



St. Mary's
School
Carterton

School Newsletter

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

Term 3 Week 5 - Monday 23rd August 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Well that sure escalated quickly! At least this time we have a few more ideas of what to expect so well done to everyone who made the most of our unexpected mid term break. Today sees the start of our home learning programmes so by now you should have heard from classroom teachers. Some students will love the structure of being busy with school work, others will be busy on the farm and if you are busy trying to work from home it may just be all too difficult for you to supervise school work. Please don't stress, just do what you can and what feels right for your family and the situation you are in. Please be kind to the teachers and remember that they are also trying to look after their own families who are at home while they run the distance learning programme. I have asked them to stick to their usual work schedule of being available between 8am and 5pm and clock off outside these hours in order to look after their own well being.

At home learning - when students learn from home, it's important to make sure they stay safe online. Here's a **FREE** filter to block the worst of the web.

<https://switchonsafety.co.nz/> for those who are using their own devices at home.

We welcomed **Jasper** to the Aroha classroom and he managed about a week of school before this all happened but we know he made lots of new friends in that short time and was already getting stuck into learning.



We had another successful **Matharapa** and were super grateful to the parents who were able to help out with transport to make this happen - thank you to the Stapletons, Rob King, Jason Hutching and Jakey.

Aidan won an individual round with 100% perfect score!

Year 7 won their grade - Pippa, Aidan and Sanjeet.

Year 6 team came second - Dimitri, Josh C and Noah

Year 8 came third - Blake, Claire and Campbell

Year 5& 6 won one of the rounds - Macy, Byron and Felix.



Nesta for fabulous story writing.

Kade for fabulous story writing.

Aden for fabulous story writing.

Maddie Gi for learning to count backwards from 25 - 0.

Grayson for learning to write his name by himself.

Sienna for learning to count backwards from 30 - 0.

Jesse for learning to skip counts in 2's, backwards from 30- 0

Oscar for learning to count backwards from 120 to 80.

Cairo for learning to count in 2's up to 40.

Frankie for learning to write her name by herself.

Mary for learning to count backwards from 25 - 0.

This lovely weather is a great time to get out into the garden. A reminder from our FRIENDS group - Get in the garden and plant / divide up some plants for our upcoming St May's Fundraiser. We hope to get at least one or two plants from each child! Lots of hands helping will make it happen. Steph Porten is able to store plants at her place after lockdown and look after them until the garden stall in October.

Karen Goodall - Principal



Artist: Damien Walker St Philomena Studios, Rangiora.

New Zealand's Catholic bishops gathered on Sunday 15 August at St Mary of the Angels church in Wellington for a special Mass to rededicate Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary Assumed into Heaven, a dedication first carried out by Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier on 13 January 1838.

During the COVID-19 lockdown last year, the bishops received many letters from people asking them to dedicate New Zealand to Mary under a variety of titles. This led the bishops to decide that as the feast of the Assumption fell on a Sunday this year, it would be a good time to renew the dedication.

An Aotearoa-themed artwork depicting Mary and the child Jesus, created by Damien Walker of Rangiora at the bishops' request, was welcomed to St Mary of the Angels immediately before the Mass and unveiled during the Mass.

The artwork will now leave for Invercargill on the start of a 12-month hīkoi (journey) around the country's six dioceses, ending with its return and permanent placement in St Mary of the Angels, which will become a National Shrine. The artwork has been titled Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua – Holy Mary, Mother of God. The overall name for the celebration is Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way. Details are on [the specially created website](#).



WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER - This is the day to go wild and crazy with your hair - let those mullets loose! We are fundraising for the New Zealand child cancer foundation. Please show your support with both your hair and your wallet.

Donations will be collected by the teachers at roll time in the morning.



SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER AT CARRINGTON PARK

It's time to start thinking about race entries for the **Great Carterton Wheelbarrow Race**! Entry information will be available soon through Event Finder.

Categories:

Men's open 🏆

Women's open 🏆

Mixed open 🏆

Mum and kids 🏆

Dad and kids 🏆

Sports code challenge 🏆

College race 🏆

Corporate relay 🏆

Celebrity race 🏆

It's going to be a fun day out for the whole family with live music, entertainment for the kids, lots of amazing food and much, much more!



St Mary's Pie Fundraiser 2021

– Cuba Street Bakehouse

Dear Family and Friends of the St Mary's Community,

We are using a different bakery this time. They offer family sized pies with 10 savoury & 2 sweet flavours to choose from as well as lamingtons, sausage rolls and savouries. They are baked fresh before delivery and come on a foil plate with a plastic lid.

We ask if you and your children could encourage friends, family and work colleagues to purchase the family pies. We have sent one sheet home with the eldest child in each house, more sheets are available from the school office if you need them.

If you could please send all money and order forms back by 9am on **Thursday 10th September 2021**. Pies will be delivered to school on **Friday 24th September** and will be available for collection from 2 - 4pm. It really helps if you can drop off a named chilly bin or bag that morning please. We appreciate your support in this fundraising endeavour as all money raised goes towards next year's senior class trip to Queenstown/Rarotonga.

WE WILL GO AHEAD WITH THIS FUNDRAISER AS THE PIES ARE NOT BEING DELIVERED TO SCHOOL UNTIL 24 SEPTEMBER SO PLEASE COLLECT IN ORDERS FROM FRIENDS, FAMILY AND WORKMATES. WE CAN SEND THE FORM OUT TO YOU AS A SEPARATE ATTACHMENT - JUST EMAIL TO ASK FOR THIS - principal@saintmarys.school.nz



It's time to start thinking about this year's craft activities so you can get prepared. All students do 3 craft activities. Pet Day is on Friday 22nd October.

At school - the week of Pet Day - juniors will be making a **paper plate flower**, seniors will be making an **animal creation from a paper towel roll**.

At school - the morning of Pet Day - each student will put together either a **Sand Saucer** OR a **fruit and vegetable creation**. They need to bring everything to school on the day (except for sand) but should research and plan things in advance.

The final choice of activities is between an **animal LEGO creation** and an **animal habitat diorama**. Senior students will make their diorama at school as a class activity. Juniors can choose between an animal lego creation or the animal diorama. If they make a diorama at home, adults can help with the planning of it but need to leave the doing to the kids please. Lego creations have to be put together at school on the day so should be using between 50 and 120 pieces of LEGO. We have lego at school that can be used or they can bring it in from home.

We would love it if families could collect shoe boxes and empty paper towel rolls to us please.



Estelle 23/8
Charlotte 28/8



Byron 24/8
Harry McF 29/8



Sanjeet 25/8
Alannah 4/9

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

Well this is a fun game of wait and see!

We will advertise things and adjust as decisions are made:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 23-27 August	Home learning	Home learning			
Week 6 30 Aug-3 Sept	Hearing and Vision testing at school		Football lessons Confirmation workshop Lisa	Masterclass Creative Writing	Assembly Wairua Confirmation this weekend - SUNDAY 8.30am St Patrick's Masterton
Week 7 6-10 September	Newsletter		Wig Wednesday Football lessons First Eucharist Reconciliation workshop Lisa	Mass Mahaki Pie orders due into school	



HOW TO MOTIVATE YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY WANT TO QUIT

SAYING "BUT THIS WAS EXPENSIVE" OR "I WON'T SIGN YOU UP FOR ANYTHING AGAIN!" DOESN'T WORK.

INSTEAD, MOTIVATE THEM TO KEEP GOING.



1 SHOW HOW FAR THEY HAVE ALREADY COME

- ★ "Look how many new skills you learned to get to where you are now!"
- ★ "Think back to a month ago. You didn't know how to do any of these things."
- ★ "You can easily play this piece. When you started you couldn't play more than two notes."

2 GIVE THEM SPACE AND TIME

- ★ "Take a break for a bit. You'll come back with new energy."
- ★ "Let's pause and talk. What are the reasons you want to quit?"
- ★ "Let's talk about why you wanted to do this activity in the first place."

3 TEACH PATIENCE AND SELF-COMPASSION

- ★ "I know you're feeling very discouraged. Remember that your brain needs some time to learn new things."
- ★ "I see this is frustrating for you. What can I do to help you feel better?"
- ★ "Show yourself patience. Your brain and body are working so hard!"