



Striving for Excellence
In the Marist Tradition

St Mary's Catholic School

Putāruru

Principal – Mrs Jenny MacKenzie

NEWSLETTER

7th September 2023

He waka eke noa – We're all in this together

MARIST

Excellence in learning and behaviour

We work hard

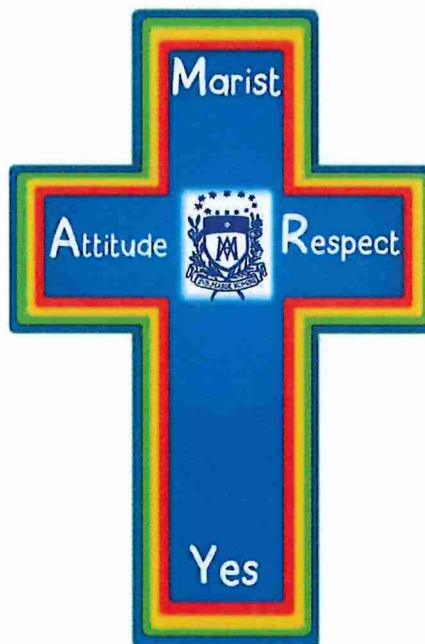
Kia mahi tahi tatou

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

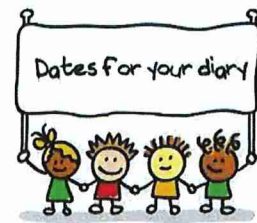
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tikatou

FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – SELF CONTROL – TERM 3

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

11-15th Sept - Life Education Week
19th Sept - SHREK Matinee
20-21st Sept - SHREK Evening Performances



WEARABLE ARTS

This year our Wearable Arts will be held on **Thursday 26th October at The Plaza**. This year the theme is "The 4 Elements". **WATER - FIRE - EARTH - AIR**

SCHOOL PRODUCTION – SHREK

After school practice will continue next week.

Tickets are now available from the school office.

Matinee Performance – Tuesday 19th September @ 12:00pm (tickets \$2.00 each)
Evening Performance – Wednesday 20th September @ 6:30pm (tickets \$5.00 each)
Evening Performance – Thursday 21st September @ 6:30pm (tickets \$5.00 each)

Please do NOT pay for tickets online before you have "booked" them with Sandra.

Online payments should go to the school bank account

St Mary's School Board of Trustees : 03-0418-0114136-00 please use reference SHREK.



AG DAY



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Ag Day entry forms have been sent home – please ensure these are returned to Sandra in the office asap

PLEASE RETURN ANY CUPS TO THE OFFICE ASAP



LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH GROUP

Lighthouse Youth group this Friday 8th September 6:30 - 8pm in the Parish Centre. All 8 - 13 year olds welcome. Phone Angelina 8821331 for further info.

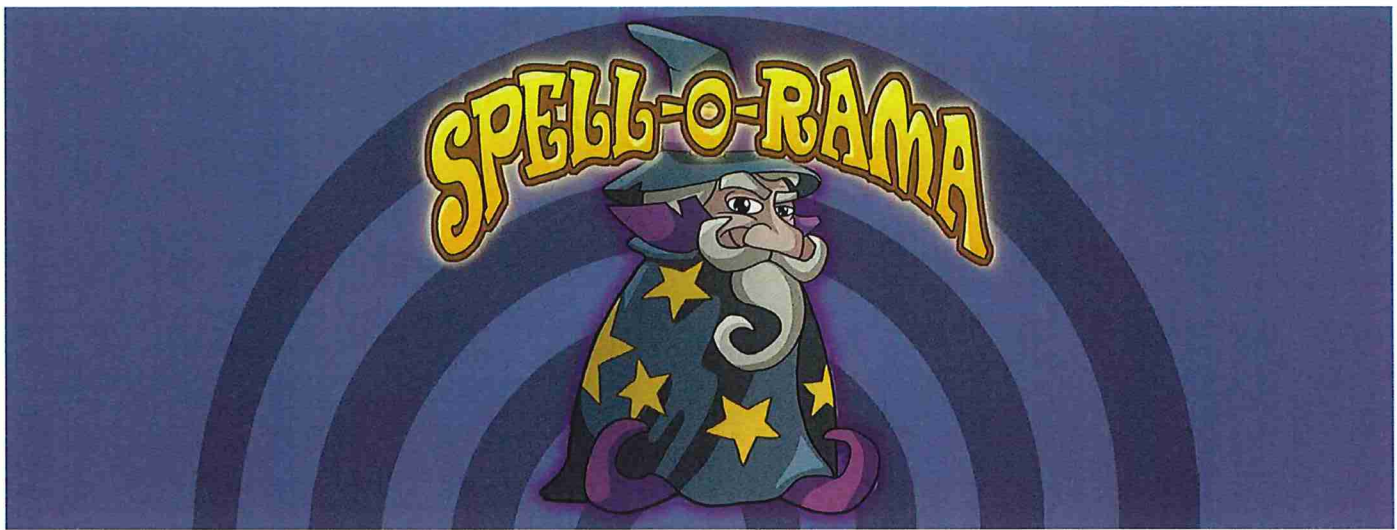


OFFICE HOURS

Please note our school office is open from 08:30am to 3:30pm – the phones may not be answered during morning tea and lunch breaks, so please leave a message on the answerphone if your call isn't answered.

Thank you





Our Year 7 and 8 students, teachers, and families have been working to raise funds for an unforgettable end-of-year camp to Wellington in November. The camp will provide students with valuable educational and personal growth opportunities.

One of our primary fundraising events this term is the Spell-o-Rama. This event will contribute to our fundraising efforts and offer our students the chance to enhance their spelling skills practically and meaningfully. By participating in the Spell-o-Rama, our students will not only be supporting themselves but also using their spelling ability in a helpful way to help the school help them.

We are also reaching out to our community to request support in the form of sponsorship towards prizes for our Spell-o-Rama participants. These prizes will serve as incentives to encourage students to get as many sponsors as possible. On completion of a sponsorship card, students will have their names entered into a draw for a chance to win one of the prizes. Your role is crucial in making this event a success.

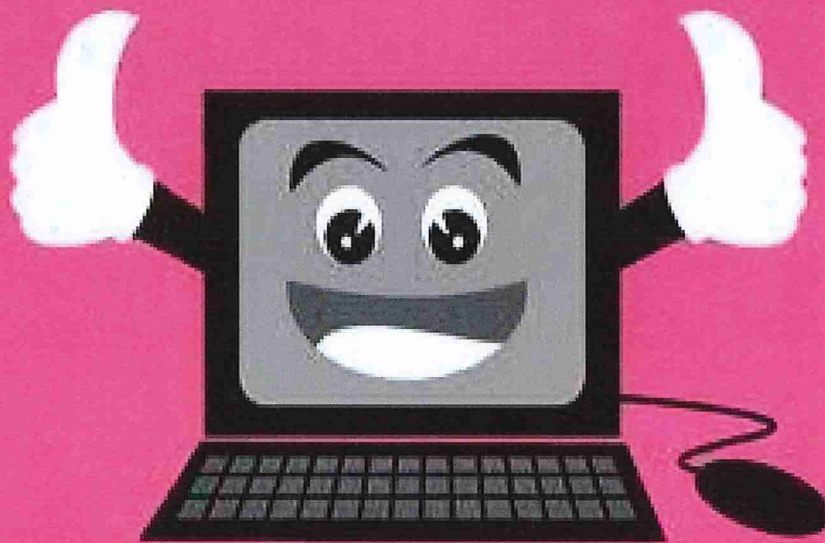
In return for your generous support, we would gratefully acknowledge your business in our school newsletter.

If you are interested in supporting our Spell-o-Rama with prizes, we kindly ask that you contact us via email at nicola@stmarysput.school.nz or clare@stmarysput.school.nz.

We thank you for your support.

Nicola Bailey and Clare Hedge

Internet Safety for Kids



- 1** Never give out personal information! (Such as phone number, address, passwords or photos)
- 2** Talk to your parents, teacher, or guardians if you feel uncomfortable with what you see on the internet.
- 3** Be polite and respectful of others on-line. Never send a message you would not say face-to-face.
- 4** Never meet with some one you 'meet' on-line.
- 5** When chatting on-line use a nick name that will not reveal anything about you.



St Mary's Religious Education Newsletter

Week 8 - Term 3

4th - 8th September



Social Justice Week

'Imagine Peace For All / Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa'.

Social Justice Week in 2023 is the beginning of something very special. For the next three years the focus will be on peace and responding to conflict.

Understanding Its Importance...

Social Justice Week in the Catholic Church is an annual event that carries profound significance for our faith community. This dedicated week serves as a time to delve into the core values of compassion, equity, and solidarity, which are intrinsic to our Catholic beliefs. Let's explore why Social Justice Week holds such a crucial place in the heart of our Church:

1. Reflection on Gospel Values: Social Justice Week encourages Catholics to pause and reflect on the fundamental principles found in the Gospel, namely, love, justice, and service to others. It prompts us to contemplate how we can better incorporate these values into our daily lives.

2. Championing Equality: At its core, this week reminds us of our responsibility to stand in solidarity with the marginalized and disadvantaged in society. As Catholics, we are called to advocate for a world where every individual is treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their circumstances.

3. Fostering Outreach: Social Justice Week motivates us to engage in acts of kindness, charity, and volunteerism. It encourages us to collaborate with local organizations and charitable initiatives, actively working to make a positive impact on our communities.

4. Advocacy for Change: The week invites us to become advocates for social change. Throughout history, the Catholic Church has played a vital role in addressing societal issues, from poverty and inequality to environmental concerns. Social Justice Week empowers us to actively participate in these conversations and contribute to positive change.

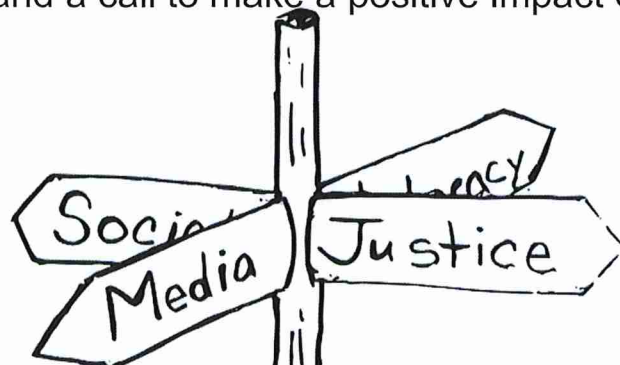
5. Strengthening Our Faith: Embracing social justice is an avenue through which we deepen our faith and connection to the teachings of Jesus Christ. It underscores that our faith is not passive but calls us to be agents of change, actively serving and advocating for others.

In the contemporary world, where issues of inequality, discrimination, and injustice continue to persist, the commitment of the Catholic Church to social justice is more relevant than ever. Observing Social Justice Week is a tangible way to demonstrate our dedication to embodying Gospel values and taking an active role in creating a more compassionate and just society.

By participating in this week, we acknowledge that our faith goes beyond mere beliefs; it is a call to action that requires us to contribute meaningfully to the betterment of our world.

In essence, Social Justice Week is a reminder that, as a faith community, we have a role to play in addressing the challenges of our time. It serves as a catalyst for us to grow in our faith and work collectively towards a brighter, fairer future for all.

Let us recognize and embrace the importance of Social Justice Week as an opportunity for spiritual growth and a call to make a positive impact on the world around us.

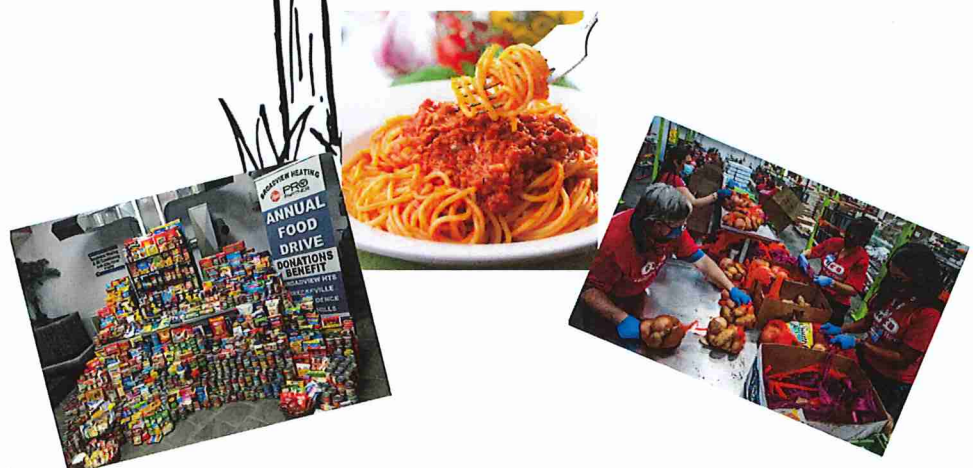


Putaruru Community Food Bank Roster:

Thank you so much for your support!

- Week 1 - Staff
- 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 - Room 1
- Week 10 - Staff

ITEMS IN NEED...
Condiments, spreads, pasta sauces





23rd Sunday of Ordinary time - 10th September



Reading Summaries

- First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9 emphasizes the responsibility of a watchman or a prophet to warn the people of their sins and the consequences of their actions. In this passage, God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman for the house of Israel, and he is instructed to warn the wicked to turn from their evil ways. If Ezekiel fails to do so, he will be held accountable for their blood. This passage underscores the idea that individuals have a moral duty to warn others about wrongdoing and to encourage them to repent and seek a righteous path.

- Second Reading:

Romans 13:8-10 is a passage that highlights the importance of love and ethical conduct in the Christian faith. In these verses, the apostle Paul instructs believers to owe no one anything except to love one another. Love is described as the fulfillment of the law because it encompasses all the commandments, such as "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," and so on. Paul emphasizes that love does no harm to a neighbor, and therefore, it is the essence of living a righteous and moral life. This passage underscores the central role of love in Christian ethics and emphasizes that genuine love for others should guide all our actions and interactions.

- Gospel Reading

In **Matthew 18:15-20**, the apostle tells us how to deal with problems amongst ourselves. First, if someone does something wrong to you, try talking to them alone. If that doesn't work, bring a couple of friends as witnesses. If it's still not resolved, tell the whole group. The passage says that what the group decides is important and has God's support. It also talks about the power of everyone praying together, with Jesus being there to help when they agree on things, especially when it comes to solving problems and staying united as a group.



23rd Sunday of Ordinary time



GOSPEL PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,

Guide us in resolving conflicts with love and understanding. Grant us the courage to approach one another with humility, involve witnesses for clarity, and make wise group decisions that reflect your will. As we pray together, may your presence and guidance bring reconciliation and unity to our Christian community.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Marist Students

Well done to these two students who have shown the Marist values to the best of their abilities in everything they do.



*Lola Andrews
Room 5*



*Hannah Colman
Room 6*