



St Mary's School Blenheim
Te Kura O Hato Mere

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Newsletter

16 August 2019
Term 3 Week 4

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou Te Kura O Hato Mere Whanau

This 'Little Light of mine, I'm going to let it Shine,' what a great song and a great way to start the last day of the week. Thank you Room 5 and Mr Livingstone for the amazing community prayer service this morning. The acting was top notch and the moral was fantastic. That is that we are all lights in God's eyes and that Mary our mother in heaven is always in support of us, nurturing and watching over us.



That is even when our mother on earth is unhappy or upset with us! Loved those lines especially. Perfect timing and placement of such a prayer and play as this week marks the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Mary is also the Patron Saint of New Zealand and what better patron could you ask for other than the Woman chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus.

She was a mother, a teacher, a woman, a saintly woman on earth before her Assumption to Heaven where she has become known as the mother of us all. It is a privilege to be so closely connected through the naming of our school but also through the process by which we celebrate this action.

Thank you to the Student Leadership team who along with Mrs Lamain's guidance organised the mass yesterday to mark the Assumption of Mary. Ko Waiata rung out through the school hall with great beauty and presence that you could feel the emotion tingling in your spine. Father Pat ably assisted by the fantastic readers provided a fantastic homily and bought the whole occasion together with grace, compassion and humility.

Have a great weekend. Enjoy your time with your children. Children be thankful for your parents and caregivers. Hug that mother figure in your life and remind them how much you love them.

God bless
Paddy



Saturday, 17th August 2019 @ 5pm

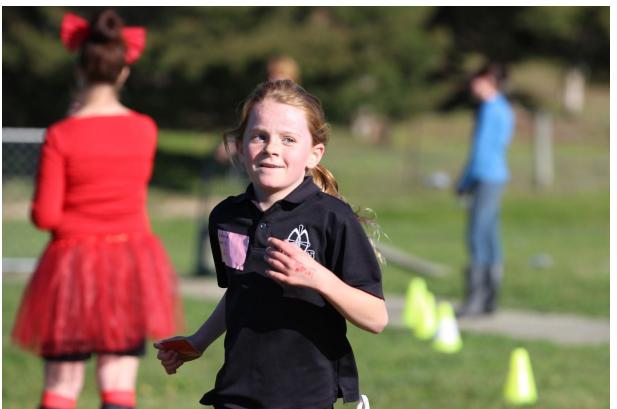
Please keep the candidates in your prayer:

Julianah Alipia, Sohee Bae, Rory Frater, Daniel Gasson, Harry McKendry, AJ Moli, Conner Mulcahy, Florence Potts, Joshua Shoemark, Hannah Silva, Ava & Nadia Zintl, Lily Black & Kaydee Katonivere (Holy Com. only)

Cross Country 2019 results:

Yr 1/2 Girls		Yr 1/2 Boys		Yr 5/6 Girls		Yr 5/6 Boys	
1	Saoirse Zintl	1	Lincoln Hantz	1	Olivia Bain	1	Archie Thompson
2	Sophie Ditfort	2	William Jackson	2	Holly Bowhill	2	Hayden Ditfort
3	Lyndel Daquioag	3	Ben Cameron	3	Ella Bowhill	3	James Franken
Yr 3/4 Girls		Yr 3/4 Boys		Yr 7/8 Girls		Yr 7/8 Boys	
1	Casey Twidle	1	AJ Moli	1	Ella Stanley	1	Vincent Vermeer
2	Freda Duan	2	Darcy Franken	2	Baylasan Shram	2	Luke Holdaway
3	Lexie Thompson	3	Harry McKendry	3	Anel Moli	3	Leon Wightwick

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Full album of [Cross Country 2019 photos](#)

District Cross Country results will be in the next Newsletter.

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Marlborough Primary Schools Cross Country Team

Whole school production Tūranga Wairua



Ticket purchase from Monday, 19th August, at ASB Theatre: \$10/adults & \$5/children

The script is written, the parts are cast and rehearsals are underway. Preparations for the St Mary's 2019 Production Tūranga Wairua are in full swing! This will be a fantastic one-off production to be performed on the evening of **Thursday 26th September (Last week of term) at the ASB Theatre**. The production is linked to the Tuia 250 celebrations and traces the early history of New Zealand from the arrival of Maori to the initial voyage of Captain Cook to the country we have become today.

Tūranga Wairua is the name of the production, 'Tūranga' meaning a standing, a standing place, a stance and wairua, spirit or spiritual. So **Tūranga Wairua**, a spiritual standing place or a spiritual stance helps us to understand our place and the connections with it.

The script has been extremely well crafted by Miss Katie King and had input from all of the staff to formulate something quite spectacular. Rita Powick (RTLB for Maori in Marlborough) kindly read through the script and went through different aspects with us in regards to all aspects of history and storytelling. Rita was also the person who supported us in the naming of the production. The

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multicultural group have a significant part to play in the production along with the school choir. It is all very exciting!

Tickets will be on sale as soon as we are able to confirm exactly how many seats will be made available at the theatre and a price is set.



The whole school will be involved in the show and now we would like to invite parents to be a part of it.

We are looking for helpers in the following areas:

- Costume making or sourcing
- Hair and Make-up
- Set building and construction
- Prop making
- Help setting up and packing up the theatre

As the production has a significant cost involved we are also looking for commercial sponsors to cover some of the costs of the production or help to provide some of the materials we need to make it a reality. If you think you can help in anyway please email me at principal@stmb.school.nz and identify what you can specifically support with. Or please phone on (03) 578 9494. Your support across all areas is warmly welcomed.

Beatitude to Be Excellent Award

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

*Jackson, Charlotte, Jizza,
Isabel, Azura, Patrick, Rayne,
Lexi, Ben, Harriet, Noah,
Zion, Gabrielle, Archie, Loleni,
Malia, Lily, Florence*

Next assembly will be **Monday, 26th August**. 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.

Meeting Gavin Bishop

On Thursday, 1st August, Rooms 7 and 8 went to meet Gavin Bishop at the Millennium gallery. Gavin Bishop, the author and illustrator of The Cook's Cook started by talking about what he had for breakfast, he then asked us if we would have had that kind of food if we were aboard the Endeavour in 1768. He asked us a few more questions about the Endeavour and Captain Cook's journey. He talked about his book The Cook's Cook which is a book about the journey of Captain James Cook aboard the Endeavour from the Cook's perspective. In his book, Gavin

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Bishop talks about the food that they ate aboard the Endeavour and the journey they went on. They were in a lot of storms and they were ill and running out of food but they kept going. Gavin Bishop talked about some of the materials that he used to make the illustrations, he told us that to make clouds sometimes he would rub a candle on his paper and then when he put the dye on it would just run off the wax to make a good cloud effect. Gavin Bishop spent a year researching and writing about Captain Cook and John Thompson, the one handed cook aboard the Endeavour. We really enjoyed meeting Gavin Bishop and learning about Captain Cook.

By Tilly and Olivia



Cyber Safety - *Online Safety Parent Toolkit*

Netsafe have recently launched a great new resource for parents and whānau, the '**Online Safety Parent Toolkit**'. This interactive PDF offers parents and whānau practical tips and tools to help them talk to their children about online safety. It includes:



- quickstarter tips for parents, whānau and young people
 - information to enhance digital parenting knowledge
 - details about the online risks and challenges their children may face
 - advice about how they can help their children.
 - advice around social media, cyber bullying etc

Please [click here to the Netsafe 'Online Safety Parent Toolkit'](#).

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KICKSTART BREAKFAST

We started Kickstart Breakfast at our school on Thursday 8 August 2019, in the Little Theatre between 8.30 – 8.50am each morning (last child seated by 8.45am). All children are welcome to come along and have breakfast together. More than just Weet-Bix and Milk KickStart Breakfast launched in 2009 when Fonterra and Sanitarium partnered to provide free Anchor milk and Sanitarium Weet-Bix to Kiwi kids twice a week to decile 1-4 schools. The New Zealand Government joined the partnership in 2013, allowing the programme to extend to five days a week, across all New Zealand schools and deciles. KickStart Breakfast currently provides free breakfast to over 30,000 children each school day in over 1000 schools, helping more tamariki achieve their best by getting a kickstart to their day. Fonterra and Sanitarium provide the product. Then it's up to the school community to provide provisions including bowls, spoons, a central location, food storage facilities and of course the people to run the breakfast club. The 'community partnership' model is an effective one, as by focusing on the critical aspect of food rather than logistics, KickStart is able to provide a breakfast offering to as many schools who choose to take part. Schools say KickStart Breakfast clubs are not only helping children nutritionally but is also making a positive impact on learning behaviour. In school research shows; Children are happier, have more energy and are able to concentrate longer Children are no longer eating junk food at morning tea The club provides a great environment for children to socialise together The older children are taking on responsibility and looking after the younger ones.



Book Fair

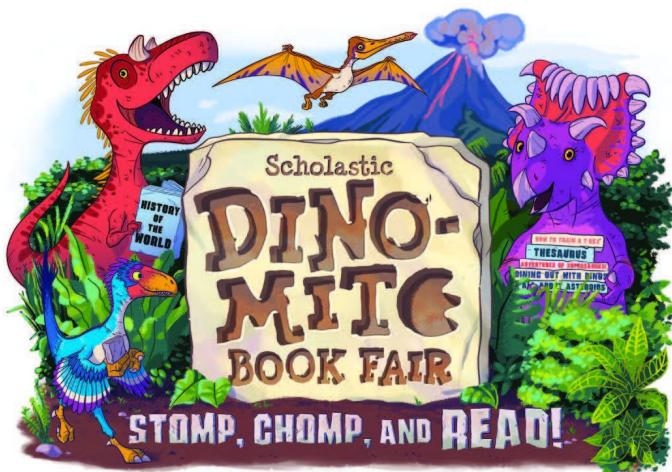
Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

Set the example. Let children see you read.

Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.

Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.



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Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Monday 26th August to Friday 30th August

Shopping hours: 8:30am- 9:30am daily and 2:30- 3:30pm Monday - Thursday

Special activities: Wednesday evening Family night 5:30- 7pm. Meet our Celebrity Book character, view student entries in our Design, Draw and Make Competition and be in to win spot prizes.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely, Paddy Dowling, Principal



Our annual **Book Week** is being held from
Monday 26 August to Friday 30 August.

We need volunteers to help sell books and supervise the Book Fair before school each day from 8.30am until 9.30am and in the afternoons from 2:30pm until 3:30pm.

Please give your name and contact details to the office, or email
office@stmb.school.nz if you are able to help.

A photograph of a red tractor pulling a white trailer through a grassy field. Many people are sitting in the trailer, waving their hands. Overlaid on the image are several cartoon icons: a smiling sun, a cloud, a red bird, a soccer ball, a purple elephant, and a small logo for St Mary's Friends.

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Trailer Wanted

We're aiming to design our own trailer ride for future galas so are on the lookout for an old trailer that isn't needed anymore. If you have one or know of someone who has one lying around in a paddock and would like to donate it to St Mary's Friends please call Fiona on 0274 798 131 or email smfincsecretary@gmail.com

Garage Sale



Are you a hoarder?

Have you unused items in storage?

Is your home ready for a spring clean?

Great, it's back again, bigger and better than ever and we want your good quality stuff for our St Mary's Friends Annual Garage Sale, books, clothes, furniture, almost anything except items with a plug or gas.

In addition to BBQ sausages we'll have a bouncy castle for the kids, coffees and baking.

Last year we discovered some parents in our community had a real talent for "Garage Saleing" and were an incredible help on the day, ensuring we raised maximum \$\$\$ for our school. This year, once again we're looking for some more volunteers to help on Friday setting up and Saturday. If you have an hour or two free to help or perhaps you have access to a truck to bring items to the hall on Friday please let Fiona Mitchell know on 0274 798 131 or email smfincsecretary@gmail.com. Details for baking and dropping off items during the week of garage sale will come later.

Piritahi (Blenheim Community of Schools) Update – 'Weaving learners together'

This week teachers and principals from our 21 schools and 6 kindergartens were involved in across-school professional development. Teachers from kindergarten, primary and secondary schools moderated a piece of writing and evaluated it. This is to help with transitions between schools and to develop consistency with assessment practice across all schools and kindergartens in Piritahi.

They also discussed assessment practices in Mathematics and Reading. The Across SchoolLeads planned the sessions to help reduce variability in assessment. These meetings also build networks with teachers at similar levels.

Last Thursday Principals met to explore "Excellence" and define what this looks like across our schools. We also continued to work on the four workstreams: Hauora, BuildingLeadership and Teacher Capability, Assessment Practices and Community, and Māori and IwiEngagement.

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Marlborough Basketball Association notice



Gentle reminder that mouthguards **MUST** be worn by all players. Spectators **MUST** remain upstairs. Only players, 1 coach and 1 adult for bench allowed downstairs please. Please make sure the scoresheet is filled out 10 minutes **BEFORE** the game.

Finals are scheduled for the last day of competition as follows:
Intermediate Boys – Monday 26th August

All Girls – Wednesday 21st August

Primary Boys – Friday 30th August

College – Wednesday 21st August

Please share these dates with the parents/caregivers of your team so everyone is aware.

Any questions please ask.

Stacey Hopkins, MBA Administrator, P 03 577 8300 M 027 385 5237
Stadium 2000, Kinross St, Blenheim

Incredible Years

This is a free 14-week programme for parents and caregivers of children aged 3-8 to help grow their positive parenting skills. It provides practical step-by-step suggestions to support parents in handling everyday parenting situations. For more info please [click here](#)



Police 105



NZ Police recently launched a new **non emergency number, 105**. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
 - Theft for a public place or car
 - Intentional property damage
 - Or to get an update or add info to a previous report
- In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

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Uniform News

Personalized name tags for your kids uniform, please contact Caroline 0273062881

In Christ's Light **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

Community News:

[Newsletter for Star of the Sea Parish](#)

[Be the next Mini Mako](#)

[Oral Health News](#)

[Transition Expo](#)

[Preschool Annual Pies Fundraiser](#)

[Beginner Judo Course](#)

[Futsal Skills Centre - Term 3 2019](#)

[Marlborough Deals Booklet](#)

[Drum Lesson](#)

[2019 Homestay Families Required](#)



School Holiday Activities

[Cricket Clinic](#)

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NZ Family Portraits
Photoshoot

DATE: Saturday 24 August



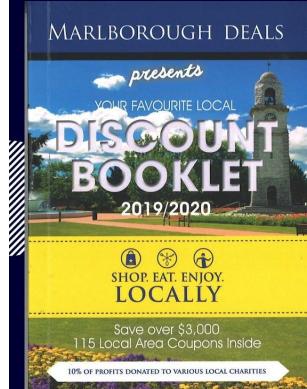
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With **Marlborough Deals Booklet**

Enjoy 115 offers from 24 local businesses.



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savings of more than
\$3000, while contributing
to our fundraiser, with
every booklet purchased.

Booklets available
from our school office
for \$79.99



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