



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School

Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

NEWSLETTER

Mena ka taea e koe te moemoea ka taea e koe

If you can dream it you can do it

Theme: 'The Me I Want to Be'
'Ko āku hiahia he tutuki pai i āku wawata'

MARIST

Excellence in learning and behaviour

We work hard

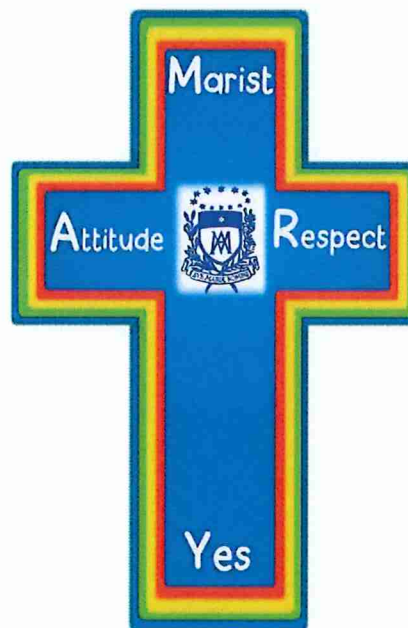
Kia mahi tahi tatou

ATTITUDE

Positive can-do attitude

We don't give up

Ngakau rekatoū



RESPECT

Consideration for ourselves,
others

And the environment

We are caring and helpful

Manaakitangatou

YES

Yes to following in the footsteps of Jesus

We say Yes to doing the right thing

Kia mahi pono tahi tatou ki e mahi
tikatou

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

7 th Mar	-	Swimming Sports @ Glenshea Park
12 th Mar	-	Interschool swimming sports @ Glenshea Park
17 th Mar	-	St Patrick's Day
19 th Mar	-	Paid Union Meeting
23 rd Mar	-	Palm Sunday – School Mass

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

Hello from the Mobile Dental Team,

The dental team are planning to be at St Mary's. The mobile unit will be moved onsite 8th March and opening on 11th March.

We will not be pre booking appointment times for the children to attend from class unless you would like to attend with your child, in this case please call us on 021 684 334 and we will make an appointment.

Otherwise if your child is well and at school, we will go ahead and get them from class for their check-ups according to your consent we hold on our system. They will then be issued with consent forms and information. Please check for any forms that need to be signed and returned.

Please contact us for an appointment if you have any preschool age children for their dental exam.

We are looking forward to seeing you,

Alien Homan	Jess Warner
Kris Belfield	Sarah Bedford
Dental Therapists	Dental Assistants

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand



STARSHIP RAFFLE

Our Social Justice Group have been selling raffle tickets to raise money for Starship foundation – they raised \$200. The winner of the raffle was Aenon Aneesh Paul – congratulations Aenon.



SWIMMING SPORTS

Thursday 7th March.

Senior students will be leaving school at 9am and walking to Glenshea Park – their swimming races will start at 9:30am. Senior racing is expected to finish around 2:30 – students can be collected from Glenshea or they will be walking back to school – students are NOT allowed to walk home unless we receive notification from parents.

Junior students will be leaving school at 10:30am and walking to Glenshea Park- their swimming races will start at 11:00am. Junior racing is expected to finish around 12:30 – students can be collected from Glenshea or they will be walking back to school.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These are being held on Wednesday 27th March from 1:30-6:00pm. These can be booked using the SKOOL LOOP app – appointments are set up now so feel free to book your slot. **We would appreciate it, if you can, that students are collected at lunchtime,** but if you are unable to do this (and for our bus students) – students will be supervised at school.



SKOOL LOOP

We use Skool Loop as one of our methods of communication to our school community, so please download the app on your mobile phone.



PUTĀRURU JUNIOR SPORT NEWS

We are very happy to announce our new Junior Sports Co-ordinator and Putāruru Community Hub Administrator – Shayla Rata.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, can you please let Sandra in the office know as early as possible. You can email her (office@stmarysput.school.nz), phone the office (07 885 1006), or you can record the absence using Skool Loop. It is very important that the school is informed of absences as we have to record them correctly for the Ministry of Education. With Ministry checking attendance, we need children to attend every day unless they are sick – and the school needs to be informed.



CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing the correct school uniform – especially shoes. (Please also name ALL uniform clearly). Shoes should be black or brown Roman sandals or plain black enclosed shoes (grey socks with two blue bands for boys or white socks for girls). **Crocs are not part of our sports uniform (or any part of our uniform).**



SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have a new school website – this has a multitude of information including all important dates, newsletters, notices etc etc. Please take a look <https://www.stmarysput.school.nz/>

SHOW QUEST

Show Quest practices start on the 14th March from 3:30-4:30.

HOT CROSS BUNS

We are receiving payments into the school bank account for hot cross buns but we are not getting the order forms back – can you please ensure that order forms are returned to the office asap. If you haven't paid for your order yet, please can you do so. Thank you.

The final date for order forms to be returned is the 14th March.



PTA – EASTER RAFFLE

The PTA are running an Easter raffle and kindly ask families to make a donation for the Easter Baskets – donations should be Easter related but do not have to be eggs. Please hand donations in to the school office by Friday 8th March. Thank you to those families who have already donated.

A poster for an Easter raffle. The background is white with a border of colorful Easter eggs. The text is centered and reads: 'HAPPY EASTER' in large blue letters, followed by a small illustration of a rabbit. Below that, it says 'Hop into Easter Weekend with the chance to win:' followed by a list of prizes: '❖ one of 3 Easter Baskets' and '❖ a load of Fire Wood'. Then it says 'We kindly ask that all families please donate an item towards these raffle baskets. (Donations don't need to be Easter related)'. At the bottom, it says 'Please hand into St Mary's Reception by Friday 8th March Tickets will go home with students and are on sale from Monday 11th March' and 'Funds to go towards Charging Cows for the students Chromebooks'.



PAID UNION MEETING

Our teachers are attending a Paid Union Meeting on Tuesday 19th March – if possible, can you please collect your children by 12:30pm ... children who cannot be collected will be supervised at school by Mrs MacKenzie and Mrs McChlery.



The dates for the next Baptism Preparation Course will be Monday's 11th and 25th March at 7pm - 8:30pm in the parish centre.

These courses - a prerequisite for parents seeking to have a child Baptised - consist of two 90 minute sessions. Expectant parents are most welcome to attend.

To register or for more information contact Bernie Farrell 021 2973595

Reminder for children and parents participating in the Sacramental Programme the next session is this Sunday after 9:30am Mass.

St Patrick's Parish Sacramental Programme 2024 First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are pleased to announce that the Sacramental Programme for 2024 will be starting this term. We are looking forward to witnessing our young people confirm their faith, through the three Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. This year, the celebration will be held on **Sunday 5th May 2024**. Children who are eligible to receive these Sacraments this year (baptised Year 4 students and above) will need to fill in an enrolment form and return by or bring to the parent information session on Sunday 18th February to stpatricksputaruru@gmail.com or the school office

The programme for this preparation is as follows:

Sessions:	Date:	Time:	Venue:
Parent Information	Sunday 18th February	10.45am - 11.00	School Staff Room
Session 1 (Reconciliation)	Monday 26th February	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
Session 2 (Reconciliation)	Sunday 3rd March	10.45am - 12 noon	School Staff Room
Reconciliation Evening	To be confirmed -	TBC	St Patrick's Church
Session 3 (Confirmation)	Monday 11th March	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
St Patrick's Feast Day Parish Pot Luck Lunch	Sunday 17th March	10.45 - 12 noon	Parish Centre
Session 4 (Confirmation) Kids	Monday 18th March	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
Session 4 (Confirmation) Parents	Monday 18th March	7pm - 8:15pm	Parish Centre
Session 5 (Eucharist)	Monday 25th March	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
Session 6 (Eucharist)	Sunday 7th April	10.45am - 12 noon	School Staff Room
Session 8 (Eucharist and review/finish up)	Monday 8th April	3.15 - 4.30pm	Parish Centre
Confirmation/First Holy Communion Final Practice	Monday 29th April	3.15pm - 4.30pm	St Patrick's Church
Confirmation/First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 5th May	9:30am Start	St Patrick's Church

Please note that the **parent meetings** highlighted in yellow are an opportunity for you to be informed about the programme and learn how to support and prepare your child to receive the Sacraments.

At least 1 parent is expected to be at these sessions.

If you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to email jonathan@stmaryspu.school.nz , angelinanz@hotmail.com or jandbfarrell@gmail.com

Kind Regards and God Bless,
Jonathan, Angelina and Bernie (on behalf of the parish sacramental team)



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14th February 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Year 7 & 8 Camp Fundraiser - Hot Cross Buns

The Year 7 & 8 students are keen to get underway with fundraising for their end of year camp Blue Mountain Adventure Centre. They would really appreciate any support they can get with this venture.

Hot Cross Buns were a popular and very successful fundraiser last year, so we are giving them another go this year. We have attached an order form to this letter. If you, your whanau, neighbours or friends are interested in ordering Hot Cross Buns, please add their names, flavours and quantities to the order form.

Payment can be made directly to our school bank account online. Please use Hot Cross Buns as a reference. If payment is made in cash, please hand in to the school office and an envelope labelled Hot Cross Buns.

Order forms **MUST** be returned to the school office by **Thursday 14th March** (absolute last date). Hot Cross Bun orders can be picked up at the School Hall on Monday 25th March from 2:30pm

School Bank Account : St Mary's School Board of Trustees 03-0418-0114136-00

Any support will be greatly appreciated

Kind regards

Clare H & Nic



HOT CROSS BUNS

CUSTOMER PRE-ORDER SHEET

Name: _____

Team: St Mary's Catholic School

All buns are \$5.00 per 6 pack with the choice of:
 Traditional Hot Cross Buns
 Choc Cross Buns
 Cranberry Cross Buns

\$1.10 from every pack sold will be donated to:
Year 7 & 8 Camp

NAME	PHONE	TRADITIONAL 6PK	CHOC 6PK	Cranberry 6PK	TOTAL OWING	NOTES/COMMENTS
Joe Bloggs	02123456	3	2	3	\$40.00	
Total:					\$	

Please return to: _____ Date: _____

A promise. Made good.

St Mary's Religious Education Newsletter

Week 5 - Term 1



What does **MARIST** actually mean?

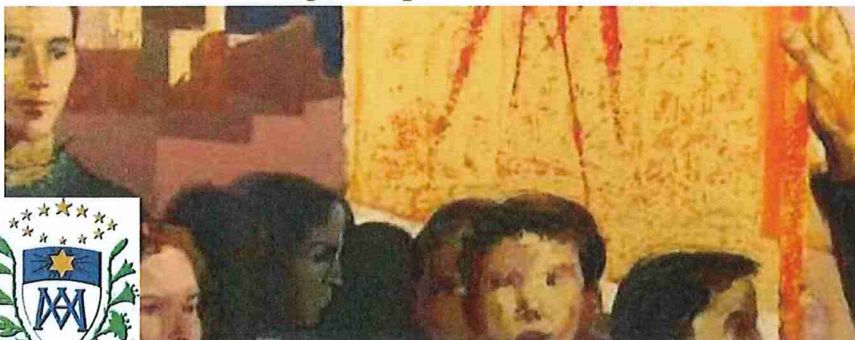
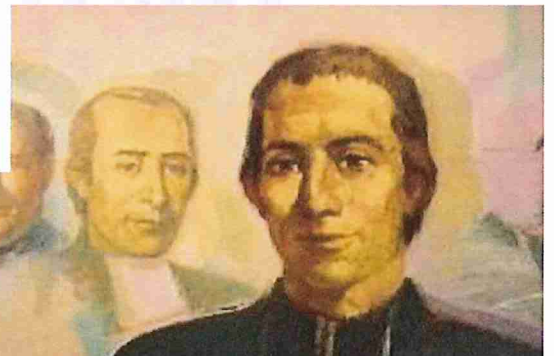
The Marist Tradition is a special part of our school, St. Mary's. It's all about the teachings of St. Marcellin Champagnat, who started the Marist order in 1817. At St. Mary's, we live by our school motto, M.A.R.Y. which means **M**: Striving for excellence in the **MARIST** tradition, **A**: having the right **ATTITUDE** towards learning, **R**: showing **RESPECT** for ourselves and others, and **Y**: saying **YES** to following in the footsteps of Jesus. The Marist Tradition emphasizes fostering a family spirit, a love for Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and a commitment to providing education and care to young people, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Central to the Marist Tradition are the Marist values, which include simplicity, humility, modesty, and a strong sense of community. Marist educators strive to instill these values in their students, guiding them to become compassionate, responsible, and well-rounded individuals who make positive contributions to society. These are all values instilled by Champagnat himself.

We also focus on growing our character and faith. At St. Mary's, we learn about the Catholic faith, pray together, and try to live like Jesus did by helping others and being kind.

Overall, the Marist Tradition at St. Mary's is about giving us a well-rounded education that helps us grow in our minds, hearts, and spirits. It's all about following the teachings of St. Marcellin Champagnat and Mary, Jesus' mother, so we can become better people and make the world a better place.

"If you want to teach young people, first you must love them. You must love them all equally." -St. Marcellin Champagnat



This term, St Mary's Catholic School has many liturgies and Masses lined up.

Check the following dates...

Everyone is welcome!

<p>St Patrick's Day Liturgy Fri. 15th March 11am St Patrick's Church</p>	<p>Palm Sunday (Saturday) Mass 23rd March 5.30pm St Patrick's Church</p>	<p>Holy Thursday Liturgy 28th March T.B.C. St Patrick's Church</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross 27th March T.B.C. St Patrick's Church</p>	<p>First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sunday, 5th May 9.30am St Patricks Church</p>
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Palm Sunday Mass is our termly school Mass.
All students are encouraged to attend.

Putaruru Community Food Bank Roster:

Thank you so much for your support!

- Week 1 - No one
- Week 2 - Room 1
- Week 3 - Room 2
- Week 4 - Room 3
- Week 5 - Room 4
- Week 6 - Room 5
- Week 7 - Room 6
- Week 8 - Room 7
- Week 9 - Room 8
- Week 10 - Staff



In terms 2, 3, and 4, food bank will coincide with the classroom room number - e.g. Room 3 - Week 3



4th Sunday of Lent

~ 10th March 2024 ~

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14 - 16, 19 - 23.

In this reading, Judah faces downfall due to disobedience to God. Despite warnings, they persist in idolatry (worshiping of false idols), leading to Babylonian conquest, temple destruction, and exile. After seventy years, Cyrus allows their return, showcasing God's mercy and faithfulness amidst consequences.

Second Reading: (Paul's letter to the..) Ephesians 2:4 - 10

In the second reading, Paul emphasizes God's mercy and love. Despite humanity's spiritual deadness due to sin, God, rich in mercy, offers salvation through Christ. It's a gift through faith, not by works, so no one can boast. We're God's workmanship, created for good works in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 3:14 - 21

In this gospel, Jesus refers to an event from the Old Testament when Moses lifted up a bronze snake in the wilderness, which saved the Israelites from death. Similarly, Jesus compares himself to this snake, symbolizing that those who believe in him will find salvation from spiritual death. He explains that God sent him not to condemn the world but to save it through belief in him. Jesus emphasizes that those who reject him do so out of love for darkness rather than light. He encourages people to come into the light, acknowledging their deeds, and following God's ways to experience eternal life.

Marist Students

Marist students are decided by the staff as fine examples of learners who always get it right! Both in learning and in attitude.

This last week we have chosen these two incredible students!



Charlotte Walsh
Room 8



Indie Hughson
Room 6