



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

Term 4 Week 8 - Monday 30th November 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

THANKS to all the amazing children who turned out for the **Christmas Parade** on Saturday - You all looked awesome and it was great fun to be part of the float. We know some children don't come on the float as they don't want to miss out on catching the treats that are thrown out to the spectators so we always make up goodie bags for those who are on the float.



A big thank you to Bill Hammond for lending us his truck, Colin Hamilton for driving it, Mr B and Ann Marie for helping out and Mrs B for putting the float together. We were placed second in the education category which was awesome.

Saturday was a good reminder of how important the information in the school newsletter is! Some parents dropped children off at the rugby club and left them there when we were in fact getting ready at Howard Booth park down the road. Other parents didn't know where to meet children after the parade. A good strategy to ensure you always have the correct information is to download the Skool Loop app. This will give you access to the latest school newsletter so you can be in the right place at the right time.

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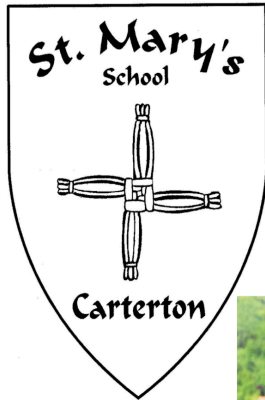
Year 8 students had a stunning trip to Queenstown last week and were blessed with great weather. Our activities included: IFly, Ebiking, Ziplining, Gondola, Luge, Escape Room, Goldfields Mining Centre, Puzzling Word, Earnslaw boat, Walter Peak Farm visit, Ice Bar, Shotover Jet. It's fair to say we did our bit to boost the tourism economy! It was great to see the students taking part in activities that challenged them and as a follow up we will be choosing some third world country businesses to lend money to through KIVA. This is a non-profit organization that allows people to lend money via the Internet to low-income entrepreneurs and students in 77 countries. Kiva's mission is "to expand financial access to help underserved communities thrive.

Karen Goodall
Principal

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Thank you to those families who dropped off donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. Tickets are now coming home and we would be very grateful if each family could sell a sheet of 12 tickets. You are most welcome to ask the office for an extra sheet! Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.





Leavers Mass

On Thursday 3 December at 9.15am, we will be holding a Whole School Mass here in the Junior Classrooms. This is our final school Mass for 2020. Father Bruce will bless our Leavers. The Year 8s will be helping with the Mass. We invite you all to join us for this special occasion. It will be a quick Mass as Father Bruce has a Parish meeting to attend afterwards; we plan to finish at 9.45am.



House points for last week:

1st - Kowhai,

2nd - Kikorangi

3rd - Kakariki

4th - Whero

We are having a **Color Run and Disco** at school on Tuesday of Activities Week. Start looking around for white clothes to wear for this activity.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 30 Nov - 4 Dec	Life Education mobile classroom at school this week Bike safety for the week for Wairua	Wellington Athletics		Leavers Mass - whole school, everyone is welcome. Last tech lesson for Y7/8	Assembly - Piano recital Tikanga caving trip Motorbike visit Junior Talent Quest heats - Parents welcome Pack the Bus 2.30pm
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	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			

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

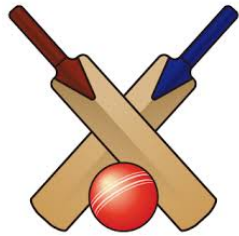
JUICIES are available every day for \$1 from the office at second lunch break

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



Lonestar Girls Cricket Thursday-Mr B is trying to arrange a game with Solway or Hadlow this Thursday. Starting at 3:30pm so the girls can get back for their Year 8 dinner.

Regional Athletics Newtown Park Tuesday 1/12

Athletes to qualify for the Regionals on Tuesday 1st December at Newtown. We will be contacted by 1pm today if the event is postponed to Thursday.

Tara - Discus- 1st,

Noah - High jump- 1st, 800m- 3rd,

Emmett - Vortex - 3rd, Long Jump- 1st, 60m- 2nd, 100m- 1st,

Lachie B - High Jump-2nd, 80m-3rd,

Izaiah - Long Jump-2nd,

Josh W - High Jump 1st,

awaiting confirmation for Angus M High Jump 3rd=, Jake Grant 3rd=,

Jessie finished 2nd in 1500m although she didn't qualify because of qualifying time.

Josh, Izaiah and Angus are travelling with Mr B, Emmett and Jake with the Monastra's meeting at school at 7am. We will meet Tara and Lachie at Newtown Park.

PRIMARY TWILIGHT HOCKEY 2020



PLAYING DAYS: Wednesday Night Dec. 2nd

Wednesday 25 November-Cancelled

Weka vs DPS Red 4:35pm JNL3

Tui vs Opaki Green 4pm JNL3

Kereru vs Reds 5:10pm JNL2

Pukeko vs Hadlow 5:45pm THT1

Kikorangi vs DPS Purple 5:10pm THT2

Kakapo vs Hadlow Blue 5:45pm JNL1

Kowhai vs Marty Greensticks 4:35pm TNT2



The goal is to try and completely pack a bus with gifts and food from the community to be distributed to families in need this Christmas. The bus will arrive at St Mary's at approximately 2.30pm on Friday 4th December.

If you would like to bring a gift please take note of the following;

- Please leave gifts unwrapped so that they can be given to the appropriate people.
- Please provide only new items, no used items please.
- Gifts are required for children, teens and adults.
- Non-perishable essential food items and Christmas food items are appreciated.
- Baby toys, toiletries, books, construction toys (Lego/Meccano), art equipment, educational toys, puzzles, diaries/calendars, board games are suggested gifts.
- If a toy requires batteries, please provide them so that the toy can be played with once received.



Saint Marys Ninja warrior heats are happening this week in syndicates. A fast paced race over the adventure playground with set courses for different class levels. The finals for Juniors will be held on Monday 7th December at 2.30pm with the Seniors on Monday 14th December in the afternoon.

