcome back our amazing Mrs Amanda Calver who is returning after giving birth to young Luca. We could not have timed the planning any better!

Lunch options

You can order lunch for your child/ren on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Are you aware that we have My Kindo operating in our school? I have put some screen shots below to show you where you can access the ordering. There are many different options from each place to cater for all different tastes.

Go to the Playstore for the app and log in to our school.



Tuesday

Mini Subs



Ham Mini
Premium smoked leg ham.
\$4.90



Roast Beef Mini
Carved roast beef.
\$4.90



Salami Mini
Layered pepperoni and salami
topped with our tomato marinara
sauce and melted cheese. Contains
\$4.90



Thursday

Pitas/Salads



Pita Pit Small Pita
A fresh pita stuffed with your choice
of protein, crisp vegetables, cheese,
and flavorful sauces.
\$8.00



Pita Pit Regular Pita
A fresh pita stuffed with your choice
of protein, crisp vegetables, cheese,
and flavorful sauces.
\$11.00



Pita Pit Salad Bowl
Salad bowl topped with your choice
of protein, crisp vegetables, cheese,
and flavorful sauces.

Friday

Mini Pizzas



Simply Cheese (Mini)
Cheese and Tomato Base Topping
made on Deep Pan crust.
\$6.50



Pepperoni and Cheese (Mini)
Lots of pepperoni & mozzarella,
made on Deep Pan crust.
\$6.50



Ham & Cheese (Mini)
Smokey ham & mozzarella, made
on Deep Pan crust.

Vaping

Can I please remind you that we are a smoke and vape free school.

Holiday Contact

Ivy monitors the phone over the holidays so if you have anything urgent please leave a message and she will get back to you. She will be on site Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the second week from 9am to 1pm.

Save your Teddy!



Get ready for Save Your Teddy Day 2026! A day to promote CPR awareness.

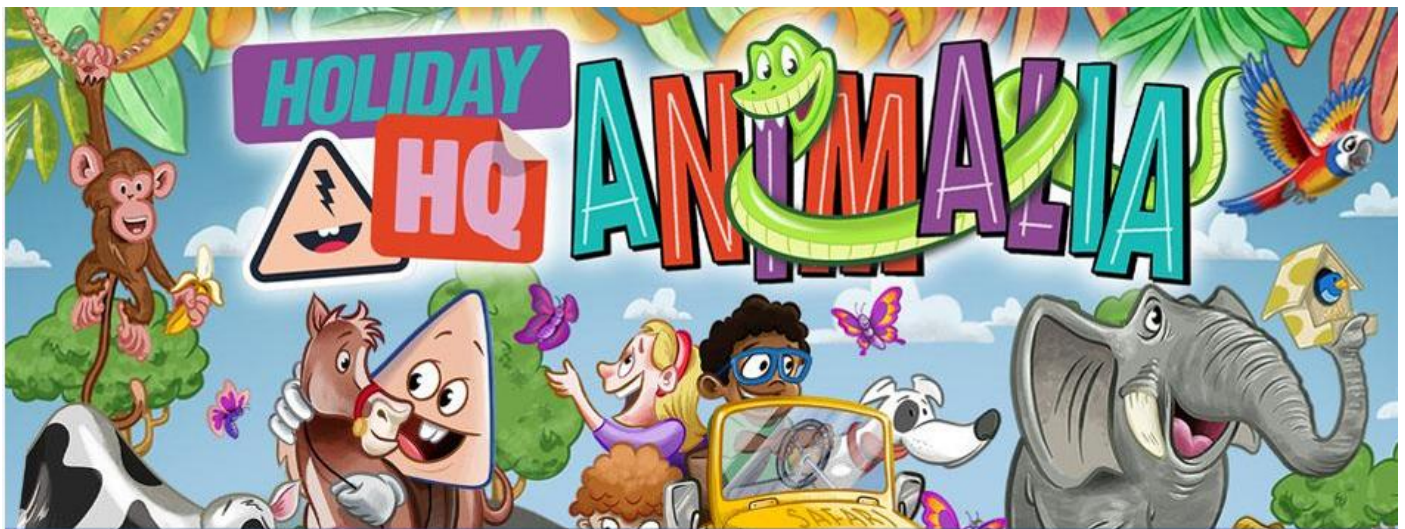
Save Your Teddy Day is aimed at children of all ages! It only takes two hands to save a life!

This October, we will be participating in Save Your Teddy Day and empower your tamariki by learning basic CPR skills. They get hands-on practice with their favourite teddy or soft toy at school, this builds awareness in children on the actions to take in a cardiac arrest and could help save a life through practice and sharing their learning with friends and whānau.

What's involved?

We will be asking children to bring a teddy, soft toy or cushion to school for CPR practice.

We will be holding this in Week 2 of Term 4. We will let you know of the details closer to the time.



Holiday HQ

Holiday HQ the ultimate destination for kids looking for an unforgettable break from the school routine!

From exciting outdoor escapades to creative workshops, cooking classes and interactive learning sessions - our expert educators provide a dynamic blend of engaging activities and enriching experiences.

Sonia/Bookings:
027 739 1986
Mel/Accounts:
021 036 2992
skids.co.nz

Spring Holidays 2026

Step into the wild these spring school holidays at Holiday HQ: Animalia!

Step into a world of amazing animals, exciting adventures and hands-on fun! Explore the wilds of Aotearoa, dive beneath the ocean, discover jungle creatures, meet mythical creatures and travel back in time to the world of dinosaurs!

28th September – 9th October 2026

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HOLIDAY HQ ANIMALIA

Go wild these school holidays!

Scan the QR code to secure your spot today!

MSD Approved. Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy available! Up to \$6.72 per hour at the highest rate. Working? Studying? Health issues? Child on the CDA? Care could significantly subsidise. Ask us how!

skids Carlton (Whanganui)
Carlton School Hall
Carlton Avenue
Tawhara

Onsite:
021 020 65622

Sonia/Bookings:
027 739 1986
Mel/Accounts:
021 036 2992

28th September – 9th October 2026

Prices

Onsite short day 8.30-3.30 \$70

Onsite full day 7-6 \$80

Excursion full day 7-6 \$95 (drop off by 8.45 –onsite by 4.30 pm)

Premium Incursion 7-6 \$90

Full week full days 7 am –6 pm \$370

Full week short days 8.30-3.30 (4.30 excursions/premium) \$350

Sept

Monday 28th



Wild Aotearoa

Discover the amazing wildlife of New Zealand! Enjoy wildlife-themed crafts, games, challenges and creative activities as we explore the incredible animals that make Aotearoa so special.

Tuesday 29th



Aquatic Adventure

Dive into a day of ocean-themed fun! Packed with creativity, exploration and hands-on activities. It's the perfect underwater experience.

Wednesday 30th



Movie & Swim

Trip: Watch Forgotten Island at Embassy 3 Cinema, followed by a swim at the Splash Centre.

Thursday 1st



Mythical Creatures

Unleash your creativity and design your own mythical creatures. Shape, name and invent stories for their unique creations. It's all about imagination and adventure.

Friday 2nd



Jungle Magic

Join us for an exciting jungle adventure! Test your skills with survival challenges, get creative with wild jungle art and craft. Zappo will inspire with a jungle theme magic show at 1.30 pm.

Monday 5th



Lost Creatures

Travel back in time to discover dinosaurs, golden toads and other fascinating extinct and nearly extinct animals. Uncover the mysteries of creatures from the past.

Tuesday 6th



Down on the Farm

Let's go full country. Special guests visit for a line dancing hoedown at 1.30 pm. Farmyard relay and gumboot throwing. Seed-planting pots to take & make animal masks.

Wednesday 7th



Farm Park & Mini-Golf

Trip: We're going to a petting zoo. Visit Mrs McDonald's Farm Park in Whanganui & get some fresh air & fun at Riverlands Mini-Golf

Thursday 8th



Pets R Us

Make pet treats and toys to show how much you love them! Animal art food for afternoon tea.

Friday 9th



Flying High

Take to the skies and discover the amazing world of birds and flying animals! Build and test bird nest creations and design a flying animal mobile.



Health, safety and wellbeing

Online GP care now free for ākonga 13 and under

You may wish to share the information below with your school community.

With health services experiencing high demand, online GP care is an option for accessing care and the service is now free for all ākonga up to, and including, the age of 13.

Appointments usually take place through a video app or a phone call and the service can prescribe medicine and send prescriptions to your nearest pharmacy. It also provides another care option for rural communities.

To learn more visit Online GP care:

[Online GP care – Health New Zealand](#)

You can also find out more here:

[Care options for you and your whānau \[PDF, 498 KB\]](#)



Public Health Nurses are Registered Nurses with specialised knowledge, experience, and training in child/tamariki and family/whānau health. We partner with children/tamariki, parents, caregivers, and staff in schools or early childhood settings, and we collaborate with general practice teams, specialists, and other service providers to promote and support child wellbeing.

Referral Criteria

Health-related concerns that impact on the child/tamariki well-being at home or school – for example:

- Allergies/Anaphylaxis
- Hearing and/or vision concerns
- Medical conditions e.g., asthma, skin conditions, weight, seizures
- Day/night-time wetting, soiling, constipation
- Nutrition, growth, and development
- Immunisations for year 7's (or catchups)
- Parenting support and education

Viv East is this school/ECE public health nurse. The service is free of charge. You can contact her by:

calling or texting 021 373 212 or email: Vivienne.east@tewhatauora.govt.nz



Dates will be updated as information comes to light. See Saw and Facebook will be our main way of letting you know what's on.

Term 4

Monday, 12th October to End of Term 14th December

Monday 12 th October	Powhiri 10am
Thursday 15 th October	Year 5 & 6 Camp parent meeting 5pm
Friday 16 th October	Year 7 & 8 Athletics Day
Monday 19 th October	Save your Teddy week
Wednesday 21 st October Thursday 22 nd October Friday 23 rd October	Year 7 & 8 School Camp to Vertical Horizons
Monday 26 th October	Labour Day – School closed
Wednesday 28 th October Thursday 29 th October Friday 30 th October	Year 5 & 6 School Camp to Forest Lakes
Friday 30 th October	Whanganui Intermediate Athletics
Thursday 12 th November	Super 6 Touch
Friday 13 th November	Junior Fun Sports Day
Friday 13 th November	Cullinane Orientation Day
Monday 16 th November	Cullinane Academic Scholarship Exams
Friday 20 th November	Tough Kids
Tuesday 24 th November	Contributing School Athletics Day
Sunday 29 th November	School Mass
Friday 4 th December	School Choir Performing at New Vista Rest home and Quinlin Court
Monday 7 th December	Time to Shine School Concert 5pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 8 Graduation (to be confirmed)
Thursday 10 th December	Prize Giving 5.30pm (Held at Cullinane College in their gymnasium)
Friday 14 th December	Last Day of the Year... School Closes at 2pm Details to come regarding final Mass and the Ringing of the Bell for our Year 8 Leavers

Summer Uniform

Girls Years 1 to 6

Skort (Cullinane Tartan)

Short sleeve grey polo shirt

Sun hat



Girls Years 7 and 8

Skirt (Cullinane Tartan)

White short sleeve blouse

Sun hat



Boys Years 1 to 6

Short sleeve grey polo shirt

Grey drill shorts

Sun hat



Boys Years 7 to 8

Short sleeve navy polo shirt

Grey drill shorts

Sun hat



Navy monogrammed polar fleece

Year 1 to 4



P.E monogrammed T-Shirt

P.E. Shorts Navy plain



Navy monogrammed Jersey From

Year 1 to 8



Black roman or velcro plain sandals



Who to see...

Your child's teacher should be the first port of call if you have any concerns or worries. They know your child best. If you feel you are not being heard please reach out to the Team Leader. Their role is to support their team to get the best for our students.

Kate Linklater, our Deputy Principal, is our Special Needs Coordinator. She works closely with classroom teachers and Team Leaders to ensure your child is supported with their learning.

Ivy Scott is your contact regarding absences, general running of the school, uniform, medical needs... the list goes on. Please ensure you use our app to let us know if your child is away. This saves Ivy having to ring parents which takes quite a bit of time.

My door is always open if you need to pop in for a chat!

We communicate with you through the following ways... please ensure you are able to check one or all of these options.

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If you have any issues getting connected please pop in and see Ivy and she will help you.

Classroom teachers will also communicate through SeeSaw. If you are having difficulty with this, contact your child's teacher.

Who to see...

If you have a query or concern regarding your child, please email or see your child's Teacher first. If you still require assistance, please see your child's Team Leader as follows:

Junior Team

Team Leader Dallas Limpus: dallasl@stmarys.ac.nz

Students from the Room 1, Room 2, Room 3

Room 1: dallasl@stmarys.ac.nz

Room 2: carlas@stmarys.ac.nz

Room 3: theresec@stmarys.ac.nz

Middle Team

Team Leader Alex Caradus: alexc@stmarys.ac.nz

Students from Room 4, Room 5, Room 6, Room 7

Room 4: tammyf@stmarys.ac.nz

Room 5: heatherl@stmarys.ac.nz

Room 6: sarahh@stmarys.ac.nz

Room 7: alexc@stmarys.ac.nz

Senior Team

Team Leader Chris Scudder: chriss@stmarys.ac.nz

Students from Room 8, Room 9, Room 10

Room 8: iank@stmarys.ac.nz

Room 9: chriss@stmarys.ac.nz

Room 10: nadinek@stmarys.ac.nz



If you require further assistance,

Ivy: ivys@stmarys.ac.nz

DRS: heatherl@stmarys.ac.nz

Deputy Principal: katiel@stmarys.ac.nz

Principal: jacquil@stmarys.ac.nz