



Striving for Excellence  
In the Marist Tradition

# St Mary's Catholic School

Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

## NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

e aroha ana matou kit e ako

**We love to learn**

*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 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

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-	School swimming sports @ Glenshea Park
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	-	Interschool swimming sports @ Glenshea Park
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	-	St Mary's Gala Day
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	-	St Patrick's Day

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sausage sizzle will start next Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

If you are willing to help out collecting the sausages/bread (from Putāruru Fruit & Veg) and cooking at school (with assistance from students to deliver to classes)? This would be from approximately 11:40 -12:40, can you please let Sandra know as soon as possible.



## YEAR 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY

Please ensure your Year 7 & 8 students are wearing covered shoes for their Technology classes at the College – technology classes are every Friday (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 10:00-1:30pm). Students are transported to and from college on a bus.



## PUTĀRURU SWIMMING CLUB - LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING

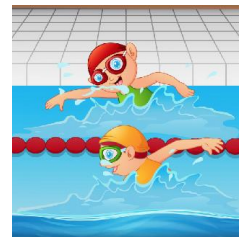
A big congratulations to our students who partook in the Long Distance Swimming – a massive achievement from you all. They swam the lengths below of the 25m pool.

Cienna Nicholls	100 lengths
Juliette Curphey	102 lengths
Maia White	104 lengths
Molly Leavai	60 lengths



## SWIMMING

School swimming sports is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Glenshea Park – we would love some parent helpers, if you are available, can you please let Sandra know. Thank you.



Interschool swimming sports is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at Glenshea Park – again, we would love some parent helpers, if you are available, please let Sandra know – thank you ☺

## PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These are being held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024

This will be starting on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Please return forms to the office as soon as possible. We would love to see some senior students participate and confirm their faith through the three sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist.

## JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

If your child/ren is interested in taking part in this – please let Sandra know and she can forward you all the relevant information you need to register.

# 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 do NOT park by the hall (our bus students have to walk down that way as our hall is being renovated) - it is dangerous for them to walk with cars coming in/out of parking spots. 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.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024

This will be starting on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – please see information below.

### **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](mailto:stpatricksputaruru@gmail.com) or the school office

The programme for this preparation is as follows:

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

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@stmarysput.school.nz](mailto:jonathan@stmarysput.school.nz) , [angelinanz@hotmail.com](mailto:angelinanz@hotmail.com) or [jandbfarrell@gmail.com](mailto:jandbfarrell@gmail.com)

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



# ST PATRICK'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024

## *Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation*

*Please complete all the areas below and return to the Parish Office: [stpatrickspataruru@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickspataruru@gmail.com)*

### ENROLMENT FORM

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors Name: (This can be filled in at a later date. This person should be a practicing Catholic who is able to help you with forming your child in the faith)

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any questions?

\_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\* These forms must be returned by 18th February with a copy of your Baptism Certificate. Children are required to attend all sessions and a parent or caregiver the parent sessions \*\***



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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	
<b>Total:</b>					\$	

Please return to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*A promise. Made good.*