

School Newsletter
To Act Justly, Love Tenderly, and to walk humbly with God

Term 4 Week 9 - Monday 13th December 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Yay we have almost made it to the end - well done everyone! This afternoon we took the students down to the Event Centre for prize giving. They were the audience this year with restrictions meaning we could not have families attending. Adjusting to these new rules has been challenging for everyone and we are just lucky that we don't live in Auckland and have been able to teach students face to face for the majority of the year. Mario is videoing prize giving for us and the link will be shared with parents tomorrow.

A massive congratulations to our large group of **year 8 students** who are about to graduate from primary school and head off to college. Riley, Seth, Jacob, Claire and Angus are all heading to Kuranui, Bailey, Blake and Campbell are off to Rathkeale, Kate is going to Wairarapa College and Tara is going to Solway College. Some of these students have been with us since the age of 5, others have joined us along the way. We wish them all the very best for their college years and look forward to hearing about their future success.



Certificates were given out at prize giving for diligence, academic excellence and catholic character. We have such amazing students at St Mary's that it was difficult for teachers to only select the very best for these awards. Major prize winners were:

Tim Nelson Cup for School Values and Catholic Character: Charlie Olszewski
 Karen Goodall Cup for School Values and Catholic Character : Lucy Palmer
 Bennett Cup - School Spirit Award: Kate Hamilton
 O'Flynn Trophy for Contribution to the Arts and Performances - Jacob Ellison
 PTFA Trophy for achievement in sports: Campbell Bassett
 Gray Family Shield for house points: Kowhai
 Endeavour Cup: Tara Roseingrave
 Tucker Cup for Excellence in Literacy: Claire Jacobson
 Tucker Cup for Excellence in Science: Blake Laird
 John Penny Cup for Excellence in Maths: Campbell Bassett
 Grace Yeats Cup for Academic Excellence: Claire Jacobson

School reports were sent home with students this afternoon so please make sure they make it out of their bags so you can celebrate their academic progress with them.

We finish at noon on Wednesday so there will be **no school bus** that day. Julie and I will be in the office until around 2pm on Friday if you need anything. Other than that, have a wonderful summer break and hopefully everyone is able to safely reconnect with their loved ones in different parts of the country.



Congratulations to our tennis team who have been playing Friday interclub this term.
Thanks to Nic Bassett for managing them.



These beauties have arrived just in time for Christmas shopping! The junior classes are on one (Aroha, Mahaki and Kairangi) and the seniors on the other (Rangimarie, Wairua and Tikanga) \$12 each. Just email admin@saintmarys.school.nz to put your order in and we will reply with payment details and deliver them to your student.



Piper for great recount story writing.
Nesta for great recount story writing.
Grace O for learning to count in 5's and 10's to 100.
Ashton for reading numbers up to 1,000.
Jaxon for counting backwards in 2's/
Petessa for reading numbers with 0's in them up to 1,000.
Grace A for adding 0 and 1 to numbers.
Zed for learning his 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
Ella for reading numbers from 100 to 1,000.
Harry McF for learning to count backwards from 25 to 0.
Maddie Gain for learning numbers up to 1,000.
Maia for learning to count backwards from 30 to 0.
Connor for reading numbers before and after up to 1,000.
Hollie for reading numbers before and after up to 1,000.
Stefan for adding numbers up to 50.
Estelle for learning her 2 and 5 times tables.
Aniyah for learning to read numbers from 100 to 1,000.
Sophie W for learning halves and doubles up to 20.
Jesse for learning to read numbers up to 1,000.
Ellie for reading numbers from 100 to 1,000.
Marlee for learning numbers up to 30.
Tommy for learning to count backwards from 25 to 0 and his times tables.
Monique for learning numbers over 100.
Ollie S for learning to add groups with 5.
Blake for getting his homework spelling words right four weeks in a row.
Bailey for learning to serve over arm in tennis.
Angus for getting 100% in stage 7 maths.
Brooke for keeping her tote tray clean,
Aidan for learning to count to 50 in French.
Lucy for keeping her writing on a straight line.
Tara for learning her 12 times tables.

Karen Goodall
Principal



Tavita 15/12

Imogen 22/12



Eli 15/12

Fraser 24/12

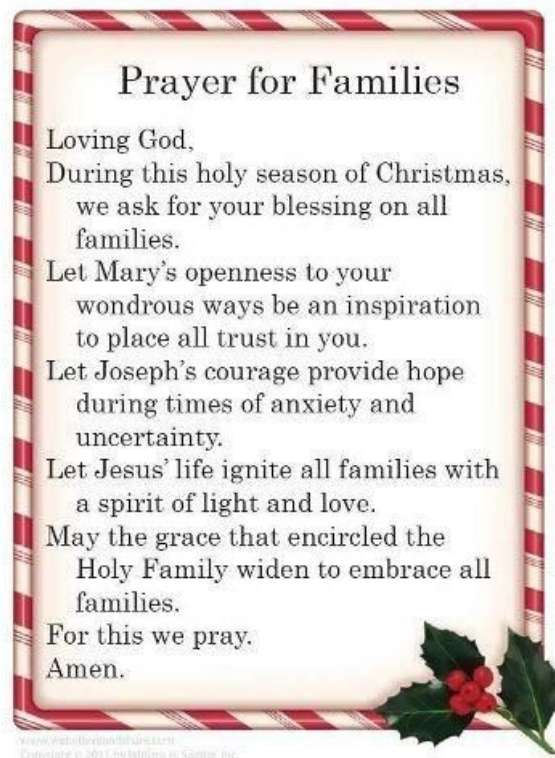


Grace W 15/12

Noah 25/12

Aleks 19/12

2022 school dates: Wednesday 2nd February to Friday 16th December



Belinda is hoping to drop the photos off to us at school today, she is still waiting for the class photos to be delivered from the printer in Auckland so we may have to get those to you separately.

CLEANER We are looking for a new school cleaner for next year. Total of 13 hours a week with a minimum of 2 hours each day to keep our school sparkling clean for the students and staff. Contact Karen principal@saintmarysschool.nz if you are interested.

