



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

NEWSLETTER – 4th September 2025

*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 kit e mahi
tikatou

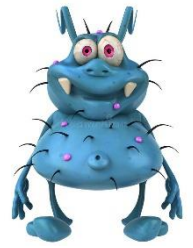
DATES TO NOTE

10th – 12th September - Production "JOSEPH"



SICKNESS

There are a lot of nasty bugs going around at the moment, it is very important that you let the school know if your child is sick. Keeping a sick child home helps them recover and helps reduce the spread to other children. Your child should stay home for 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea.



The Ministry of Education is now monitoring school attendance on a daily basis and all absences that are not explained will be flagged by them. For that reason, it is very important that the school knows the exact reason your child/ren are not present.



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.

PTA FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

You will notice that your child/ren have bought home Father's Day Raffle tickets (2 tickets per family) – if you are unable to sell your allocated tickets, please return them to Sandra in the office as we have people wanting more tickets ☺



SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our school production is JOSEPH and is being performed on Wednesday 10th September with a matinee at 12:30 and an evening show at 6:30, and Thursday 11th September an evening show at 6:30. All students from Room 1 to Room 8 are involved in the show which runs for approximately 1 hour.



YEAR 7 SPORTS CAMP

Our year 7 students are attending a sports camp at Totara Springs from the 15th September – this camp is always a massive hit with our year 7's. Thanks to all those parents who are assisting with transport and also staying to help with the camp – we really appreciate you all.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help with the sausage sizzle for Term 3.

Friday 5th September - Tess & Arizona Kaata
Friday 12th September - Erin Rhodes
Friday 19th September - Erin Rhodes

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



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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL,

PUTARURU

PRESENTS...

JOSEPH
AND THE
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

LYRICS BY TIM RICE

MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Wednesday 10th September - 12.30PM

Wednesday 10th September - 6.30PM

Thursday 11th September - 6.30PM

Tickets on Sale Now!

Inquire at the school office

SPEECHES

Year 3 & 4

- 1st - Arlo Andrews
- 2nd - Arya Mallawa Arachchige
- 3rd - Tadhg McChlery

Year 5 & 6

- 1st - Bailey Paton
- 2nd - Cillian Croke
- 3rd - Jade Cook

Year 7 & 8

- 1st - Brandon Salazar & Mackenzie Knap
- 2nd - Honour Ogle
- 3rd - Hannah Colman & Octavia Farrell



PUTARURU SCHOOLS AG DAY

Putaruru Schools Ag Day will be held on Wednesday 8th October on the St Mary's School field. Entry forms can be collected from the school office. Entries are due in by Monday 22nd September to the St Mary's School office. Preschoolers are welcome to participate – please fill in an entry form so they are included in the entrant numbers. We will also be running an optional dress-up class this year at the conclusion of the normal events for those interested – we look forward to seeing your creations!

Please ensure that ALL cups are returned to the St Mary's School office by Friday 19th September.

FEAR FACTOR

On Tuesday, 8 students went to Tokoroa to compete in "PCT Fear Factor" – this is a yearly event for Intermediate aged children to compete in a variety of mental and physical challenges. Thank you to Daniel Gartshore for being our volunteer driver ... appreciate your help (and the photos)



AIMS GAMES

AIMS Games is happening in Tauranga this week – we have sent over teams for Netball, Rippa Rugby and Indoor Bowls. Our students are having the best time and doing really well – we will hopefully have lots of photos to share next week – but in the meantime – here are our lovely netball girls. A big thank you to all parents who have assisted with transport – coaching – managing – again, we can't do these things without your help and believe us – we really appreciate it.



AIMS 2025 - St Mary's Putāruru



STEAM

A notice will be coming home today for the students mentioned below for permission to attend the STEAM day at St Mary's in Rotorua – this sounds like an exciting day and we are sure the students involved will have a fantastic time.

Next week, Friday 12 September, we have the opportunity to take part in a STEAM day at St Mary's Catholic School, Rotorua. STEAM stands for Science Technology Engineering Art and Maths. These children have been selected to attend. The day will be filled with Orienteering, Maths Challenges and Epro 8 Activities. Miss Henderson will be attending with the students. We will be leaving school at 7.45am. Please be at school by 7.30am, wearing your full sports uniform. We will be back by 3.30pm at the latest. The timetable is below for your information.

8:45 am Registration			9:10 am Greetings / Welcome		
Year 5			Year 6		
9.30 am - 10.30 am	Scratch	Library	9.30 am - 10:30 am	Orienteering	Hall
10.45 am - 12.15 pm	Maths challenges	Library	10.45 am -12.15 pm	Epro8	Hall
12.15 pm - 12.45 pm	Lunch Outside		12.15 pm - 12.45 pm	Lunch Outside	
12.45 pm -1.45 pm	Epro8	Hall	12:45 pm -1.45 pm	Maths challenges	Library
1:45 - 1:55 pm Afternoon Tea					
2.00 pm Prize Giving in the Hall					
2:10 pm Depart for home					

The teams are as follows:

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Brandon Mackenzie Isabella Dean	Honour Auguste Declan Chai	Charlotte Layla Brian Alvin	Ryder Caleb Julian Dixon





PUTĀRURU COMBINED SCHOOLS AG DAY 2025 ENTRY FORM

Please return entry form to the St Mary's School office by Monday
22nd September 2025

Wednesday 8th October 2025 10:00AM START

CHILD DETAILS

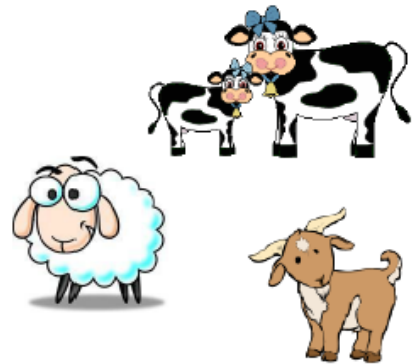
CHILD NAME: _____

CHILD DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

SCHOOL YEAR LEVEL: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ANIMAL DETAILS

PLEASE CIRCLE: CALF KID LAMB



NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

For Calves only, please complete the following:

CALF BREED: _____ True to breed () tick

Animals Home NAIT Number: _____

Animals Birth ID: _____

CALF BREED BREAKDOWN (eg. J8F8 / J4F48 etc): _____

CALF SIRE BREED: _____

SIRE BREED BREAKDOWN (if known): _____

RULES

Competitors should train the animal to lead only with reasonable amount of instruction.

All lambs and kids to be docked (tails and testes). TB Cards and Tags for calves will be required.

Clipping or trimming is not permitted. Oiling of calf's hair or washing of lamb's wool is not permitted. Substitution of animal in cases of death or illness will be made only with consent of the committee. Inspection of animals for lice is to be regarded as a necessary part of preparation.

THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.

An optional dress-up class is being held this year at the conclusion of the normal events in both the lamb/goat and calf rings for those interested. We look forward to seeing your creations!

Entries for Group Day will be taken at our Agricultural Day. Group Day is being held on 15th October at Lichfield School hosted by Putaruru Combined Schools.

ALL CUPS TO BE RETURNED TO ST MARY'S SCHOOL ASAP





Animal Kingdom



WEARABLE ART SHOW

St Mary's Catholic School Putaruru

Friday 10th October 2025

Theme: 'Animal Kingdom'

We appreciate the attendance and participation of *All* Students from Years 1-8

Years 1-6 will present their Masks and Hats

Students to be at the Plaza by 6:30pm

The show starts at 6:45pm and will finish at approximately 9 pm.

**Parents need to collect children from their
teachers at the end of the show, safety is paramount.**

Year 7 & 8 Students

Costumes need to be at the Plaza by 11am Friday 10th October

Students to be at the Plaza by 6:30pm

Tickets will be available from the School Office from

Monday 6th October for pre-sales.

Payment to the PTA bank account - St Mary's PTA

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Door sales available on the night - CASH ONLY

Front section seating \$20 per seat regardless of age

General seating \$10 - 15 years+ & \$5 - 5-14 years, under 5 free (if on a knee)

PTA raffle for sale on the night - Awesome Prizes - \$5 each or 5 for \$20



RUKA Creative Therapy



Unichem Pharmacy



Mineral Boost



Better Eggs

A massive thank you to the following who sponsored hoodies for our AIMS participants - they look fantastic



Graham Brown & Co



GMS Electrical



Strong by Blood



Barbarich Plumbing



Brolly Logging



Bella Creative



JK Podiatry



Birks Electrical



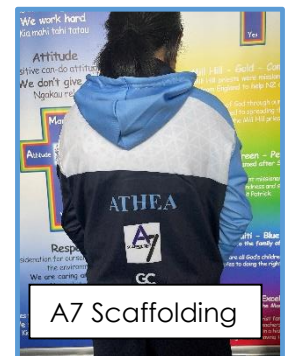
HALO Systems



Clancy Fisher Oxner & Bryant



Tirau Earthmovers



A7 Scaffolding

THANK YOU

TOUCH

Please return touch forms to the school office as soon as possible so we can get our teams organized.

Putāruru Schools Touch 2025

Years 1 to 8

Touch Information Form for Schools

Kia ora tātou 😊 Yay! We are excited to inform you about the upcoming touch season again this year. This will be held at Glenshea Park in Putāruru in Term 4 over 9 weeks in total.

– – – TEAM REGISTRATION – – –

Cost: \$5.00 per child

Dates:

- Start Date - Friday 10th October 2025
- End Date/Prizegiving - Friday 12th December 2025
- Time - First round starts @ 4pm - Last round played @ 5pm
- Years - Year 1 through to Year 8

Playing Gear Requirements:

- School to provide shirts
- Year 1 - Year 6 are to play in bare feet (no boots)
- Boots are optional for Years 7 & 8 otherwise barefoot
- Registrations are due by Friday 19th September so that draws can be made up
- A roster will be drawn up for all schools to take turns with setup and timekeeping duty. This will be emailed out the first week of Term 4 along with the first week's draw.

4 sections - Junior / Middle / Senior & Intermediate Grade

- Juniors - Years 1 to 2 : 6 to 8 a-side
- Middles - Years 3 to 4 : 6 a-side
- Seniors - Years 5 to 6 : 6 a-side
- Intermediate - Years 7 to 8 : 6 a-side