



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School

Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

NEWSLETTER

8th February 2024

Nau mai ki te tau kura hou

Welcome to the new school year

*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 ki te mahi
tikatou

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

8 th Feb	-	Commissioning Mass @ Hamilton Cathedral (6pm)
12 th Feb	-	Start of Year Liturgy @ 2:15pm
14 th Feb	-	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:30am
27 th Feb	-	School swimming sports @ Glenshea Park

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

START OF YEAR LITURGY

We will be holding our "Start of Year" Liturgy on Monday 12th February @ 2:15pm, all welcome in the Church.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our new teacher for Room 3, Mohini Reddy, is still awaiting the finalisation of her visa, all paperwork has been handed in to Immigration and we are waiting for the "yes" – Mohini is an experienced junior classroom teacher. We are hoping she will be with us by week 3 or 4. In the meantime, we are very lucky that Lynette Baigent is covering the classroom.

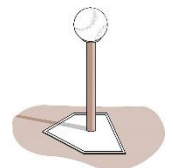
Jonathan Parkinson is currently away but will be returning on the 19th February. Maree White is kindly covering the classroom, with Jenny MacKenzie, in his absence.

SPORTS

Monday after school @ Putaruru College

TBall for Year 5 & 6 students

Slow Pitch Softball for Year 7 & 8 students



We are running a "Learn to Swim" programme for our years 1-3 (and any identified non-swimmers) at lunchtime on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This is being run by Jenny & Karen with senior students supporting them.



Forms for all the above will be sent home "hopefully" tomorrow.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Sausage sizzle will not begin until Friday the 23rd February.

Do we have any wonderful parents who would like to volunteer a Friday for collecting the sausages/bread (from Putaruru Fruit & Veg) and cooking at school (with assistance from students to deliver to classes)? This would be from approximately 11:40 -12:40.

If you are available to help, please let Sandra, in the office, know.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY READING

Please ensure that students completed holiday reading records are returned to school as soon as possible. Please return to Sandra in the office.

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 23rd February to Friday 10th May from 10:00-1:30pm). Students are transported to and from college on a bus.



KAPA HAKA

Kapa Haka will be starting in week 3 for year 4-8. This will be run over a lunchtime (to be confirmed) – please let Sandra know if your child/ren is interested.

DINGLE FOUNDATION

Kiwi Can is an all-inclusive, 4 term programme that involves children within a school. There are two parts to Kiwi Can: weekly class lessons and an annual community project – both are aimed at having an impact, and making a difference to each individual. Class lessons last approximately 30-40 minutes, and the programme includes four themes, with 24 modules. All our students will be involved in this programme which will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday at school. Programmes are being supported by Daley Nicholls and Pheylan.

KIWI CAN – KIWI KAHA



OVERVIEW

Kiwi Can is a life skills and values programme delivered to the whole school by trained Kiwi Can leaders. There are two components to the Kiwi Can programme: one class lesson per week for the whole year and a Community Project.

Kiwi Can is linked to the New Zealand Curriculum and its key competencies. Lessons have been shown to develop greater communication skills, social interaction, cooperation and displays of kindness and caring in the students.

The programme strongly supports the Positive Behaviour for Learning strategy in schools. Kiwi Can is integrated into an individual schools vision and goals. School Principals tell us that the Kiwi Can programme has a noticeable effect on how well their children interact with each other – with significant decreases in truancy and bullying in the playground.

The Graeme Dingle Foundation has been successfully partnering with schools and communities for over 20 years.

THE PROGRAMME PHILOSOPHY

Kiwi Can operates under the P.E.A.C.E. philosophy, where excellence in action is achieved through an on-going cycle of:

- **P**raise effort, reflection and intent
- **E**ncouraging and supporting change through developing new skills and understandings
- Celebrating **A**chievement, learning and transformation
- Providing opportunity for new **C**hallenges, including transferring new skills and understanding across a variety of contexts
- Celebrating **E**xcellence

POSITIVE CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Our programmes are informed by best-practice research, focusing on positive child and youth development.

The Kiwi Can programme integrates both the prevention of problem/anti-social behaviours and the promotion of child development. It uses a multi-tiered and multiple systems approach which is designed to support Lerner et al 5 C's model of positive youth development which supports young people to develop their:

- character
- caring and compassion
- confidence
- competence
- connections

These lead to greater levels of life-long contribution.

"Children are playing positively in the playground with fewer issues needed to be dealt with."

School Principal

94% of schools reported that Kiwi Can had a positive impact on students' social connectedness with 64% of schools rating Kiwi Can as very or extremely effective in achieving their aims in this area.

Evaluation report to MoE

"As a school, we have noticed a significant drop off in stand downs and use of the time out resource. Our students want to be at school and motivation is rarely an issue in class. Improved attendance across the whole school."

School Principal

"I reckon the stuff you taught me will be really handy when I am one day Prime Minister".

Kiwi Can Student

"It's about doing the right thing when no-one else is listening and always being honest and not telling lies."

Kiwi Can Student



Kiwi Can is underpinned by this whakatauki (proverb):

Iti rearea, kahikatea tel tel, ka taea

Even the small rearea bird can ascend to the great heights of the kahikatea tree.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024

This will be starting on Sunday 18th 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 or the school office

The programme for this preparation is as follows:

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

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 , angelinanz@hotmail.com or 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: stpatricksputaruru@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?

**** 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 ****