



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School Putāruru

Tumuaki – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

NEWSLETTER – 30th October 2025

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*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 ki e mahi
tikatou

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

DATES TO NOTE

31 st October	-	School Mass – All Saints & Souls @ 11:30am
6 th November	-	School Athletics @ Glenshea Park
10 th November	-	Teacher Only Day – school closed

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

BOYS

Short sleeved grey shirt
Grey shorts (lightweight)
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.

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.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

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



LIGHTHOUSE YOUTHGROUP

Lighthouse Youthgroup resumes this Friday 31st October 6:30 - 8pm in the Parish Center. All 8 - 13 year olds welcome. Phone Angelina 8821331 for further info.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The dates for the next Baptism Preparation Course will be Monday's 10th and 17th November (last one for the year) at 7pm - 8:30pm in the parish centre.

These courses - a prerequisite for parents seeking to have a child Baptised - consist of two 90 minute sessions. Expectant parents are most welcome to attend.

To register or for more information contact Bernie Farrell 021 297 3595



ATTENDANCE

Term 1 2025 - 80%

Term 2 2025 - 58%

Term 3 2025 - 56%

Our attendance at St Mary's School is not very good

Regular Attendance

90% - missing fewer than 5 days across a term

Irregular Absence

80% to 90% - absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term

Moderate Absence

70% to 80% - between 10 and 14.5 days across a term

Chronic Absence

70% or less - 15 days or more across a term

Lack of attendance does affect students learning and we need to do better at St Mary's School.

Our target attendance is 85%



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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

Friday 31 st October	-	Kirby van der Heyden
Friday 7 th November	-	Mr Nicholls & Daley
Friday 14 th November	-	Mr Nicholls & Xavier
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



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



**St Mary's Catholic School &
Bishop Edward Gaines Catholic School
Athletics 2025**



Athletics is being held on Thursday 6th November at Glenshea Park

If you are able to help out during the day, can you please let Sandra in the office (St Mary's) know - thank you

School sports uniform can be worn to and from school on that day, please remember - **NO CROCS!!**

NO STUDENT CELL PHONES - if you need to contact someone at the fields, please contact Jenny MacKenzie on 027 333 3445

Students will be walking to Glenshea Park from school - they will be supervised by the teachers and teacher aides

If you are attending the day, and you want to take your child home, rather than them returning to school, please ensure that their teacher is informed of this **BEFORE** you leave the park

Timetable

Seniors: 09:30 - Running events start
 12:30 - Field events start

Juniors: 10:00 - Field events start
 12:30 - Runnings events start

Seniors: 7 year olds and up
Juniors: 5 and 6 year olds

All children will need to take:

- Morning tea, lunch and drinks (plastic bottles please, no glass)
- Sports uniform (school sports tee shirt and plain black shorts - NO CROCS)
- School sun hat and sun lotion

Students need to stay with the teachers who are supervising in the grandstand. Parents are welcome to sit with their child/ren in the grandstand

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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

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.

PUTĀRURU AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Kia ora

Enrolments for the Putāruru Amateur Swim Club are now open, and we'd love to see as many tamariki in the pool as possible this season!

Key Details:

- Open to children aged 5 years and up
- Children must be comfortable putting their head under water
- Season runs across Term 4 2025 and Term 1 2026
- Affordable fees and structured lessons for all levels
- Thank you so much for your support in helping our local kids learn and grow through swimming!

Putāruru Amateur Swimming Club – Enrolments Open!

Swimming enrolments for the **2024/2025 season** are now open!



Season Dates:

- Mondays and Wednesdays between 5PM-6:45PM
- Term 4: 24 Nov – 17 Dec 2025
- Term 1: 9 Feb – 18 Mar 2026
- For children aged **5 years and up**
- **Children must be comfortable putting their head under water**



Lesson Options:

- Junior Pool (20 mins)
- Transition Swimmers (30 mins)
- Advanced/Squad (45 mins)



Fees:

- 1 night/week: **\$30**
- 2 nights/week: **\$60**



[Click here to enrol](#)

Spots are limited—secure your child's place today!



Rotary
Putaruru



BOOKS

2025 ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Good quality books can be dropped
into Farmlands Putaruru
or
directly to the hall on Mon 3rd Nov 10am-12pm
or
phone Jenny 027 333 3445 to organise drop off

Venue for this year's BOOK SALE

St Mary's Hall, Kensington Street

Opening Hours

Thursday 6 th Nov	9am – 4pm
Friday 7 th Nov	9am – 4pm
Saturday 8 th Nov	9am – 12pm
Sunday 9 th Nov	9am – 11am

"Raising funds to give back to our community"

Thank you to St Mary's and South Waikato Funeral
Services for sponsorship



**ST. PATRICK'S
PARISH
PUTARURU**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AND CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN PUTARURU

Sunday 30th November 2025

(Mass at 9.30am followed by a procession and blessing of the
Sr. Rose O'Meara Garden. Parish lunch and photographic
exhibition in the afternoon).

For further enquiries: stpatricksputaruru@gmail.com

TOUCH

Please find draw & teams below

TIME	FIELD	TEAM	vs	TEAM	YEAR LEVEL
WEEK 4 - 31st October					
4:00	1	Lichfield Torpedoes	vs	Pukeatua Speedsters	3 & 4
4:00	2	PPS Kakapo	vs	St Mary's Masters	3 & 4
4:00	3	Pukeatua Untouchables	vs	PPS Kiwi	3 & 4
4:00	4	Pukeatua Kickers	vs	Teina Tornados	1 & 2
4:00	5	Teina Terrors	vs	PPS Kereru	1 & 2
4:00	6	St Mary's True Ferns	vs	PC Hurricanes	7 & 8
4:00	7	St Mary's Gooseys	vs	Te Wautu Dragons	7 & 8
4:00	8	St Mary's Showsteppers	vs	PC Thunder	7 & 8
4:00	9	Pukeatua Thunder	vs	PC Storms	7 & 8
4:00	BF	Pukeatua Touchdown	vs	Tirau Tornados	3 & 4
4:30	1	St Mary's Dashers	vs	PPS Kea	1 & 2
4:30	2	St Mary's Warriors	vs	Lichfield Bombers	1 & 2
4:30	3	Te Wautu Knights	vs	Lichfield Rockets	1 & 2
4:30	4	Teina Steppers	vs	Arohena Kereru	3 & 4
4:30	5	St Mary's Turbo	vs	Teina Whackers	3 & 4
4:30	6	Pukeatua Lightening	vs	PC Lightening	7 & 8
4:30	7	Tirau Titans	vs	St Mary's Meerkats	5 & 6
4:30	8	Tirau Tarantulas	vs	St Mary's Swifters	5 & 6
4:30	9	Lichfield Touch Blacks	vs	Arohena Tui	5 & 6
5:00	1	St Mary's Playmakers	vs	Te Wautu Dolphins	3 & 4
5:00	2	PPS Pukeko	vs	Lichfield Typhoons	3 & 4
5:00	3	Te Wautu Stormers	vs	Tirau Tigers	1 & 2
5:00	4	Arohena Piwakawaka	vs	Tirau Turbos	1 & 2
5:00	5	Tirau Turtles	vs	PPS Tui	1 & 2
BYE - Te Wautu Wolves					
5:00	6	PPS Piwakawaka	vs	Tuakana Busters	5 & 6
5:00	7	PPS Karearea	vs	Tuakana Attackers	5 & 6
5:00	8	PPS Takahe	vs	Pukeatua The Bros	5 & 6
5:00	9	Te Wautu Wild Cats	vs	Pukeatua Side Steppers	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	Alathea	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

noun |spôrts-mən-SHIP|

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