



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

NEWSLETTER – 23rd October 2025

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All school policies and procedures are here for you to see
Go to Governance Documents on our school website

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

5 MacKenzie Street, Putāruru. Phone (07) 885 1006. Mobile 027 333 3445. Email office@stmarysput.school.nz

DATES TO NOTE

23 rd October	-	Teacher Strike – school closed
27 th October	-	LABOUR DAY – no school
31 st October	-	School Mass – All Saints & Souls (time to be confirmed)
6 th November	-	School Athletics @ Glenshea Park
10 th November	-	Teacher Only Day – school closed



Don't forget – it's Labour Day on Monday (24th) so there will be no school – enjoy your long weekend with family/friends and stay safe on the roads

TEACHER ONLY DAY

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Monday 10th November – our teachers will be going to St Mary's Rotorua for a Religious Education Curriculum Day. Please note – school will not be open that day

UNIFORM

Reminder that Term 4 is Summer Uniform – this means that ALL students must have a school hat on each day when playing outside – these are available for purchase at the office if you do not already have one.

GIRLS

Blue & white checked dress
Short white socks
Brown or black Roman sandals
School sweatshirt or polar fleece
School jacket
Girls should be wearing white ankle socks - blue socks are our winter uniform.

BOYS

Short sleeved grey shirt
Grey shorts (lightweight)
Brown or black Roman sandals
School sweatshirt or polar fleece
School jacket

ABSENCES

Please remember that you have to notify the school about absences – ALL absences must be reported as these are monitored on a daily basis by the Ministry of Education. The only absences accepted by the Ministry are if the student is sick, other absences are "unjustified". We have at least 5 families are under chronic absenteeism that we need to have a plan going forward. If your child is absent due to a birthday, shopping or because they don't want to come to school – this is an unjustified absence.

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.

Lunchtime swimming will commence next week – if your child/ren would like a dip during the lunch break – please ensure they have their togs, towel and swimming cap.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

All sports uniforms **MUST** be returned to school as soon as possible – we still have a lot outstanding returns!



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help with the sausage sizzle for Term 4.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH ANY OF THE WEEKS MISSING BELOW – PLEASE LET SANDRA KNOW

Friday 24 th October	-	Bernie Farrell & Daphne Missirlis
Friday 31 st October	-	Kirby van der Heyden
Friday 7 th November	-	??
Friday 14 th November	-	??
Friday 21 st November	-	Reuben Read
Friday 28 th November	-	Malesa Croke
Friday 5 th December	-	Kirby van der Heyden
Friday 12 th December	-	Malesa Croke



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

St Mary's School Board of Trustees - 03-0418-0114136-00

GROUP DAY

Last week some of our students attended Group Day which was held at Lichfield school – below are the results for our students – well done for everyone who participated

CALVES	
Leading – Junior Early	Rearing & Grooming – Junior Early Light / Heavy Combined Yandle Cup / Ashton Ranger Cup
3 rd – Harry Woods	7 th – Harry Woods
Rearing & Grooming – Junior Late Light Ranger Cup	Rearing & Grooming – Junior Late Heavy Nora Wallis Cup
5 th – Cooper Ormsby	7 th – Lachlan Ormsby
Rearing & Grooming – Senior Early Heavy Deihl Cup	Rearing & Grooming – Senior Late Heavy E.D. White Cup
5 th – Indie Hughson	1 st – Adelaide Walsh
Breed Type – Beef / Bull Carrington Beef Cup	Breed Type – Ayrshire & Other Milking Breeds Ayrshire Challenge Cup
1 st – Indie Hughson 2 nd – Kenzie Hughson	2 nd – Cooper Ormsby
Breed Type – Friesian – Early	Breed Type – Friesian – Late
4 th – Harry Woods	1 st – Lachlan Ormsby
LAMBS	
Junior Leading	Senior Leading
2 nd – Xavier Watson 3 rd – Evie Herbert	1 st – Fionn Croke
Leading Championship Putaruru Districts Cup	Junior Call & Follow
Reserve Champion – Xavier Watson	1 st – Xavier Watson
Senior Call & Follow	Call & Follow Championship Wiltsdown Cup
1 st – Fionn Croke	Champion – Xavier Watson Reserve Champion – Fionn Croke
Junior Rearing & Grooming	Senior Rearing & Grooming
1 st – Sienna Farrell 3 rd – Xavier Watson	4 th – Fionn Croke
Rearing & Grooming Championship BNZ Agribusiness Cup	Most Obvious Pet Tirau Vet Centre Cup
Reserve Champion – Sienna Farrell	Sienna Farrell

DINGLE FOUNDATION AWARD



Congratulations to Harry Woods who was recently invited to Dingle Foundation Regional Excellence Awards evening in Hamilton.

Harry won the Manukura Whakaute (Respect) award

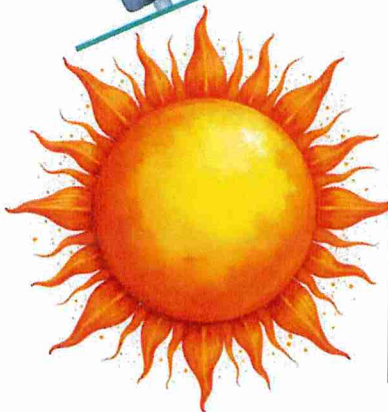
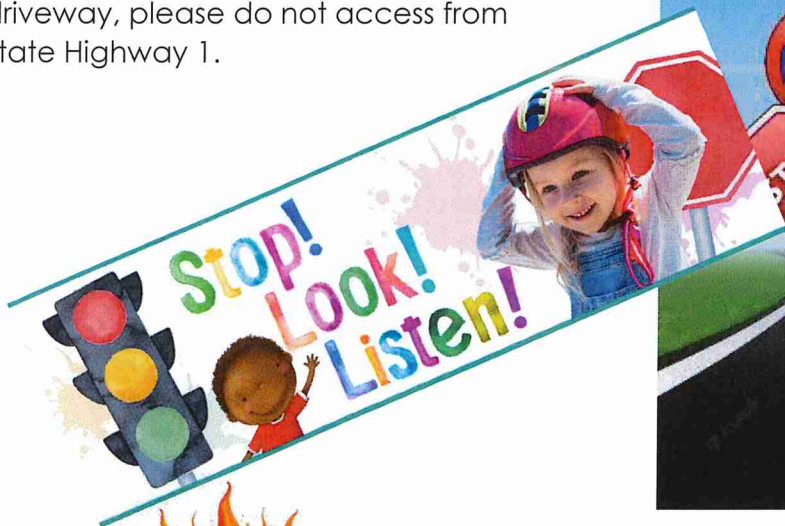


HEALTH & SAFETY

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 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.



Now that the sun is making an appearance, please put sunblock on your child/ren before school and a little tube in their school bag if possible for re-application during the day

A little bit of information regarding Measles – there have been a few cases reported in New Zealand – so we need to keep families informed where possible

Watch out for **MEASLES** Symptoms & Prevention

Symptoms

- ◆ High temperature
- ◆ Runny or blocked nose
- ◆ Cough and sneezing
- ◆ Red, watery eyes
- ◆ White spots inside the mouth
- ◆ Red rashes appearing 3-5 days after symptoms begin
- ◆ Potential measles contacts urged to call Healthline



Prevention

- ◆ Wash your hands frequently with an alcohol-based rub
- ◆ Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- ◆ Avoid sharing food, water, utensils and other items contaminated by saliva
- ◆ If you are infected, isolate at home for at least 4 days
- ◆ Avoid contact with people who are vulnerable to the infection
- ◆ Give infants the first dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine between 12 and 15 months

Measles is one of the most infectious diseases and infects children as well as adults via coughing, sneezing and talking.

If you think you may have been exposed, or are showing symptoms, please contact your doctor immediately.



St Mary's

Religious Education Newsletter

Week 3 - Term 4

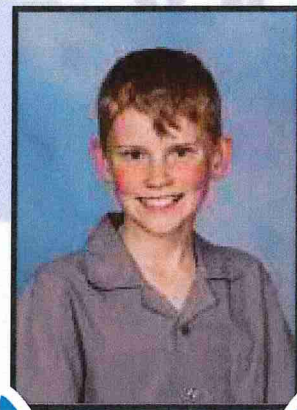
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Marist Students

Our Marist Students this week are...



Sienna Farrell (Rm 4)



Declan Mossong (Rm 8)

These students have shown the values of the school in the past weeks and have shown excellence in everything they do.

Well done!

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year C) - Readings

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

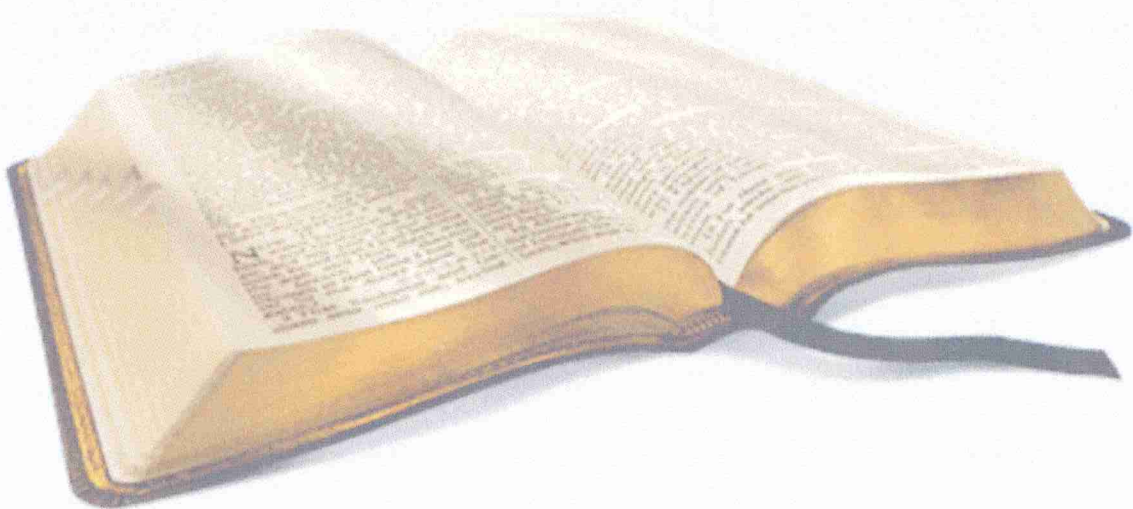
This reading reminds us that God hears the prayers of everyone, especially those who are humble and in need. It teaches that God is fair, merciful, and generous, and He will answer the prayers of those who turn to Him with a sincere heart. It encourages us to trust in God's justice and to keep praying, even when we feel small or weak.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

In this reading, St. Paul reflects on his life and ministry, knowing that he is close to the end of his journey. He shares how important it is to stay faithful, finish the work God has given us, and trust that God will protect and support us in all things. It reminds us that even when we face difficulties, God's love and strength are always with us.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a story about two men praying in the temple — one proud and boastful, the other humble and sincere. It teaches us that God values a humble heart and honesty, not showing off or thinking we are better than others. The reading encourages us to pray with humility and trust that God sees our hearts and loves us just as we are.



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

Check the following dates...

Everyone is welcome!

All Saints and All Souls

School Mass

Friday, 31st Oct.

11.30AM

St Patrick's Church

Parish Centenary

Sunday Mass

Sunday, 30 Nov.

9.30AM

St Patrick's Church

Grandparents Day

Mass

T.B.C.

St Patrick's Church

Putaruru Community Food Bank Roster:

Thank you so much for your support!

Week 1 - Room 1

Week 2 - Room 2

Week 3 - Room 3

Week 4 - Room 4

Week 5 - Room 5

Week 6 - Room 6

Week 7 - Room 7

Week 8 - Room 8

Week 9 - Everyone

Week 10 - Staff

Putaruru Community Food Bank Roster:

St Mary's Catholic School would like to thank everyone who has donated so generously to the Putaruru food bank through the school!

These small works of charity are greatly appreciated by many.

Again, thank you very much!

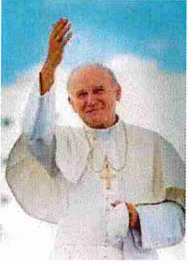


All Saints & Souls

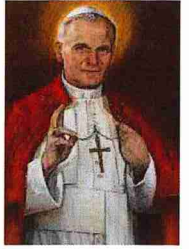
All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day) is celebrated on November 1st. It is a day to commemorate all the saints, known and unknown, who have attained heaven. Saints are individuals who have lived exemplary lives of holiness and are believed to be in the presence of God. On this day, Catholics honor these saints and seek their intercession. While some saints have their dedicated feast days, All Saints' Day collectively celebrates the countless saints who may not have specific feast days. In many cultures, it's customary to attend Mass, and churches often display relics or statues of saints. People might also visit cemeteries to pray for the souls of their loved ones who have passed away.

All Souls' Day, which follows on November 2nd, is a day to remember and pray for all the faithful departed souls, particularly those in Purgatory. Purgatory is a temporary state where souls undergo purification before entering heaven. Catholics believe that through their prayers and acts of devotion, they can help expedite the souls' journey to heaven. On All Souls' Day, Catholics often attend Mass and visit cemeteries to pray for the souls of the deceased. It is common to light candles and offer special prayers for the repose of the souls in Purgatory, asking God to grant them mercy and forgiveness.

Together, these two days serve as a time of reflection on the afterlife, the communion of saints, and the interconnectedness of the living and the deceased. They offer an opportunity for Catholics to remember and honor not only the known saints who serve as role models but also their departed loved ones who may be in need of spiritual support on their journey to eternal



Saint of the Week



Saint Pope John Paul the Great

Feast Day: October 22

Saint Pope John Paul II, also known as John Paul the Great, was one of the most loved leaders of the Catholic Church. He was born Karol Wojtyła in Poland in 1920. His early life was not easy — his mother, father, and brother all died before he became an adult, and his country was invaded during World War II. Despite all these hardships, Karol's deep faith and love for God helped him to stay hopeful and strong.

In 1978, he became the first pope from Poland and the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years.

Pope John Paul II served as pope for nearly 27 years, one of the longest papacies in history. During that time, he travelled to more countries than any pope before him, spreading messages of peace, forgiveness, and unity. He wanted everyone — especially young people — to know that they are loved by God and called to live with joy and courage.

Pope John Paul II was famous for starting World Youth Day, a special celebration that brings young Catholics from all around the world together to share their faith. He also played an important role in helping to bring freedom and justice to parts of Europe where people were being treated unfairly.

Even when he became sick later in life, he continued to lead with great faith and love, showing the world what it means to trust in God during difficult times. He was canonised a saint in 2014 and is now remembered as Saint John Paul the Great.

We celebrate his feast day on October 22, the date he officially began his mission as pope. On this day, we remember his joyful spirit, his courage to stand up for what is right, and his reminder to all of us to “Be not afraid,” because God is always with us.

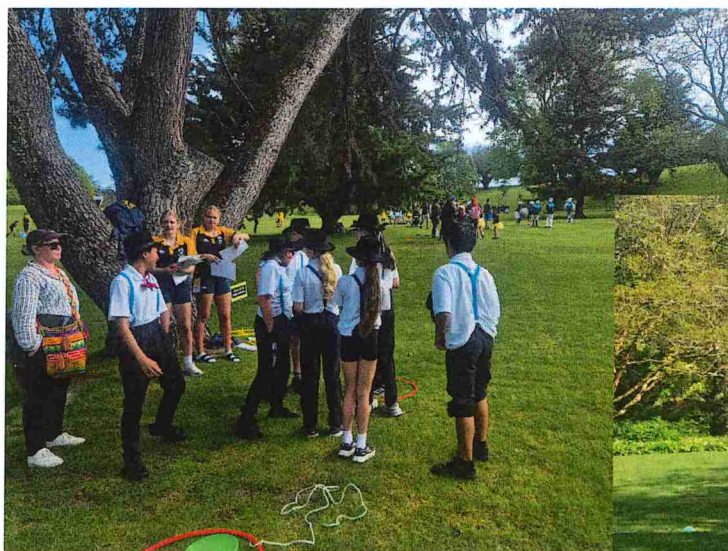


AMAZING RACE

Some of our students participated in the Amazing Race yesterday (Wednesday) at Hamilton Gardens

They all had an "amazing" time and they came first overall – well done to all those who participated

Also, a big thank you to our parents who helped with transport and supervision – Kirby van der Heyden, Victoria Walsh, Andy Bucknell and Mrs Colliar



Please find draw & teams below

TIME	FIELD	TEAM	vs	TEAM	YEAR LEVEL
WEEK 3 - 24th October					
4:00	1	Pukeatua Kickers	vs	Teina Terrors	1 & 2
4:00	2	St Mary's Dashers	vs	Teina Tornadoes	1 & 2
4:00	3	St Mary's Warriors	vs	PPS Tui	1 & 2
4:00	4	St Mary's Turbo	vs	Pukeatua Untouchables	3 & 4
4:00	5	Te Wautu Dolphins	vs	PPS Kiwi	3 & 4
4:00	6	Pukeatua Lightening	vs	PC Storms	7 & 8
4:00	7	St Mary's Swifters	vs	St Mary's Meerkats	5 & 6
4:00	8	Arohena Tui	vs	Tuakana Busters	5 & 6
4:00	9	Tuakana Attackers	vs	Pukeatua The Bros	5 & 6
4:00	BF	Pukeatua Speedsters	vs	St Mary's Masters	3 & 4
4:30	1	St Mary's Playmakers	vs	PPS Kakapo	3 & 4
4:30	2	PPS Pukeko	vs	Tirau Tornadoes	3 & 4
4:30	3	Lichfield Torpedoes	vs	Teina Whackers	3 & 4
4:30	4	Te Wautu Knights	vs	PPS Kereru	1 & 2
4:30	5	Te Wautu Stormers	vs	PPS Kea	1 & 2
4:30	6	St Mary's True Ferns	vs	PC Lightening	7 & 8
4:30	7	St Mary's Gooseys	vs	PC Hurricanes	7 & 8
4:30	8	St Mary's Showsteppers	vs	Te Wautu Dragons	7 & 8
4:30	9	Pukeatua Thunder	vs	PC Thunder	7 & 8
5:00	1	Arohena Piwakawaka	vs	Lichfield Bombers	1 & 2
5:00	2	Tirau Turtles	vs	Lichfield Rockets	1 & 2
5:00	3	Tirau Turbos	vs	Tirau Tigers	1 & 2
5:00	4	Lichfield Typhoons	vs	Teina Steppers	3 & 4
5:00	5	Pukeatua Touchdown	vs	Arohena Kereru	3 & 4
BYE - Lichfield Touch Blacks					
5:00	6	PPS Takahe	vs	Pukeatua Side Steppers	5 & 6
5:00	7	PPS Karearea	vs	Te Wautu Wild Cats	5 & 6
5:00	8	PPS Piwakawaka	vs	Te Wautu Wolves	5 & 6
5:00	9	Tirau Titans	vs	Tirau Tarantulas	5 & 6

Year 1 & 2 - Touch Teams			
St Mary's Dashers		St Mary's Warriors	
ANDREWS	Albie	BROLLY	Mila
BUCKLEY	Prisha	BROLLY	Olive
CHAUHAN	Arna	CROKE	Niamh
CHERRY	Amelia	CROKE	Sinaed
CONWAY	Reid	FARRELL	Remy
KAATA	Phelomena	HUGHSON	Luca
ORMSBY	Lachlan	LONG-CHAUVAL	Colby
SIELY-CONWAY	Jaxon	SIMEON	Florence
WELLINGTON-PRIESTLEY	Jordan-Florence	WHITE	Isabella
WEST	Andrew	WOODS	Bodhi
Coach		Coach	Malesa

Year 3 & 4 - Touch Teams					
St Mary's Masters		St Mary's Playmakers		St Mary's Turbo	
ANDREWS	Arlo	BOYD	Willow	KAATA	Jahniqua-Leigh
FARRELL	Sienna	CHAUHAN	Ekam	MALLAWA ARACHCHIGE	Ranida
HUGHSON	Kenzie	CONWAY	Stella	STEVENS	Lucy
McCHLERY	Tadhg	FARNELL	Mateo	TAIAROA	Teara
ORMSBY	Cooper	HERBERT	Evie	VAN DER HEYDEN	Harper
PAKI	Alatheia	HORN	Sienna	WELLS	Theia
TRUMPER	Ashlee	PIKIA	Harper	WHITE	Emilia
WOODS	Harry	SIMEON	Katia	WOODS	Mikah
Coach		Coach		Coach	

Year 5 & 6 - Touch Teams			
St Mary's Meerkats		St Mary's Swifters	
BARRY	Isla	ANDERSON	Lylah
BUCKNELL	Ava	COLMAN	Caleb
GURUNG	Alvin	CONWAY	Ruby
HUGHSON	Indie	CROKE	Cillian
LOP	Charlie	DE CLEENE	Aria
LOP	William	FARNELL	Sofia
PAKI	Ada-Dawn	JOHNSTON	Aurora
PATON	Bailey	LATOKEN	AJ
TRUMPER	Charlotte	RHODES	Chloe
Coach	Tere-Anne Petley-Rata	Coach	

Year 7 & 8 - Touch Teams

St Mary's True Ferns		St Mary's Gooseys		St Mary's Showsteppers	
BEGBIE	Ava	ANDREWS	Lola	ATONI	Sina-Rose
CHERRY	Allura	BIRKS	Ella	LOP	Charlotte
COLMAN	Hannah	DOYAYAG	Dean	LY	Chai
CROKE	Fionn	GARTSHORE	Lakyn	McGUIRE	Rhys
FARRELL	Auguste	MANSELL	Caden	MOSSONG	Declan
FARRELL	Octavia	PAKI	Hendrix	ORMSBY	Koby
KNAP	Mackenzie	VAN DER HEYDEN	Ryder	SIELY-CONWAY	Cade
LATOKEN	Ahlecc	WALSH	Adelaide		
LOUGHNAN	Emily				
PRIESTLEY	Isabella				
SALAZAR	Brandon				
Coach		Coach Kirby van der Heyden		Coach	

Remember:

- Sports uniform must be worn
- No bad language
- Sportsmanship
- Take your rubbish home

Please support the people who are making sure that touch is running smoothly. A BIG thank you to Tere-Anne & Kirby van der Heyden who are helping run touch rugby

SPORTSMANSHIP

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A person who displays good sportsmanship always plays fair and by the rules. They make an effort to treat opponents, coaches, teammates and referees with respect. Sportsmanship is the golden rule of sports: You should always treat others how you wish to be treated.

If you need help, Mr Parkinson (St Mary's) and Mr Rogers (Putāruru College) will be at the grounds supporting the year 5-8 teams