



St. Mary's
School
Carterton

School Newsletter

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

Term 4 Week 9 - Monday 7th December 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the **Pack the Bus** event last week. This is a great local charity for our community to be involved in. Wonderful also for our students to see that sometimes you are the ones receiving the support (Santa on a motorbike) and at other times you are the ones supporting others.



School photos went home on Friday so thank you to Louise for taking the photos and Mario for printing and laminating them.

It's **activity week** this week so people are out and about a fair bit. This makes it super important that everyone is organised in advance and knows what they need for each day. We're not sure if the weather is going to play it's part so keep on eye on SeeSaw for any updates and changes to the plan.

Today is **Renata's** last day as our part time teacher at St Mary's. We hope to see her around for day relief teaching in 2021 and appreciate all the great art activities she has done with the students this year. **Rosa** will finish up next Tuesday as she is heading off to University next year. She has done a great job working in the junior classrooms and supporting Eli in the playground and classroom.

We look forward to celebrating the year with everyone at Prizegiving on Monday 14th December. It starts promptly at 6pm so students will need to be seated on the stage in full school uniform by 5.50pm please. End of year reports are given out before students head home around 7pm and this night time commitment is why we finish at lunchtime on Tuesday 15th. There is no bus run home on this day. A reminder that school restarts for 2021 on Wednesday 3rd February.

Karen Goodall
Principal



Grace A 4 Dec

Thomas 4 Dec

Chloe 6 Dec

Holley 8 Dec

Izaiah 8 Dec

Angus McL 9 Dec

Nieve 10 Dec

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS:



Nesta Wilson for excellent work with his writing.

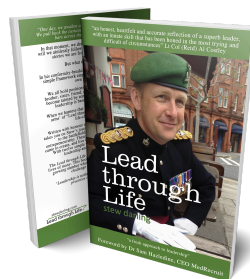
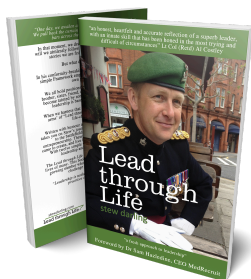
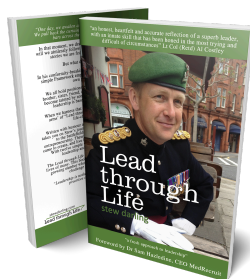
Riley Moffitt for taking risks and facing his fears when Caving.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Raffle tickets and money are due back into the school office by this Friday please. The raffle will be drawn at the school prizegiving.



On Thursday 10th December 6.30 - 8pm we have been lucky enough to secure a workshop from **Stew Darling**. He did a presentation on **Resilience** recently at the Carterton Event Centre and has kindly offered his services free to our school community. Senior students, parents and teachers are invited to listen to Stew and look at Resilience and Leadership. It will be a presentation about why we have anxiety and fears, and what we can do to help ourselves, our families and friends. This is a free workshop for the St Mary's community but numbers are limited so please register with Julie in the office to secure your seat. It will be held in Tikanga. Stew has also very kindly donated towards our charity work in Rarotonga.





We held our Leavers Mass on Thursday last week. We said farewell to all of the children who are leaving St Mary's at the end of this year. We also farewelled Sharon Penny who is retiring from her position as Lay Pastoral Leader in February, next year. We presented our leavers with a candle.

Our prayers for our leavers are

May God Bless you as you leave behind your days at St Mary's School, Amen

May God Bless you as you move to your new school next year, Amen

May God Bless all those who have been a part of your life so far, Amen



Kairangi went to Masterton this week and visited St Patrick's Church.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our families.

*May Mary help us as we approach Christmas,
Not to allow ourselves to be distracted by external things,
But make a space in our heart for Him who has already come
And, wants to come again to heal us and give us His joy.*

-- Pope Francis, Advent 2019



House points for last week:

1st - Kowhai,

2nd - Whero

3rd - Kakariki

4th - Kikorangi

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 7-11 Dec Activities week	Moving On Year 8 conference	Colour Run and Disco	Y5/6 camp Juniors to Miki Miki Forest school	Y5/6 camp Resilience workshop 6.30 - 8pm in Tikanga	Y5/6 camp
Week 10 14-15 Dec	Transition 9.10 - 10.10 School Prizegiving Rehearsal 1pm 6pm at Event Centre	Finish school at 12pm No bus run this afternoon			

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2021:

	Start	Finish	Public Holidays	School Holidays
Term 1 - 11 weeks	Wednesday 3rd February	Friday 16 April	Waitangi Day (observed) – Monday 8 February, and Easter: Good Friday – 2 April, Easter Monday – 5 April, Easter Tuesday – 6 April (a school holiday)	Saturday 17 April to Sunday 2 May (includes ANZAC DAY - 25 April)
Term 2 - 10 weeks	Monday 3rd May	Friday 9th July	Queen's Birthday – Monday 7 June	Saturday 10 July to Sunday 25 July
Term 3 - 10 weeks	Monday 26 July	Friday 1 October		Saturday 2 October Sunday 17 October
Term 4 - 9 weeks	Monday 18 October	Wednesday 15 December	Labour Day – Monday 25 October	From Thursday 16 December



Please join us for

Christmas Mass

Christmas Eve Vigil
5.30pm, St Patrick's Church, Masterton

Christmas Day
8.30am, St Patrick's Church, Masterton
10.15am, St Teresa's Church, Featherston

LUNCH OPTIONS:

Wednesday lunches are ordered on Wednesday mornings as we have stock at school.

Pies	(Mince and Cheese OR Potato Top)	\$3.00
Butter Chicken Wrap		\$3.50
Mini Mince pies		\$1.00
Cookie Time cookie		\$1.00
Flavoured Milk	(strawberry, chocolate, banana)	\$1.50

Friday lunches are ordered before school on Thursdays

Ham and cheese pizza		\$1.50
Hot chips		\$2.50
Cookie Time cookie		\$1.00
Flavoured Milk	(strawberry, chocolate, banana)	\$1.50

JUICIES are available every day for \$1 from the office at second lunch break

Feel free to order school lunches via email and pay online into the school bank account as this will save you from coming into the office. admin@saintmarys.school.nz

Our school bank account details are 12 3478 0011124 00



SPORTS:

PRIMARY TWILIGHT HOCKEY 2020



Wednesday 2nd December-All over for another year, weather wasn't on our side!

Weka vs DPS Red 4:35pm JNL3

Tui vs Opaki Green 4pm JNL3-Had a good win, well done to the youngest team!

Kereru vs Reds 5:10pm JNL2- Tough game against a strong MIS team

Pukeko vs Hadlow 5:45pm THT1-Impressive win for final game.

Kikorangi vs DPS Purple 5:10pm THT2-Convincing win, 2 nice goals by Anika.

Kakapo vs Hadlow Blue 5:45pm JNL1 -A loss but a gutsy performance against a strong team.

Kowhai vs Marty Greensticks 4:35pm TNT2-Close loss in an even game.

Wellington Regional Athletics-Newtown Park-Thursday 3 December

8 athletes represented the school at Newtown Park. The highlight was an amazing performance by Josh Wolland to win the Year 4 high jump. Josh was the only individual winner from the whole of the South Wairarapa team! It was impressive watching Josh, Emmet and Jake in the relay for the SW team coming 4th. Emmet had 2 top 10's in the sprints, also competing in the long jump and vortex. Angus and Jake competed in high jump, Izaiah in the long jump, Tara the discus, Noah the high jump and 800m and Lachie the high jump and 80m sprint. It was great to see all the athletes from the different parts of our region competing!

Tikanga Caving

Last Friday Tikanga went Caving with Glenn Beech of the Kahikatea Outdoor Education Academy. This was a fantastic outdoor experience with many students facing their fears by crawling through caves, getting dirty and dodging cave weta. All students supported each other through this challenging task. Thank you Nikki, Grant, Michelle and Sonya who helped transport students and Rex for transporting students and joining us in the caves.

