Newsletter Term 1 Week 6

St Mary's School Blenheim - Friday 10th March 2023

Te hikoi me nga waewae e rua o te aroha

Walking with two feet of Love

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou Te Kura O Hato Mere Whanau

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What a stunning day and a beautiful week it has been. A bit of rain in the evenings to keep our lawns and gardens going and plenty of sunshine to help our vitamin levels and put smiles on our faces during the day.

Remember to stop, take stock and appreciate the world we live in, the beautiful surroundings and the power of God and the Holy Spirit on our souls and the world around us. We are blessed to be alive and living in this wondrous place. Marlborough certainly helps this as it has so much wonder and amazement.

It has been a very reflective week for myself personally and also the staff as we continue our professional learning through the use of a wonderful book and document called Niho Taniwha. This book has not only

challenged us personally on many levels but has also allowed us to have open discussions and look at our future as a school and how we as kaiako act, react, interact with all of our stakeholders. It is actually really liberating and challenging. Exciting times for all involved in our kura this year as we look to develop our strategic plan and stunning future.

Classroom Walkthroughs are next week. I am looking forward to catching up with all of you and being able to have a chat as you navigate through our incredible grounds and classrooms. You will be able to have a look at the new doors that have just been put in place. Room 1 has the new door in place and so does Rooms 4 and 5. We await the carpet and painting to be completed in those spaces so we can return Mrs Middleton and the children to that space.

Loads happening here as per usual with regards to buildings and landscape development. I will keep you updated with regards to all the goings on inside the fences.

As many have commented, we have advertised the teaching positions available here at school. We have had a strong response and I am currently going through all of the applicants. The closing date for applications is the end of Week 8 so still a bit of time for people to submit their CV's. As soon as we interview I will be able to announce the successful candidates. This will be before the end of the term.

Have a wonderful weekend. Enjoy God's gifts to us, especially your children and wider whanau.

May God bless you all,

Yours 'In Christ's Light'

Paddy Dowling

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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	***Manaaki Tangata***	***Haere Whakamua***
Care for the land	*Care for the people*	*Go ahead*

John Dew Newsletter

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Parish Newsletter - No.06. 05 March 2023

Kia ora te Kura O hato Mere Whanau,

The NZEI Primary Teachers Association has advised all schools across Aotearoa that teachers who are a member of NZEI and other teachers and Principals associations will be taking strike action on Thursday 16th March.
School will be closed on this day and will reopen again for formal instruction on Friday 17th march at 8:30am.

Thank you in advance for supporting all our teachers.

In Christ's Light

Upcoming Events

Room 9 Pine Valley Day Trip	Monday 13 March
Room 3 Pine Valley Day Trip	Tuesday 14 March
Classroom Walkthroughs	Tuesday 14 March
St Mary's Friends Meeting	Wednesday 15 March
Teachers Strike - No School	***Thursday 16 March***
Room 6 Pine Valley Day Trip	Thursday 16 March
School Assembly	Monday 20 March, 2-3pm
Room 4 Pine Valley Day Trip	Tuesday 21 March
Room 8 Pine Valley Overnight Camp	Wednesday 22 - Thursday 23 March
Year 5 - 8 Fundamentals Skills	Monday 27 - Friday 31 March
Holy Week	Monday 3 - 6 April
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 6 April - 3pm
Good Friday	Friday 7 April
Holy Saturday	Saturday 8 April
Easter Sunday	Sunday 9 April
Easter Monday	Monday 10 April
Teacher Only Day	Monday 24 April
Anzac Day	Tuesday 25 April
School starts - First Day of Term 2	Wednesday 26 April

What's Been Happening at St Mary's

Beatitude Award

Congratulations to the following students who received a 'Beatitude Award' Term 1 Week 6

Chloe, Nikolai, Kenshin, Saane, Zinzan, Meila
Absent: Kaloni, Enitta, Aavin, PJ, Emma, Joseph, Olivia, Jared

Student Leaders Badging

ENVIRO PRUNING

On Tuesday the 24th of February we were very privileged to have a nice lady called Angela come to school to teach the enviro group about pruning the fruit trees. We got to use some blue ribbon to tie around bits of the fruit trees to know which branches to cut off. We learned that fruit trees are kind of like us, they need to stay healthy all year long. Thank you to Angela for coming and teaching us about the environment. That is all from the enviro group and don't forget to stay environmentally friendly!

St. Patrick's Day

"Friday the 17th of March is St Patrick's Day, please bring a gold coin, to put in the leprechaun's pot of gold, which will be donated to cyclone Gabrielle. Wear a green outfit but please know that this is NOT a mufti day. Thank you and be ready for some fun activities!"

Sports News

REGISTER AT
WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/CENTRALRUGBY
SATURDAY 25TH MARCH
11AM -1PM
CENTRAL
JUNIORS
MUSTER DAY
CENTRAL CLUB ROOMS
34 LANSDOWNE ST
JAB RUGBY 2023
FREE BOUNCY CASTLE & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

MARLBOROUGH BASKETBALL ASSN
PRESENTS
NBL
PRE-SEASON
SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023
MAIN GAME TIP OFF 2:30PM
CURTAIN RAISER: FROM 12PM
Nelson
GIANTS
SINCE 1982
VS
SAINTS
TICKETS: $10 PP (BOOKING FEE APPLIES)
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
EVENTBRITE.CO.NZ
EMAIL: INFO@MARLBOROUGHBASKETBALL.CO.NZ OR PH 027376 7017

Get your entries in. Event 4 of the BP Computers Summer Sizzler Series - 14th March 2023 - Harling Park/Witherlea School.
Entries close 9pm Sunday 12th March
Venues and dates may change at short notice, all updates will be posted on Facebook
Enter Here: https://event-11619-37e9.lilregie.com/

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