



Newsletter

15 February 2019
Term 1 Week 3

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou Te Kura O Hato Mere Whanau

As we come to the end of the first full week of school I am able to look back in regards to the new faces and excitement that has come in to school everyday. It has been great to catch up with most of the students and check in to their health and well being status after holidays and how they see themselves progressing this year academically and across the board in "Christ's Light".

The blessing we have at this school is the students, your children. We are blessed by their presence and they engage our passion for teaching and learning. To see happiness and the support they have for each other is amazing.

This week we get to celebrate at our **Whanau Gathering on Wednesday 20th February 5:30 - 7pm**. An evening where we open our doors and celebrate our community together. Have a picnic and be one in each others company. We will start with a wee introduction of our staff and an insight in to where we are going this year. It will be quick and informative. You will all have time to catch up with our teachers and each other in a relaxed setting while having dinner with your children. Sprinklers on, basketball, tennis, touch and football all available. Even back to the old new school and a bit of competitive handball if you have the skills!

Have an amazing weekend. Enjoy the weather by remembering to stay Sunsmart and keep that water on board.

I look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday evening.

Paddy Dowling

Board

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to warmly welcome back our St Mary's community as we head into 2019. We hope that everyone has settled back into the school routine and are ready to be challenged, learn and enjoy the year ahead. We are blessed to have a diverse school community that through our children we can come together and share, learn and appreciate each other.

The Board continues to build on the our work in 2018 and remains focused on our Mission Statement and school values:

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Mission Statement

St Mary's will be a vibrant and connected Catholic community, providing all learners with opportunities to achieve personal excellence. Our learners will encounter and reflect Christ's light, confidently sharing their gifts.

School Values

St Mary's School Values are those Jesus proclaimed in the Gospel of St Matthew 5:3-10
**Humility, Compassion, Community, Faithfulness,
Forgiveness, Honesty, Patience, Courage**

Whakatauki

Kaitiakitanga

Watching over, taking care of, guarding, nurturing and protecting

Manaaki Whenua

Care for the land

Manaaki Tangata

Care for the people

Haere Whakamua

Go ahead

We will be continuing to work through and action the recommendations from the reviews that were undertaken last year by the Ministry of Education and the Catholic Office. The theme of "Guiding Light" will further enhance what was learnt last year and provide a framework for the year ahead. We look forward to working with the staff, teachers and community to ensure another successful and enjoyable year.

God Bless

Megan McKendry

On behalf of Board of Trustee (BoT)

Jo Lane, Father John, Richard Vercoe, Helen Sloan, Paddy Dowling, Matt Franken, Joju Kalan, Kate Gaines, Annie Thompson, Jacinda Thompson.

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Beatitude to Be Excellent Award

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



Georgina, Ronan, Nadia, Jay, Von, Kaitelyn, Kaydee, Bitianto, Addison, Brooklyn, Krisheel, Ella, Sheena, Sayu, Ava and Cyrus

Next assembly will be **Monday, 25 February**. 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.

Picking up children during school time



At times we all need to pick up our children from school during the day. We ask that you come straight to the front office and sign your child out, then your child will be called to the front office to be collected.

We are required to know where your children are at all times. By following this procedure we will know where your child is and be able to make adjustments if the need arises.

So remember - Sign your child out at the front office and then wait for them to come to you!

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Message from St Mary's Friends Inc.



St Mary's Friends (SMF) GALA 2019 Saturday, 9 March



Grocery/Treat Week

Monday, 18 February to Friday 22 February

We are asking for donations of

blocks or boxes chocolate, hand wash, big bottles juice,
chocolate biscuits, hand creams, boxes of cans of fizz, etc

Bring along a favourite item to be used as prizes

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Be Involved in Our GALA



Calling all those who are available to work at our Gala....

Either setting up or on a stall for a few hours

Please contact either the School Office (office@stmb.school.nz/
578-9494) or

txt/call Mel (021 312 335)

Thank you for your support.

Week 5

Monday, 25 February to Friday 1 March

Used toys & books/Crafts/Preserves Week

Good reusable toys and books you no longer need

New craft items to sell on our craft stall

Your amazing homemade preserves, jams, chutneys, etc

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WHAT DO WE NEED



A large commercial coffee machine for our cafe. Do you know anyone who would loan or hire us a coffee machine?

Trailer with a cage



People to help make toffee apples

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Gazebos, 3x3m and
3x6m



Please ask around your workplaces for donated items (big or small) that we can use for prizes or on our silent auction.

People to spare an hour or so on gala day to show off your talents and cook their diverse cultural food.

**Please contact either the School Office
(office@stmb.school.nz / 578-9494) or
txt/call Mel (021 312 335)**



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St Mary's Friends Inc. next meeting:

***Monday 15 February, 7 pm,
School Staff Room***

***All Parents / Caregivers welcome
to join and be involved.***



Did you know that our school is Water Only school?

We are proud to be part of Nelson Marlborough Health's Sweet Enough Water Only initiative.

This means that we are part of the move by schools across our region to embrace health and make water the drink of choice for our students. It's great to be part of this and support the move to reduce sugary drink consumption and their impact of tooth decay and child health.

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22nd February 2019 - 7pm
Clubs of Marlborough

\$45 per ticket or **\$400** for a table of **10**
Includes: Entry to the auction and a buffet meal.
Bar separate.

To donate items or buy tickets email:
admin@pinevalleyoutdoors.org.nz

Givealittle.co.nz - search:
Pine Valley Outdoor Centre

<http://www.pinevalleyoutdoors.org.nz/> - facebook/PVOCMarlborough.com

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