



School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 , 2026



The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for World Missions Day 2026: "One in Christ, united in mission." The worldwide celebration in 2026 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Day's establishment by Pope Pius XI. Celebrating a century of

global solidarity, prayer, and support for the Church's missionary work in poor and remote areas around the world.

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Welcome back to the final term of the year! We have a busy term ahead, with assessments beginning next week and teachers hard at work preparing students to succeed. There are many exciting events coming up throughout the term, which we will highlight in each newsletter as they approach. To help you plan ahead, a full list of Term 4 events can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Photos Tuesday 20 October

Please send back envelopes with photo orders by this Tuesday (20th) morning.

Athletics Day – Thursday 5 November

Our annual Athletics Day with St Mary's Catholic School, Putāruru, will be held on Thursday 5 November. A permission and parent-help letter will be sent home soon requesting support with transporting students to and from the venue. Please keep an eye out for this, as well as further details regarding the schedule and event outline, which will be emailed closer to the time.

Swimming Lessons – 23–27 November

Our daily swimming lessons will take place from Monday 23 November to Friday 27 November at the Tokoroa Pools. Further details regarding schedules will be sent out closer to the time.

Ag Day Highlights

Congratulations to Hannah, Zoe, and Lincoln, who recently took part in Ag Day! All three students did a fantastic job showcasing their pet calves. Super effort, well done!



Fundraiser for Nepal

Thank you to all those who donated and purchased items at the white elephant stall run by Ronalli last term. We raised \$617.50 and we sent the money through Caritas, a Catholic organisation, who help people in Nepal affected by devastating landslides. This is the reply email we were sent.

Kia ora Brigit,

I just wanted to reach out and say a very big thank you for the amazing support your school community showed in raising funds for Caritas. Please express our heartfelt thanks to everyone at Bishop Edward Gaines Catholic School - Tokoroa for your generous donation of \$617.50.

The situation in Nepal is a challenging one with so many families having lost food supplies, cooking equipment and household belongings. Caritas has established community kitchens and dispatched food supplies to provide meals for hundreds of affected families. Tarpaulins, blankets and sleeping mats are also being distributed as people shelter outdoors or in temporary accommodation. The donation from Bishop Edward Gaines Catholic School - Tokoroa will support the emergency response and support long-term recovery efforts alongside local partners in Nepal.

Thank you once again for your generous support.

God Bless

Joe Ready

Mission Advisor

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Term 4 Dates:

- End of year assessments - week 2-4
- Photos 20 October
- Life Education 27 October
- Athletics 5 November
- Education Review Office 18-19 November
- Interschool athletics 20th of November
- Swimming lessons 23-27 November
- International Food Feast - 1 December
- End of Year Prize-giving: Thursday 10th of December (time tbc)
- Fun Day: Friday 11th of December
- School ends Monday 14 December

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