



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School

Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

NEWSLETTER

30th November 2023

Ki te kore nga putake e mākukungia e kore te rakau e tupu

If the roots of the tree are not watered, the tree will not grow

MARIST

Excellence in learning and behaviour

We work hard

Kia mahi tahi tatou

ATTITUDE

Positive can-do attitude

We don't give up

Ngakau rekatou



RESPECT

Consideration for ourselves,
others

And the environment

We are caring and helpful

Manaakitanaatou

YES

Yes to following in the footsteps of Jesus

We say Yes to doing the right thing

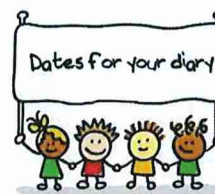
Kia mahi pono tahi tatou kit e mahi

tikatou

FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - JOY - TERM 4

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

30 th Nov	-	Flower Show / Grandparent Day
3 rd Dec	-	School Mass @ 9:30am
4-8 th Dec	-	Deck the Hall
6 th Dec	-	Fun day for the middle school
11 th Dec	-	Neighbours Concert
12 th Dec	-	End of Year prize giving & Liturgy @ 6:30pm
13th Dec	-	END OF TERM 3 (school finishes at usual time)



SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

A big congratulations to Maisy Leavai who won the Social Justice raffle.

ROOM 3 & 4 AC BATHS (TAUPO) TRIP

Room 3 & 4 (and the year 4's from Room 5) are very excited for their trip to AC Baths in Taupo. A big thank you to all parents who have offered help with transport – we really cannot do these trips without your help, it is greatly appreciated.



SCHOOL MASS

Our School Mass is on Sunday 3rd December at 9:30am. Please ensure that your child/ren are in their full school uniform for this.



FOOD BANK

We would be grateful if families could donate one item for the Food Bank in Putāruru. There is a basket in the school office for items. Thank you

CHRISTMAS FLOAT PARADE

This year the Christmas Parade is on Friday 8th December. We will be entering two floats, will have a Nativity Scene and the other will be Christmas Around the World. Permission slips have come home for those students who want to participate.

We would appreciate some offers of help to decorate our floats – if you are able to assist, can you please let Sandra, in the office, know as soon as possible.

PRIDE IN PUTARURU PRESENTS

**PUTARURU CHRISTMAS PARADE
& CHRISTMAS
IN THE PARK WITH MARKETS**

GLENSHEA PARK, FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER - 6PM

**ARE YOU A SINGER/ BAND /
PERFORMER?**

**AND ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FRIDAY
8TH DECEMBER TO PERFORM AT THE
CHRISTMAS MARKETS AT GLENSHEA
PARK?**

IF THIS IS YOU!

**CONTACT:
INFO@PRIDEINPUTARURU.COM**

FOR MORE DETAILS



Float Parade 2023

Please be at Glenshea Park
by 5.15pm - Find the St Mary's Float

Theme: Christmas around the World

Who?

Flag Bearers wearing National Sports Uniform and Santa Hats

Nativity Float	Christmas around the World Float
<p>Costume: Please wear a white t-shirt and black shorts</p> <p>Mary: provided Joseph: provided Shepherds: provided Sheep: White t-shirt and black shorts Wise men: provided</p> <p>Those costumes that are provided please wear your own clothes underneath</p> <p>Characters Mary: Joseph: Shepherds: Sheep: Wise men: Angel:</p> <p>Driver: Chris van Heuven</p>	<p>Costume: Please wear our national costume if you are on the float. Please bring your country's flag if you have it - we would love a selection of flags from around the world. If you are on Scooters please wear your country's Sports uniform Please provide your own scooter decorated in tinsel</p> <p>People on this float</p> <p>Scooters wrapped with tinsel -</p> <p>Driver: Sean McChlery</p>

Parents helping on the night: Malesa Croke, Jasmine and Chris van Heuven, Cam Sutherland

Teachers: Mrs MacKenzie, Mrs McChlery, Miss Henderson

ST MARY'S SCHOOL P.T.A PRESENTS

Deck the Hall

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY
"LIGHTING UP PUTĀRURU FOR CHRISTMAS"

*Tuesday 5th -
Saturday 9th December*

*St Mary's School Hall
Open Daily 6pm - 8pm
Kensington Street, Putāruru
Gold Coin Donation*

FAMILY EVENING

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Family Evening yesterday – it was a great turnout and everyone had a great time. A big thank you to Matua Justin for all his hard work with our Kapa Haka groups, their performance was excellent. Also, a big thank you to Whaea Tere & Whaea Malesa for their hard work organising the evening.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC RESULTS

Winners of the Putāruru School of Music end of year awards

GUITAR

**Chords Merit Award
Best 1st Year Student**

Molly Leavai
Nyla Porter



KEYBOARD

**Beginner Merit Award
Intermediate Merit Award
Senior Merit Award**

Athea Benis & Harper Bucknell
Abiya Shibu
Skye Emperado

Gaindner Trophy

Best overall 1st Year Student

Nyla Porter

Keown Trophy

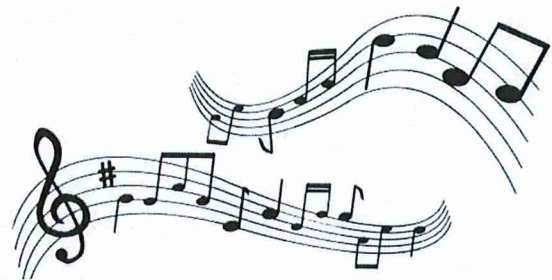
For best overall 1st Year Student

Skye Emperado

Heslop Family Trophy

For the top overall student of 2023

Skye Emperado



Congratulations!

TOUCH DRAW

Draw will be emailed out as soon as it is received.

TOUCH TEAMS

Year 7 & 8 - Touch Teams					
Red		Green		Orange	
CAMPBELL	Greer	BARRY	Noah	BATSON	Caleb
CASSELS	Brianna	BEAZLEY	Jaco	CLARK	Caleb
FARRELL	Toby	CHERRY	Eden-Dawn	DEIPARINE	Joy
HAYWARD	Thomas	CHRISTENSEN	Toby	GUNA WARDHANA	Lithula
HENARE	Myriah	McCHLERY	Ciara	LLUBIT	Bianca
McGUIRE	Liam	PRIESTLEY	TJ	McCHLERY	Orla
NEGI	Divyanshu	WALSH	Charlotte	ROSE-SPRAGG	Aiden
SUTTON	Alex	WERAHIKO	Jahdyn	ROSE-SPRAGG	Aliesha
TE WHAITI	Maz			WERAHIKO	Carlos
VAN DER HEYDEN	Korben				
Coach - Kirby		Coach - Waylon		Parent - Sarah Clark	

Year 5 & 6 - Touch Teams			
Blue		Purple	
BEGBIE	Ava	ANDREWS	Lola
CHERRY	Allura	CROKE	Fionn
COLMAN	Hannah	HYSLOP	Max
FARRELL	Octavia	McNICHOLL	Sofia
HENARE	Scarlet	OGLE	Lincoln
MANSELL-BENNETT	Caden	OGLE	Honour
NICHOLLS	Cienna	PRIESTLEY	Isabella
ORMSBY	Koby	ROGERS	Rebecca
PAKI	Hendrix	ROSE-SPRAGG	Violet
SIELY-CONWAY	Cade		
VAN DER HEYDEN	Ryder		
Coach - Tere-Anne			

TOUCH TEAMS

Year 3 & 4 - Touch Teams			
Yellow		Pink	
ANDERSON	Lyla	BURDON	Ashton
ANDERSON	Kaiya	HYSLOP	Lance
BARRY	Isla	JOHNSTON	Aurora
COLMAN	Caleb	LOP	William
CONWAY	Ruby	LOP	Charlie
CROKE	Cillian	PAKI	Ada-Dawn
GURUNG	Alvin	PATON	Bailey
LEAVAI	Molly	PERERA	Gavin
MATCHITT	Julian	STEWART	Isla
MONTERO	Clarke		
SHARMA	Hayaan	Coach - Tere-Anne	
STENSON	Quinn		
Coach - Justin			

Year 1 & 2 - Touch Teams					
Sky		Sea		Forest	
CHAUHAN	Ekam	ANDREWS	Arlo	BUCKLEY	Prisha
HUGHSON	Kenzie	CONWAY	Stella	CROKE	Niamh
McCHLERY	Tadhg	FARRELL	Sienna	HEAYSMAN	Lucas
PIKIA	Harper	MONTERO	Kheana	OGLE	Rejoyce
RATA	Denton	OGLE	Brooklin	ORMSBY	Lachlan
WELLINGTON	Ieshea	ORMSBY	Cooper	SIELY-CONWAY	Jaxon
WOODS	Harry	TEBRIO	LJ	WHITE	Emilia
		VAN DER HEYDEN	Harper	WOODS	Mikah
Coach - Blaze		Coach - Courtney		Coach - Malesa	

St Mary's Religious Education Newsletter

Week 8 - Term 4

27th - 1st, November - December

Advent:

A Season of Hope and Preparation

Advent, derived from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming," is the season observed by Christians worldwide as a time of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. In the Catholic Church, Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year, starting on Sunday closest to November 30.

Lasting four weeks, Advent serves as a period of reflection, penance, and joyful expectation. The liturgical colour for Advent is purple, symbolizing penance and royalty, with a rose-colored candle lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, representing joy.

During Advent, Catholics focus on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. Traditionally, an Advent wreath with four candles, one for each week, is used as a visual reminder of the approaching celebration. Each candle represents a specific theme, and as the weeks progress, additional candles are lit, symbolizing the increasing light of Christ.

It is a time of spiritual preparation, encouraging Christians to reflect on the significance of Christ's first coming and to eagerly anticipate His promised return. As we journey through Advent, may the season inspire hope in our hearts and a renewed commitment to living out the message of Christ in our daily lives!

**Grandparents' Day
Liturgy**

**Thursday 30th
November**
St Patrick's Church
10.15am

Whole School Mass

Sunday 3rd December
St. Patrick's Church
9.30am

**End of Year Liturgy
& Prizegiving**

**Tuesday 12th
December**
St. Patrick's Church
6.30pm

1st Sunday of Advent - 3rd December



Reading Summaries



- First Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

This passage is a poetic and prophetic passage that envisions a future time when all nations will come to the mountain of the Lord to learn from Him. The passage speaks of a time of peace and harmony, where weapons of war will be turned into tools for agriculture, and nations will no longer engage in conflict. The vision is one of universal peace and the establishment of God's righteous kingdom on earth. This passage is often interpreted as a vision of the Messianic era when God's reign will bring about a transformation of the world into a place of justice and tranquility.

- Second Reading:

Romans 13:11-14 is a passage where the Apostle Paul urges believers to recognize the closeness of salvation. He advises them to cast off sinful behavior, live in the light of Christ, and be morally vigilant in anticipation of the imminent return of Christ and the establishment of God's kingdom.

- Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44

Matthew 24:37-44 is a passage where Jesus speaks about the unpredictability of His second coming. He uses the analogy of Noah's time, emphasizing that people should be spiritually prepared, as His return will be sudden and unexpected. The message is to stay watchful and ready for the coming of the Son of Man.



1st Sunday of Advent

GOSPEL PRAYER



Heavenly Father,

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, we echo the words of Your Son urging us to be watchful and stay awake, for we know not the hour of His return. Grant us the grace to be vigilant in faith, to let the light of Christ dispel the darkness of doubt, and to be faithful stewards of the time and talents You have given us. As we eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth and await His promised return, may this season be a time of deep reflection, connection with You, and a renewed commitment to living out the Gospel message.

May the lighting of the first Advent candle signify the growing anticipation and preparation in our hearts. In the name of Jesus Christ, who came, who comes, and who will come again, we pray.

Amen.

Putaruru Community Food Bank Roster:

ITEMS IN NEED...

Condiments, spreads, pasta sauces, toilet paper.

Thank you so much for your support!

- Week 1 - Room 1
- Week 2 - Room 2
- Week 3 - Room 3
- Week 4 - Room 4
- Week 5 - Room 5
- Week 6 - Room 6
- Week 7 - Room 7
- Week 8 - Room 8
- Week 9 - Staff
- Week 10 - Staff



Marist Students

Well done to these two students who have shown the Marist values to the best of their abilities in everything they do!



Bella Evangelista - Room 6



Cillian Croke - Room 4