



# Newsletter

**30 November 2018**  
**Term 4 Week 7**

## *Message from the Principal*

**Kia ora koutou Te Kura O Hato Mere Whanau**

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The end of the term is near and still we roll on. Reports being completed for printing, planning for next year is in full swing, the new uniform has been rolled out and orders are rolling in, new enrolments for next year are being signed off, planning and preparation for Celebration Week is in full swing, christmas presents are being purchased and children are adding to their wish list as the advertisements are ramped up on television and radio, carols on the radio and in every store, christmas trees and decorations this weekend, holiday plans in full swing, food is being ordered and special treats stashed away from your children, it is an extremely busy time.

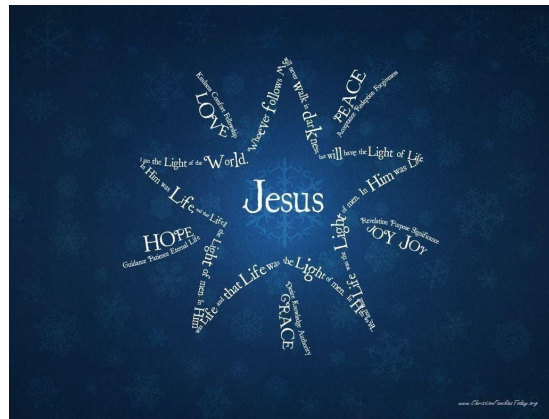
## **But what is Christmas really all about?**

Christmas is a time to STOP! Reflect on your year, enjoy time with your children and extended family, a time of prayer and thanksgiving for the year that has been looking at the positives and focussing on the achievements of all people, it is about sharing time with each other and being present in that moment, being joyful.

It is about celebrating the gift of Jesus Christ who God gave to us as a living image of himself here on earth to help us learn and realise what it means to be human. How to appreciate what we have and support others that have less than ourselves.

Sometimes in the times of most madness and craziness we just need to STOP reflect and refocus on what is truly important in our lives.

Although we are all feeling under the pump at the moment. Please STOP, celebrate and take time for your children and whanau. Christmas and the lead up to Christmas is a time of togetherness.



Let us all join together and be one extended family including and supporting those less fortunate so they to feel the warmth of belonging, faith and whanau.

**FAITH, WHANAU, FUN**

**‘In Christ’s Light’**

**Paddy Dowling**

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## Beatitude to Be Excellent Award

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The '*Beatitude to Be Excellent Award*' reflects the work and achievement of students in each class who have worked hard to live through the beatitudes while learning. It is an award that will be presented by the classroom teachers to two students in their class who have worked hard at their varying levels of academic and sporting progress to improve their level of achievement. The award reflects the teacher's recognition of the work that has been completed by the student and further connects the learning that takes place.

Congratulations to the following students who received a '**Beatitude to Be Excellent Award**' at our last assembly:



*Endless, Isabella, Cullum, Ronan,  
Shazain, Bitianto, Ben, Sybella,  
Kaitelyn, Patrick, Lawrence, Ella,  
Shalia and Ruby*

Our Final Assembly will be on **Monday, 10 December** led by **Leaders**. It is wonderful to have parents and families to join us at our assemblies and we look forward to seeing you at **2pm** in the Hall.

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## Catholic Special Character Review 2018

The Review is carried out every three years by the Wellington Catholic Schools' Education Service. The purpose of the review is to check how effective our school is in handing on the faith, forming a new generation of Catholics and to see how students have grown in their faith as a result of the Religious Education programmes.

**2018 Catholic Special Character review for Development is available on our [website](#).**

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# St Mary's School Uniform

Thank you all for the positive response to the new uniform. It is great to see the orders coming in through the front office. Our first order will be quite large and will be here before school starts next year.

You will be able to **pick up** your uniform in **January on Friday 25th, Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th from 9am - 3pm.**

Although the last day to order to make the start of the year is **December 7th** you are able to continue to order uniforms. We are not able to guarantee they will arrive for the start of the year after the 7th but they may do. Order forms available on our [website](#) or pick up a copy from the School Office.

## ***What to do with your old uniform?***

I have contacted a few schools in our diocese whose community struggle and who have the same uniform as ours. If you would like to donate your uniform to school we are more than happy to forward that good will on to these schools. Once I have confirmation from the principals the schools will be named.

***Previous newsletter regarding the school uniform available [here](#):***

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# School Mass

Sunday, 2 December at 10 am

All families and children are welcome



***All the very best for our Year 7 & 8 students for the upcoming camp next week!***

***3-5 December 2018***

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## *Celebration Week*

Date	What's on
Week 9	
Monday, 10 December, 2 pm	Final Assembly
Wednesday, 12 December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Thursday, 13 December	End of Year Celebration
Friday, 14 December	End of Year School Mass
Friday, 14 December	Last Day of School

More details will be released closer to the time.

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### **Beta Box - Wednesdays only**

Students are able to order their lunch from The Betta Box Ltd on **Wednesdays**. Orders with the payment need to come to the school office before school on Wednesday.

Order forms and envelopes are available at the school office. Cost is **\$4** for a filled roll and a muffin.

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# Message from St Mary's Friends Inc.



## St Mary's Friends (SMF) GALA 2019

Our major event every year is our annual **GALA**, which will be held in **Term 1** next year, on **Saturday, 9th March 2019**. This fundraising event will be raising money for teacher resourcing and maintenance of school owned buildings (Scout Den & Little Theatre).

We have a small Gala committee that coordinate the event and are looking for a couple more people to join us to help and provide a succession for the future. If you would like to join our gala committee or get more info please contact Mel Morris (ph or text 021 312 335) Gala committee Chairperson.

Throughout Term 1 we have allocated weeks when we ask families for donations such as:  
**Bottles** - shampoo, sauce, dishwash, fizz, chutneys, bubbles, anything that comes in a bottle.

**Mystery bag prizes** - small toiletries, small toys, bubbles, notebooks, pens, erasers, hair ties/clips, the \$2 type shops are great for these items.(look out for after Xmas specials).

**Grocery/Treat Week** - this week we are asking for either grocery items or treat items (blocks or boxes chocolate, hand wash, big bottles juice, chocolate biscuits, hand creams, etc) Again after Xmas specials.

**Baking Week** - On the Friday before the Gala we are ask families to provide **home baking** - cakes, slices, muffins, fudge, loaf, truffles, biscuits. If you are not able to bake we will ask for donations of baking items such as: flour, sugar, eggs, chocolate chips, etc.

**Plants and Produce** - We sell potted plants, fruit and vegetables, as well as a sauces, jams, and chutney.

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We also run a **Silent auction** - Where we ask families and our business community to donate items to be used on our silent auction. We also have a liquor licence so are able to take donations to be auctioned in our designated R18 room. If you know any businesses that could support our Gala or have any items to donate please let us know.

We will be calling for people to volunteer their time to assist with the Gala event. This includes during the week of the Gala (for baking with students, collecting items, chocolate wheel prizes), on Gala day (help at a stall, set up and pack up) and on Monday (return items, clear up and tidy away).

***It's a fabulous community day and lots of fun so please consider helping support our school's major fundraising event.***

Kind regards

Mel Morris (SMF Secretary)

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*Please check out the Marlborough Community News section on our [website](#) for lots of fun activities during December.*

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**If you are super organised, you can also check out some holiday activities on our [website](#).**

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