



Striving for Excellence  
In the Marist Tradition

# St Mary's Catholic School Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

## NEWSLETTER

### 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

**I tenei ra he kaipānui apopo he rangatira**  
**Today a reader tomorrow a leader**

*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 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar | - | St Patrick's Day                            |

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sausage sizzle will be every Friday – sausages are \$2.00 each. Orders to be placed in the classroom on Friday morning. We still need some volunteers to help – if you could please let Sandra know if you are able to help out on a Friday that would be great.



## STARSHIP RAFFLE

The Social Justice Group are running a raffle – the money raised will go to Starship Hospital in Auckland. Tickets are \$2.00 each. Please support our students who are trying to raise funds for places close to their hearts.

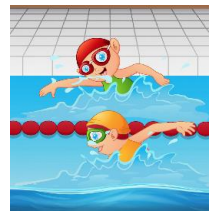
## YEAR 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY

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.

## 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.

## SKOOL LOOP

The Skool Loop App has been developed as a vital school communication tool “a one stop shop” that provides parents and schools throughout Australia and New Zealand with all school events, notices, newsletters, parent teacher interviews and push notifications and much more.

We use Skool Loop as one of our methods of communication to our school community, so please download the app on your mobile phone.



## ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, can you please let Sandra in the office know as early as possible. You can email her ([office@stmarysput.school.nz](mailto:office@stmarysput.school.nz)), phone the office (07 885 1006), or you can record the absence using Skool Loop. It is very important that the school is informed of absences as we have to record them correctly for the Ministry of Education.



## SHOW QUEST

Our school (Years 4 and upward) will be performing at ShowQuest again this year. For our new families, ShowQuest is an original stage-base mini Broadway that follows the elements of Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Culture and Technology. Students design, produce and perform stories in a powerful performance of celebration and recognition from their community. Performances are centred around an issue chosen by what's important to the students. Parents/family are able to purchase tickets from the venue to attend the performance.

This is something our students always enjoy taking part in. More information will follow in due course. The event for 2024 will be held at Mercury Arena (Baypark, Tauranga) on the 10<sup>th</sup> June.



## KAPA HAKA

Matua Justin is running the Kapa Haka group each Monday lunchtime. The students are really enjoying this.



# Kapahaka



## 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 [stpatriksputaruru@gmail.com](mailto:stpatriksputaruru@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>   |
| Session 1 (Reconciliation)                              | Monday 26th February        | 3.15pm - 4.30pm          | Parish Centre              |
| <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> |
| Session 3 (Confirmation)                                | Monday 11th March           | 3.15pm - 4.30pm          | Parish Centre              |
| <b>St Patrick's Feast Day<br/>Parish Pot Luck Lunch</b> | <b>Sunday 17th March</b>    | <b>10.45 - 12 noon</b>   | <b>Parish Centre</b>       |
| Session 4 (Confirmation)<br>Kids                        | Monday 18th March           | 3.15pm - 4.30pm          | Parish Centre              |
| <b>Session 4 (Confirmation)<br/>Parents</b>             | <b>Monday 18th March</b>    | <b>7pm - 8:15pm</b>      | <b>Parish Centre</b>       |
| Session 5 (Eucharist)                                   | Monday 25th March           | 3.15pm - 4.30pm          | Parish Centre              |
| <b>Session 6 (Eucharist)</b>                            | <b>Sunday 7th April</b>     | <b>10.45am - 12 noon</b> | <b>School Staff Room</b>   |
| Session 8 (Eucharist and<br>review/finish up )          | Monday 8th April            | 3.15 - 4.30pm            | Parish Centre              |
| Confirmation/First Holy<br>Communion Final Practice     | Monday 29th April           | 3.15pm - 4.30pm          | St Patrick's Church        |
| <b>Confirmation/First Holy<br/>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)



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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<br>6PK | CHOC<br>6PK | Cranberry<br>6PK | TOTAL<br>OWING | NOTES/COMMENTS |
|---------------|----------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Joe Bloggs    | 02123456 | 3                  | 2           | 3                | \$40.00        |                |
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| <b>Total:</b> |          |                    |             |                  | \$             |                |

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

*A promise. Made good.*



TOKOROA COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
PRESENTS

 **Free**



# CHILDREN'S DAY 2024

PUTARURU POOLS  
FRIDAY 1 MARCH | 3pm - 7 pm

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**THE BIGGEST PARTY OF SUMMER**

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MUSIC | FREE FOOD | PRIZES | FREE ENTRY  
MANU COMPETITION | GAMES | SPOT PRIZES  
[WWW.TCOSS.CO.NZ](http://WWW.TCOSS.CO.NZ)





# St Mary's Religious Education Newsletter

Week 3 - Term 1 - 2024

## Ash Wednesday



***On the 14th of February, we commemorated Ash Wednesday with a mass, marking one of the most significant holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday inaugurates Lent, a period of fasting and prayer observed by Catholics and many other Christians. It occurs 46 days before Easter Sunday.***

***Rooted in ancient Jewish traditions of penance and fasting, Ash Wednesday involves the symbolic wearing of ashes on the forehead, signifying the dust from which humans are made and the grief of sin and separation from God. During Mass, priests apply the ashes with the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel."***

***Dating back to the Second-century Church, the tradition of wearing ashes as a sign of penance persists. The ashes, derived from blessed palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass, are administered by priests during Mass, inviting all, including non-Christians, to accept them as a visible symbol of penance.***

**This term, St Mary's Catholic School has many liturgies and masses lined up.**

**Check the following dates...**

**Everyone is welcome!**

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| <b>St Patrick's Day<br/>Liturgy<br/>Fri. 15th March<br/>11am<br/>St Patrick's Church</b> | <b>Palm Sunday<br/>(Saturday)<br/>Mass<br/>23rd March<br/>5.30pm<br/>St Patrick's Church</b> | <b>Holy Thursday<br/>Liturgy<br/>28th March<br/>T.B.C.<br/>St Patrick's Church</b> | <b>Good Friday<br/>Liturgy<br/>27th March<br/>T.B.C.<br/>St Patrick's Church</b> |
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# Palm Sunday mass is our termly school mass. All students are required to attend.

## Putaruru Community Food Bank Roster:

Thank you so much for your support!

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

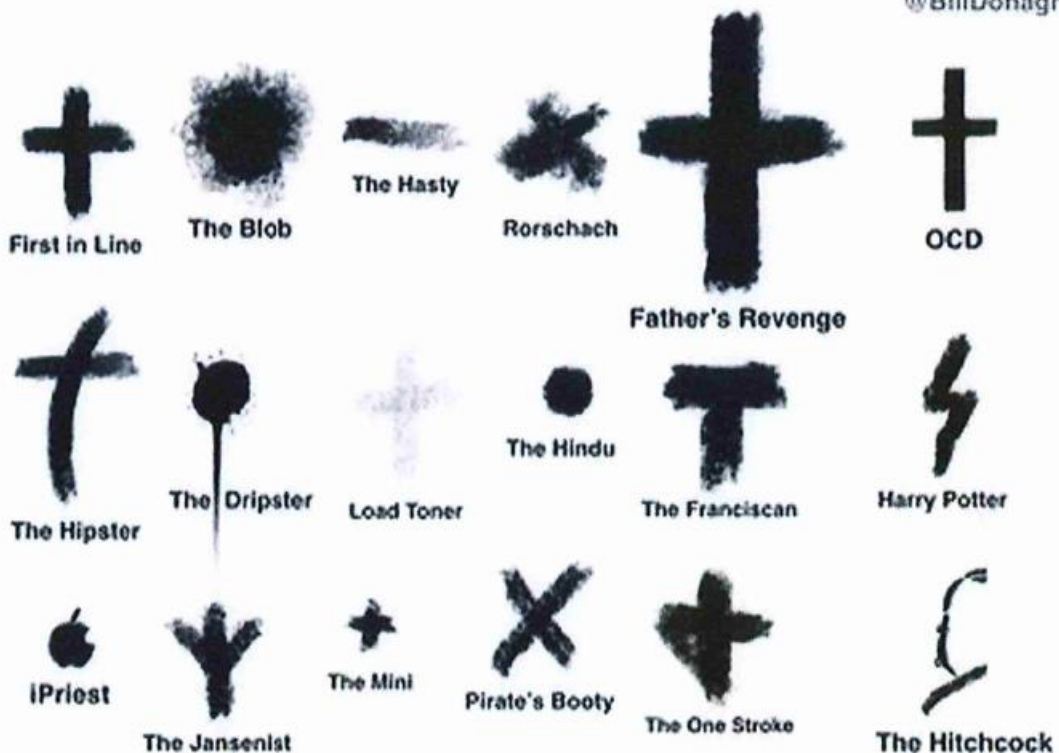
In terms 2, 3, and 4, food bank will coincide with the classroom room number - e.g. Room 3 - Week 3



*(Just for fun!)*

## A Catholic Guide to Ashes, *Extended Edition*

@BillDonaghy



# Marist Students

Marist students are decided by the staff as fine examples of learners who always get it right!

This last week of term we have chosen 4 incredible students!



*Ieshea Wellington*

*Room 4*



*Gihansa Perera*

*Room 2*