



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

NEWSLETTER – 16th October 2025

SchoolDocs Login for parents

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All school policies and procedures are here for you to see
Go to Governance Documents on our school website

*Theme: "Walking in Hope and Love"
E haere ana i runga i te tumanako me aroha*

MARIST

Excellence in learning and behaviour
We work hard



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
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

5 MacKenzie Street, Putāruru. Phone (07) 885 1006. Mobile 027 333 3445. Email office@stmarysput.school.nz

DATES TO NOTE

22 nd October	-	Amazing Race
23 rd October	-	Teacher Strike – school closed
31 st October	-	School Mass – All Saints & Souls (time to be confirmed)
6 th November	-	School Athletics @ Glenshea Park
10 th November	-	Teacher Only Day – school closed

TEACHER STRIKE

Teachers and support staff who are NZEI members will be on strike on **Thursday 23rd October** – please note that this means school will not be open that day. We thank you for supporting our teachers who are in negotiation to get the resources and pay to attract and keep quality professionals in our schools.

On behalf of St Mary's School Board of Trustees

TEACHER ONLY DAY

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Monday 10th November – our teachers will be going to St Mary's Rotorua for a Religious Education Curriculum Day. Please note – school will not be open that day

UNIFORM

Reminder that **Term 4 is Summer Uniform** – this means that ALL students must have a school hat on each day when playing outside – these are available for purchase at the office if you do not already have one.

GIRLS

Blue & white checked dress
Short white socks
Brown or black Roman sandals
School sweatshirt or polar fleece
School jacket

BOYS

Short sleeved grey shirt
Grey shorts (lightweight)
Brown or black Roman sandals
School sweatshirt or polar fleece
School jacket

Girls should be wearing white ankle socks (or knee length socks) – blue socks are our winter uniform.

ABSENCES

Please remember that you **have** to notify the school about absences – **ALL** absences **must** be reported as these are monitored on a daily basis by the Ministry of Education. If

You can email the school (office@stmarysput.school.nz), call the school 07 885 1006 (if the phone is not answered please leave a message) – or you can use the Skool Loop app on your phone.

If your child is late to school, please ensure they pop to the office to let us know they have arrived so that we can mark them accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this and ensuring the school are kept informed of absences.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help with the sausage sizzle for Term 4.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH ANY OF THE WEEKS MISSING BELOW – PLEASE LET SANDRA KNOW

Friday 17 th October	-	Yazmine & Dougie Ward
Friday 24 th October	-	Bernie Farrell & Daphne Missirlis
Friday 31 st October	-	Kirby van der Heyden
Friday 7 th November	-	??
Friday 14 th November	-	??
Friday 21 st November	-	Reuben Read
Friday 28 th November	-	??
Friday 5 th December	-	Kirby van der Heyden
Friday 12 th December	-	??



Sausages are \$2.00 each and you can pay cash to the classroom teacher or pay online to:

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

HEALTH & SAFETY

To our parents/whānau members who collect their children from the Mackenzie Street gate – can you please, please ensure that you use the crossing to cross your children (and yourselves) over the road. This is a busy road and we would be devastated if anything bad was to happen.

There is always a staff member on duty at the gate, who is keeping an eye on students leaving school and crossing the road, however, if you are collecting your children, we would really appreciate you using the correct place to cross the road as we are trying to instil this in our students when they are crossing at breaks to go to the field.

With regards to the Kensington Street car park pick up – please ensure that you park in a proper spot. Please also do NOT drive up the school driveway – this is a no go area from 2:30pm to ensure the safety of our departing students.

As a reminder also, this is a one-way driveway, please do not access from State Highway 1.



Kiwi Competitions 2025 – Congratulations to Our Students!

Last term, a small group of students from years 6 to 8 took part in the Kiwi Competitions, a series of National, online exams in English, Mathematics, and Science. These competitions are written by New Zealand teachers and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum. They are designed to be very challenging, allowing students to test their skills in a competitive environment.

We're proud of all the students who participated and congratulate them on their fantastic results!

English

- Hannah Colman – *Achieved*
- Mackenzie Knap – *Achieved*
- Octavia Farrell – *Merit*
- Emily Loughnan – *Excellence*

Mathematics

- Maia White – *Achieved*
- Mackenzie Knap – *Achieved*
- Hannah Colman – *Achieved*
- Indie Hughson – *Achieved*
- Brandon Salazar – *Merit*
- Emily Loughnan – *Merit*
- Octavia Farrell – *Merit*
- Brian Emperado – *Merit*

Science

- Maia White – *Achieved*
- Brandon Salazar – *Achieved*
- Emily Loughnan – *Achieved*
- Fionn Croke – *Achieved*

Ka rawe! We're proud of all of you for giving it your best and representing our school so well!



AG DAY

Another very successful AG Day – thank you to everyone who helped organise this event - results

Calves

Intermediate Leading

- 1st – Laura Haigh
- 2nd – Octavia Farrell
- 3rd – Cade Siely-Conway

Junior Leading

- 1st – Mikah Woods
- 2nd – Jaxon Siely-Conway
- 3rd – Lachlan Ormsby

Intermediate Rearing & Grooming

- 1st – Laura Haigh
- 2nd – Dylan-Lee Edhouse
- 3rd – Koby Ormsby

Junior Rearing & Grooming

- 1st – Mikah Woods
- 2nd – Lachlan Ormsby
- 3rd – Bodhi Woods

Dairy Type – Light/Aryshire

- 1st – Koby Ormsby
- 2nd – Laura Haigh
- 3rd – Cooper Ormsby

CHAMPION DAIRY TYPE – Harry Woods
RESERVE CHAMPION – Mikah Woods

Bull/Beef

- 1st – Indie Hughson
- 2nd – Kenzie Hughson
- 3rd – Bodhi Woods

Lambs

Intermediate Leading

- 1st – Layla van Heuven
- 2nd – Fionn Croke
- 3rd – Nico Farrell

Junior Leading

- 1st – Isabella White
- 2nd – Levi Hughson
- 3rd – Remy Farrell

Intermediate Call, Follow, Catch

- 1st – Fionn Croke
- 2nd – Auguste Farrell
- 3rd – Layla van Heuven

Junior Call, Follow, Catch

- 1st – Isabella White
- 2nd – Remy Farrell
- 3rd – Luca Hughson

Senior Leading

- 1st – Athena Wellington
- 2nd – Cooper Ormsby
- 3rd – Kenzie Hughson

CHAMPION LEADING – Laura Haigh
RESERVE CHAMPION – Octavia Farrell

Senior Rearing & Grooming

- 1st – Harry Woods
- 2nd – Kenzie Hughson
- 3rd – Indie Hughson

CHAMPION REARING & GROOMING – Harry Woods
RESERVE CHAMPION – Mikah Woods

Dairy Type - Heavy

- 1st – Harry Woods
- 2nd – Mikah Woods
- 3rd – Lachlan Ormsby

SPECIAL EFFORT (HARPER TROPHY) – Harper van der Heyden
JUDGES CHOICE (HAYWOOD CUP) – Harry Woods

Senior Leading

- 1st – Sienna Farrell
- 2nd – Xavier Watson
- 3rd – Evie Herbert

CHAMPION LEADING – Layla van Heuven
RESERVE CHAMPION – Sienna Farrell

Senior Call, Follow, Catch

- 1st – Evie Herbert
- 2nd – Xavier Watson
- 3rd – Sienna Farrell

CHAMPION CALL, FOLLOW, CATCH – Evie Herbert
RESERVE CHAMPION – Fionn Croke

Intermediate Rearing & Grooming

1st – Auguste Farrell
2nd – Nico Farrell
3rd – Fionn Croke

Senior Rearing & Grooming

1st – Xavier Watson
2nd – Sienna Farrell
3rd – Emilia White

Junior Rearing & Grooming

1st – Niamh Croke
2nd – Remy Farrell
3rd – Luca Hughson

CHAMPION REARING & GROOMING – Xavier Watson
RESERVE CHAMPION – Auguste Farrell

Overall Champion Intermediate Lamb – van Heuven Family Cup – Fionn Croke

Overall Champion Senior Lamb – Eaton Cup – Xavier Watson

Overall Champion Junior Lamb – Putaruru Tractor Service Cup – Isabella White

Overall Champion Lamb – Oraka Heights Agricultural Club Cup – Xavier Watson

Kids

Leading & Obstacle

1st – Elizabeth Stratton

Rearing & Grooming

1st – Elizabeth Stratton

Overall Champion Kid – The Burger Cup – Elizabeth Stratton



Wearable Arts Results

AG

Theme – Animal Kingdom

Winner	Princess of Atlantis	Harper Bucknell
Second	The Elegant, Powerful Peacock	Aleea Berger Mueller
Third	Mr Gorilla	Ahlecc Latoken
Merit	Party Kiwi	Fionn Croke

Duo

Winner	R & R Trophy Room	Rhys McGuire & Ryder van der Heyden
Second	Cinderella & Prince Charming	Octavia & Nico Farrell
Third	The Men in Black	Cade Siely-Conway & Koby Ormsby
Merit	Battle of Marlin & Fisherman	Rory & Jimmy Nicholas

Black & White

Winner	Something like Cruella	Adelaide Walsh
Second	Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Lois Lane	Lola Andrews
Third	The Black & White Princess	Ella Birks
Merit	2PUG	Jesse Stretton

Fantasy

Winner	Queen of Autumn	Hannah Colman
Second	An Angel of Light	Emily Loughnan
Third	NZ Natural	Ava Begbie
Merit	Wing Fairy	Faith Deiparine

Most Wearable – Van Dyks

The Puzzler – Auguste Farrell

Steinie Rock Star Award

Cindy Lou & The Grinch – Honour & Lincoln Ogle

Stage Personality – JK Podiatry

Party Kiwi – Fionn Croke

Principal Award

Queen of the Kingdom – Cienna Nicholls

Supreme Award – Graham Brown

R & R Trophy Room – Rhys McGuire & Ryder van der Heyden

Best use of Recycled Materials – Rotary Putaruru

Philippine Eagle – Brandon Salazar

Congratulations to you all

R & R Trophy Room



SUPREME AWARD

Philippine Eagle



**BEST USE OF
RECYCLED MATERIALS**

Queen of the Kingdom



PRINCIPAL AWARD

Party Kiwi



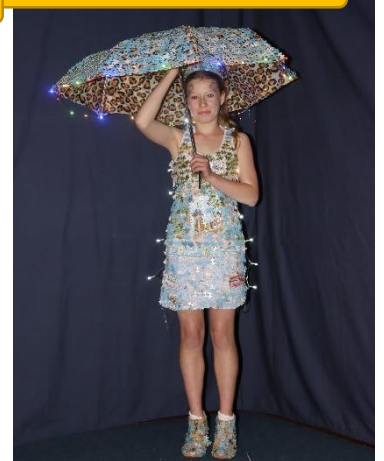
STAGE PERSONALITY

Cindy Lou & The Grinch



STEINIE ROCKSTAR

The Puzzler



MOST WEARABLE

1st



2nd



DUO

3rd

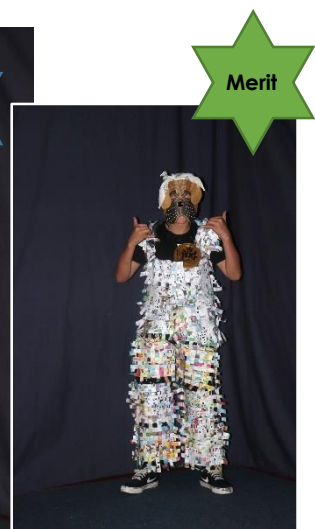


Merit





FANTASY



BLACK & WHITE



THEME

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all our sponsors, judges, parents, teachers, support staff and of course our wonderful PTA



McChlery Family	JK Podiatry	Van Dyks
Pr_pikitia	Graham Brown	Notting Hill
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Steinies Hair Masters Waihi	Jocelyn van der Heyden	
Grant Johns	Hughson Holding	Four Square Putaruru
Brown Logging	Better Eggs	
The Cow	Hammer Hardware	

Judges

Nadine Stafford Kereta Anderson Jesse Bacon



Rocio Farnell Hayden Pringle

&
Putaruru Fire Brigade



PUTARURU ATHLETICS CLUB



SEASON OPENING!



GLENSHEA PARK



WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER



5:30PM

**Come along to our first club night and
see what athletics is all about!**

It's a great way for kids to get active,
learn new skills, and have fun with friends.

COME ALONG AND REGISTER!

FEES \$20 per child
\$10 per additional child
maximum of \$40 a family

EVERYONE WELCOME – SEE YOU THERE!

TOUCH

Please find draw & teams below

WEEK 2 - 17th October					
4:00	1	Pukeatua Speedsters	vs	St Mary's Playmakers	3 & 4
4:00	2	Pukeatua Untouchables	vs	Teina Steppers	3 & 4
4:00	3	PPS Pukeko	vs	Lichfield Torpedoes	3 & 4
4:00	4	Pukeatua Kickers	vs	St Mary's Dashers	1 & 2
4:00	5	St Mary's Warriors	vs	Teina Terrors	1 & 2
4:00	6	Tirau Titans	vs	Lichfield Touch Blacks	5 & 6
4:00	7	Tirau Tarantulas	vs	PPS Piwakawaka	5 & 6
4:00	8	Te Wautu Wolves	vs	PPS Karearea	5 & 6
4:00	9	Te Wautu Wild Cats	vs	PPS Takahe	5 & 6
4:00	BF	St Mary's Turbo	vs	PPS Kiwi	3 & 4

WEEK 2 - 17th October					
4:30	1	Te Wautu Knights	vs	Teina Tornadoes	1 & 2
4:30	2	Te Wautu Stormers	vs	PPS Tui	1 & 2
4:30	3	Arohena Piwakawaka	vs	PPS Kereru	1 & 2
4:30	4	Te Wautu Dolphins	vs	St Mary's Masters	3 & 4
4:30	5	Lichfield Typhoons	vs	Pukeatua Touchdown	3 & 4
4:30	6	Pukeatua Lightening	vs	PC Thunder	7 & 8
4:30	7	Pukeatua Side Steppers	vs	Tuakana Attackers	5 & 6
4:30	8	Pukeatua The Bros	vs	Tuakana Busters	5 & 6
4:30	9	St Mary's Swifters	vs	Arohena Tui	5 & 6

WEEK 2 - 17th October					
5:00	1	Teina Whackers	vs	Arohena Kereru	3 & 4
5:00	2	PPS Kakapo	vs	Tirau Tornadoes	3 & 4
5:00	3	Tirau Turtles	vs	PPS Kea	1 & 2
5:00	4	Tirau Turbos	vs	Lichfield Bombers	1 & 2
5:00	5	Tirau Tigers	vs	Lichfield Rockets	1 & 2
		BYE - St Mary's Meerkats			
5:00	6	St Mary's True Ferns	vs	PC Storms	7 & 8
5:00	7	St Mary's Gooseys	vs	PC Lightening	7 & 8
5:00	8	St Mary's Showsteppers	vs	PC Hurricanes	7 & 8
5:00	9	Pukeatua Thunder	vs	Te Wautu Dragons	7 & 8

Year 1 & 2 - Touch Teams			
St Mary's Dashers		St Mary's Warriors	
ANDREWS	Albie	BROLLY	Mila
CHAUHAN	Arna	BROLLY	Olive
CHERRY	Amelia	CROKE	Niamh
CONWAY	Reid	CROKE	Sinaed
ORMSBY	Lachlan	FARRELL	Remy
SIELY-CONWAY	Jaxon	HUGHSON	Luca
WELLINGTON-PRIESTLEY	Jordan-Florence	LONG-CHAUVAL	Colby
WEST	Andrew	SIMEON	Florence
		WHITE	Isabella
		WOODS	Bodhi
Coach		Coach	

Year 3 & 4 - Touch Teams					
St Mary's Masters		St Mary's Playmakers		St Mary's Turbo	
ANDREWS	Arlo	BOYD	Willow	MALLAWA ARACHCHIGE	Ranida
FARRELL	Sienna	CHAUHAN	Ekam	STEVENS	Lucy
HUGHSON	Kenzie	CONWAY	Stella	TAIAROA	Teara
McCHLERY	Tadhg	FARNELL	Mateo	VAN DER HEYDEN	Harper
ORMSBY	Cooper	HERBERT	Evie	WELLS	Theia
PAKI	Alathea	HORN	Sienna	WHITE	Emilia
TRUMPER	Ashlee	PIKIA	Harper	WOODS	Mikah
WOODS	Harry	SIMEON	Katia		
Coach		Coach		Coach	

Year 5 & 6 - Touch Teams			
St Mary's Meerkats		St Mary's Swifters	
BARRY	Isla	COLMAN	Caleb
GURUNG	Alvin	CONWAY	Ruby
HUGHSON	Indie	CROKE	Cillian
LOP	Charlie	DE CLEENE	Aria
LOP	William	FARNELL	Sofia
PAKI	Ada-Dawn	JOHNSTON	Aurora
PATON	Bailey	LATOKEN	AJ
TRUMPER	Charlotte	RHODES	Chloe
Coach	Tere-Anne	Coach	

Year 7 & 8 - Touch Teams

St Mary's True Ferns		St Mary's Gooseys		St Mary's Showsteppers	
BEGBIE	Ava	ANDREWS	Lola	ATONI	Sina-Rose
CHERRY	Allura	BIRKS	Ella	LOP	Charlotte
COLMAN	Hannah	DOYAYAG	Dean	LY	Chai
CROKE	Fionn	GARTSHORE	Lakyn	McGUIRE	Rhys
FARRELL	Auguste	MANSELL	Caden	MOSSONG	Declan
FARRELL	Octavia	PAKI	Hendrix	ORMSBY	Koby
KNAP	Mackenzie	VAN DER HEYDEN	Ryder	SIELY-CONWAY	Cade
LATOKEN	Ahlecc	WALSH	Adelaide		
LOUGHNAN	Emily				
PRIESTLEY	Isabella				
SALAZAR	Brandon	Coach	Kirby VDH		