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To act justly, love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God

School Newsletter | Monday 3rd February 2025 | Term 1 Week 1

Principal's Message





Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to the new school year. It was lovely to see everyone reconnecting this morning. I hope you had an amazing break over the summer.

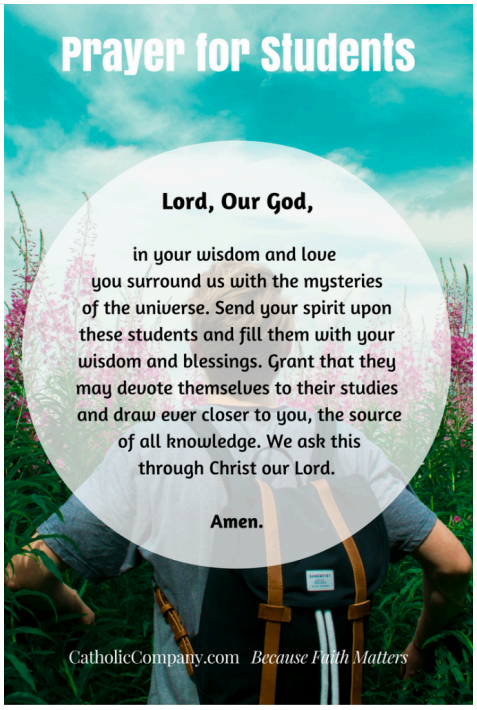
A big warm welcome to the new students who are starting with us today. We welcome Aiden into Tikanga, Josh into Wairua, Hunter into Rangimarie and Franklin and Scout into Kairangi. I'm sure you will all settle in quickly and make lots of new friends.





Welcome back to Kenzie and Lexi who have returned to us after their time in Australia - lovely to have you back with us.

We have six new entrants who have recently turned 5 and started their school journey in Aroha. Have a wonderful time at St Mary's Isla, Amos, Fergus, Laker, Summer and Theo.





We have no staff changes this year so lots of familiar faces around the school. This year Liz Frater will be working regularly in Aroha and Mahaki and Liz Crow will be in the middle and senior classes to release teachers for their planning time.

With Thursday being Waitangi Day, we are having a fun day at school on Friday. Students can wear their house colours instead of school uniforms and bring their togs as we will be doing a range of different activities.

Karen Goodall
Principal

CELEBRATE THE START OF THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR
A NIGHT AT THE POOL
THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 6 -7.30pm





We hope that you and your family are able to join us.
Bring along a picnic tea or eat at home beforehand.
A lifeguard will be on duty.
A decision will be made by 2.30pm if the weather is bad.

What's happening at school in Term 1:

Thursday 6th February	Waitangi Day
Friday 7th February	Year 7 & 8 Technology programme at Chanel starts House Activities
Thursday 13th February	Night at the Pools 6pm
Friday 14th February	Assembly 9am
Monday 17th February	Board meeting 5.30pm
Friday 28th February	Assembly 9am, Rocky Road sales start

Happy Birthday

Connor 3rd January
Keilah 14th January
Jaxon 17th January
Peyton 23rd January
Monique 5th February
Hunter J 6th February
Scout 10th February
Hazel S 14th February

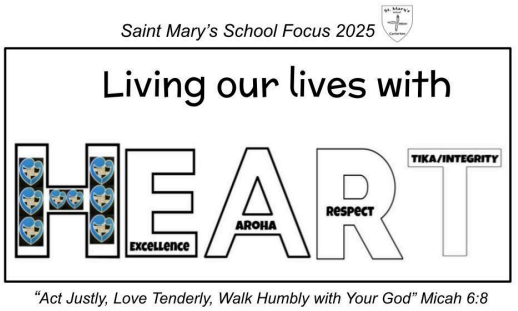
Year 7 students received their senior school jackets today:



Catholic Character

Our RE theme for the year is "**'Living our lives with H.E.A.R.T"**

Each term we will focus on one of our school values across a range of learning areas.
The term one focus is "Living our lives with Aroha"
We begin the year with prayer and learning about our school charism. We learn about the Brigidine Sisters who started our school 108 years ago and Mary who we are named after.
Our RE strand is "Ā Tātou Whakapapa" where students will explore stories of the Church alongside their own whakapapa as young people living in Christ's light.



This year Lent begins in Week 5 and Easter falls in the school holidays. We will have an Ash Wednesday liturgy on Wednesday 5th March at 2:20pm to which you are all invited.
Class/School Masses: We are currently liaising with Father Dennis, and the other Catholic Schools, to timetable the Masses for the year. This will be shared as soon as it is completed.

Communication Systems at St Mary's

Facebook

Saint Mary's School, Carterton - Home

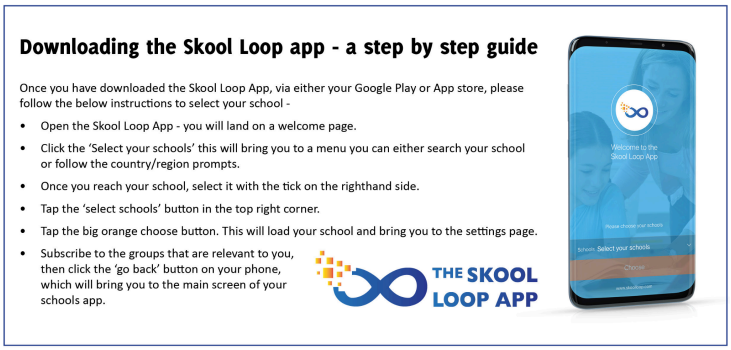
Seesaw

Families connect to their child's Seesaw journal to participate in their student's learning, see student work, and celebrate progress.
Families can connect to their child's journal on the web (app.seesaw.me) or by downloading the Seesaw Family App, available on iOS and Android.
Connecting families to their child's journal helps you keep families in the loop and engaged in their child's learning through personalised, easy to use, safe, and visual updates.
The class teacher just needs your email address to invite you to the class set up.

Newsletter

Printed copies come home every second Monday. You can ask Julie in the office to add you to the email group - or email to set this up (admin@saintmarys.school.nz)
You can also read the newsletter through Skool Loop or our Facebook page.

Skool Loop App



Lunch Orders

EVERYDAY



Pies	Mince & Cheese	$3.00
	Mince	$3.00
	Steak & Cheese	$3.00
	Butter Chicken	$3.50
	Mini Mince Pie	$1.00
Cookie		$1.00
Flavoured Milk (Banana/Chocolate/Strawberry)		$2.00
Iceblock (at second break)		$1.00

Email the school with your students order and pay online into the school bank account admin@saintmarys.school.nz

Our school bank account details are 12 3478 0011124 00



PITA PIT (Wednesday only)

It's simple; all you need to do is register at www.lunchonline.co.nz and follow 4 easy steps to get started

Sports

Netball

It is time to start getting ready for the 2025 Netball Season!!
This season we will be competing in the Masterton Competition. This means our teams will play on Tuesday Afternoons in Masterton.
Years 1 - 4 season dates are 25th February to 1st April during term one. We will also have a second round in term 4.
Years 1 - 4 registration day, uniforms and further information will be on Tuesday 11th February, at Carterton Rugby Club, from 3.30pm.
Years 5 - 8 season dates are 6th of May - 19th August. More information to follow.

