



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School Putāruru

Tumuaki – *Mrs Jenny MacKenzie*

NEWSLETTER

7th December 2023

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete ki a koe

Christmas Greetings to you

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

- 4-8th Dec - Deck the Hall
- 11th Dec - Neighbours Concert @ 10:30
- 12th Dec - End of Year prize giving & Liturgy @ 6:30pm



13th Dec - END OF TERM 3 (school finishes at usual time)

**30 & 31st Jan 2024 - Teacher Only Days
(Teachers at St Mary's Rotorua for Maths & Writing PLD)**

1st Feb 2024 - Meet the Teachers

7th Feb 2024 - START OF TERM 1

END OF YEAR LITURGY & PRIZE GIVING

Our end of year Liturgy and prize giving are on Tuesday 12th December at 6:30pm in the Church. **Reports will be given out to parents after Liturgy.** Assessment Books will be going home on Monday – please ensure these are ALL returned to school by Wednesday 13th December. Thank you.



NEIGHBOURS CONCERT

Our Neighbours concert will be held on Monday 11th December in the School Hall. Morning Tea at 10:30am followed by a short concert by our Junior & Senior Instrumental Groups, Choir and Kapa Haka Group.



ROOM 3 & 4 TAUPO TRIP

We would like to express our thanks to all our family members who assisted us with transport to and from Taupō yesterday. The students all had the best day and were full of excitement when they returned to school.



CHRISTMAS FLOAT PARADE

Our students are all very excited for the Putāruru Christmas Parade tomorrow evening. Please ensure your child/ren are at Glenshea Park by 5:15



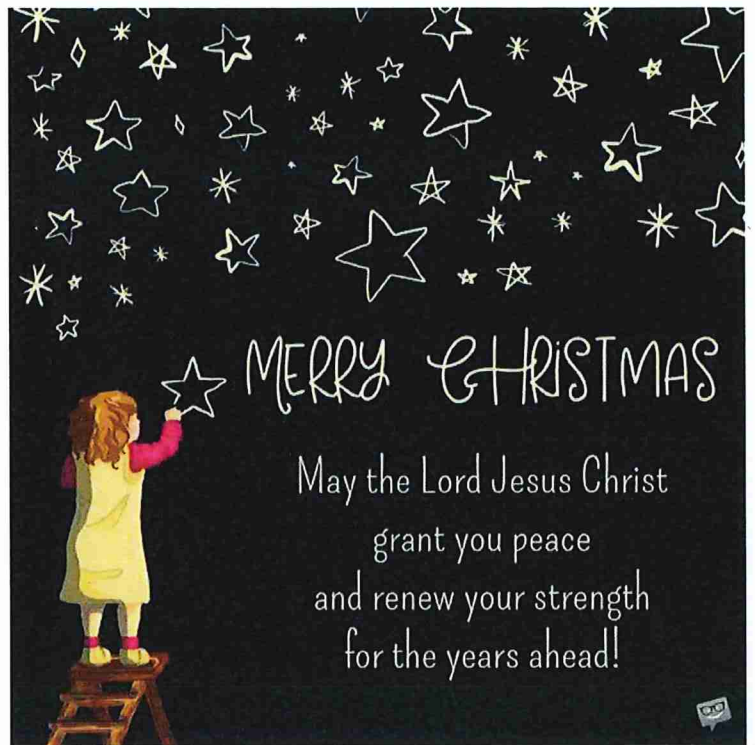
Flag Bearers
 Brianna Cassels and Clara McChlery

Nativity Float	Christmas around the World Float
<p>Costume: Please wear a white t-shirt and black shorts 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: Ruby Joseph: Fionn Shepherds: Denton, Bodhi, Alan Sheep: Ashton, Summer, Cooper and Lachlan, Cleo Wise men: Gian, Gia, Arlo Angel: Bailey Other Angels: Stella, Kate, Lucy, Harper Pikia Teacher: Courtney Henderson Driver: Chris van Heuven</p>	<p>People on this float Andrew Panya - Cambodia Johanna Shibu - India Isla and Skye Stewart Quinn Alick - New Zealand Athea Benis - Philippines Zander Buenaagua - Philippines Alaynah Conway - New Zealand Niamh Croke - Ireland Dean Doyayag - Philippines Alvin Gurung - Nepal Lucas Heaysman Molly Leavai - Samoa Bianca Llubit - Philippines Charlotte, Charlie and William Lop - Vanuatu Tadhg McChlery - Zimbabwe Mikaere Petley - Kapahaka Hendrix Paki - Kapahaka Euan Navales - Philippines Kaylin Schutz - South Africa LJ Tebrio - Philippines Charlotte and Ashley Trumper Ryder and Harper van der Heyden - Dutch Emilia White - Canada Layla van Heuven - Dutch</p> <p>Scooters wrapped with tinsel - (please provide the Scooter) Koby Ormsby - New Zealand Ahlyah-Rose Clements - New Zealand Orla McChlery - Scotland Cillian Croke - Tokelauan Caleb Clark - South Africa Indie and Kenzie Hughson Karlee Lockley</p> <p>Driver: Cam Sutherland</p>

Parents helping on the night: Malesa Croke, Jasmine and Chris van Heuven, Cam Sutherland and anyone else that is willing to support and help us.

Teachers: Mrs MacKenzie, Mrs McChlery, Miss Henderson

Do you know anyone who has a house for rent – one of our school families is in desperate need of a rental from the 17th December – mum and 4 children (3 school age – one toddler). If you know of anything – PLEASE let Sandra in the office know so she can pass details on. Thank you for your consideration



The staff at St Mary's would like to wish all their students, families present and past, a very Happy and Holy Christmas. We hope you have a good break and come back in 2024 refreshed and ready to go.

Stay safe, have fun – and don't eat too much chocolate



A Christmas Blessing

May all the days
of all the years
that God has still in store,
be filled with every joy
and grace
to bless you more and more.
May hope of heart
and peace of mind
beside you ever stay,
and that's the golden
wish I have
for you, this
Christmas Day!

*"For today in the city of David a savior is born for you, who is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our school families and friends for all your support with our fundraising this year.

With your help here is what the funds have gone towards:

High Jump Stands

Indoor Bowling Set

New Computer for the Library

105 New Books for the Library

Headset Microphones for Productions

2 x Outdoor Block Sets

5 x Lego Robotic Building Kits

Pizza for Show Quest Kids

Room 3, 4 & 5 Pools Fun Day

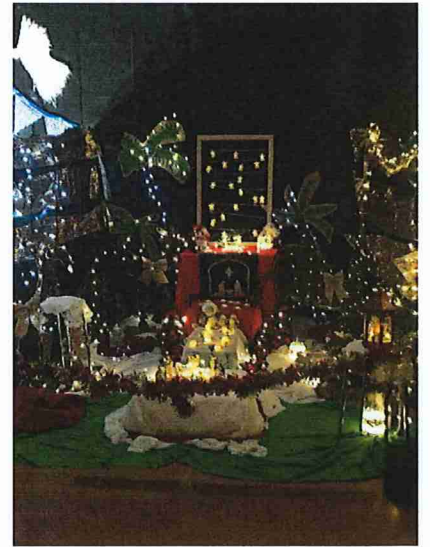
Room 1 & 2 Fun Day Pizza and Ice blocks

We wish you a safe and Merry Christmas!

The St Mary's School PTA



A big thank you to everyone who helped create Deck the Hall this year. It's a wonderful community event during the festive season and we couldn't make it happen without your help. Thank you!



TOUCH DRAW

Tonight is the final game of touch for 2024 – draw is below

Interschool Touch Competition 2023

Round 7, Thursday 7th December

Duty School: Sports Cluster

Time	Field	Team A	Team B	Section
4:00pm	1	Pukeatua Thunder	vs PC Galaxy	Int
	2	St M Purple	vs TWK Waenga Kiwi	Senior
	3	PPS Te Pai Ke	vs PPS Tauke	Senior
	4	Pukeatua Sidesteps	vs PPS Ka Rawe	Middle
	5a	TW Ninjas	vs St M Sea	Juniors
	5b	St M Sky	vs Tirau Titans	Juniors
	6a	Lichfield Rockets	vs TWK Teina Ma	Juniors
	6b	PPS Ka Pai	vs St M Forest	Juniors
	7a	Pukeatua Dodgers	vs PPS Tino Pai	Juniors
	7b	Lichfield Bombers	vs TWK Pipipaopao	Juniors

Time	Field	Team A	Team B	Section
4:30pm	1	PC Sayans	vs PC Freezin Hot	Int
	2	TW Dragons	vs St M Blue	Senior
	3	Lichfield Touch Blacks	vs Pukeatua Quickstep	Senior
	4	TWK Teina Kowhai	vs St M Pink	Middle
	5	St M Yellow	vs TW Warriors	Middle
	6	TW Vikings	vs TWK Teina Whero	Middle
	7a	St M Sea	vs PPS Kikino	Juniors
	7b	Lichfield Rockets	vs TW Ninjas	Juniors

Time	Field	Team A	Team B	Section
5:00pm	1	St M Orange	vs TW Knights	Int
	2	Pukeatua Lightning	vs St M Red	Int
	3	St M Green	vs TWK Waenga	Int
	4	Lichfield Torpedoes	vs Pukeatua Speedsters	Middle
	5	PPS Miharo	vs Tirau Tigers	Middle
	6	PPS Tumeke	vs PPS Te Pai Ke	Senior
	7	Pukeatua Pacers	vs Tirau Tornadoes	Senior

*Please note there will be NO PRIZEGIVING, certificates will be sent to the schools for participation awards.