

# St. Mary's School Newsletter

## Something to Singh about.....

### Baptism and First Reconciliation

I have parents ask about having their child baptized. This is a positive step in their faith journey. If you are considering having your child baptized, please contact the school office and we will endeavor to help you through this process.

A parent meeting was held on 28 February for parents wanting to engage in the Reconciliation process for their child. If you happened to miss that meeting, please contact Mrs. Deakin.

### What does the School Board do and who are its members?

I am aware that many of our new families, especially those who have children starting school for the very first time, may not know about the School Board and who its members are and what we do, so hopefully the following will give you an idea:



The Board, elected every three years, acts in a stewardship/governance role, and is accountable for the school's performance, focusing on strategic leadership, sets the vision for the school, provides a safe environment and high quality Catholic Education for all children. It is also mandated to ensure that the school complies with legal and policy requirements.

The School Board delegates authority and accountability for the day to day management of the school to the principal, the chief executive of the school, who is required to work with both the Board's policy framework and NZ education legislation.



As we enter into this season of Lent, we turn to God and to each other as together, we journey towards Easter.

Pope Francis asks us to use this Lenten season to strengthen our prayer life, our outreach of almsgiving (sharing with others) and of fasting (going without). May we open our hearts and minds to being the "Body of Christ" to others this time of Lent.

Here is a lovely Lenten prayer to pray together as a family...

***"Open our hearts to Your word, O Lord, that we may be renewed***

***Open our hearts to receive and to give, that we may be replenished***

***Open our minds to the silence of Your Presence, that we may be refreshed***

***Amen."***

### The Board

Cara Leigh Brooks: Presiding Member/Parent Elected Member

Mike Boyes: Bishop's Appointee

Malcolm Jury: Bishop's Appointee

Abel Mathew: Bishop's Appointee

Anna Arcega: Parent Elected Member

Nigel Fitler: Parent Elected Member

Leigh Birondo: Parent Elected Member

Suneal Singh: Principal

Maureen Standish: Staff Elected Representative

The Board meets regularly, usually there are eight meetings throughout the year. Later this year the Board will start developing a new strategic plan for our school to run from 2024 to 2026. You will be asked by the Board for your views. When you are asked please support the board as it will help us all going forward.

## Burning of the Palms



## Black and White Mufti Day for Hawke's Bay



**CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY**  
**CAN YOU HELP?**

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers. To take part in this study you must:

- ☐ Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- ☐ Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- ☐ Only use a reliever inhaler

For more information, contact:

- ☐ Email: [care@mri.nz](mailto:care@mri.nz)
- ☐ Phone: 027 327 1191 / 04 805 0201
- ☐ Web: [mri.nz/ac.nz/currently-recruiting/care-study](http://mri.nz/ac.nz/currently-recruiting/care-study)

This study has been approved by Northern B Health and Disability Ethics Committee (20NTB/200)

**What does it involve?**

- 1 year
- 3 in person or Zoom visits + 2 phone calls
- Inhalers provided free of charge
- Asthma education
- Reimbursement for data expenses

**SCAN ME**



What a spectacular 4 days we had at St. Mary's School! There was so much kindness, energy and excitement on display – it was truly incredible!

There were so many great ideas around healthy eating and looking after our AMAZING bodies being shared both in and out of the mobile classroom – it was inspirational!

We hope everyone continues to show their bodies the love they deserve, whether that's through awesome food, lots of sleep, water and exercise – healthy minds!

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Harold merchandise – It is very much appreciated. We can't wait to see you all again in the future – take care and have a stunning rest of the year!

Love from Tim and Harold!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthdays over the past few weeks:

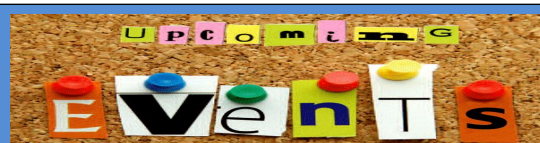
*James Jayden, Sofia Espiritu, Kathryn Arcus and Lilah Mulcahy*

## Ke te Pai (well done) to all our KWAPA (Kids With A Positive Attitude)

Team Aroha	Kheondre Bañez, Anorah Arun, Tristan Espiritu, Ellise Calig-onan and Gjia Ropati
Team Tika	Hagan Nesbit, Pippa Brosnan, Benson Forster, Aaliyah Briones and Skyla Smith
Team Pono	Telwin Tijo and Jirou Ferrancullo

## Ko te tino mahi (great job) to all our students who received certificates these past few weeks. Ka Pai!

Team Aroha	Lincoln Mc Donagh, Cassidy May and Zayn Evangelista
Team Tika	Akshaj Redhunath, Hannah Joyal, Julia Brown and Myra Madho
Team Pono	Sophia Lambert-Moore and Sania Singh



Thursday 02 March	Year 5 & 6 Tabloids Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday 08 March	Year 3 & 4 Tabloids St. James
Thursday 09 March	BOT Meeting

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

### PB4L Journey

PB4L is a school wide framework which helps to build a culture of positive behavior and learning. We began our PB4L journey at St. Mary's in 2020. Each fortnight we teach our specific behavior focus, whilst also reminding ākongā of our school values of care, courtesy, respect and responsibility. Children's good choices are recognized by teachers and teaching assistants and rewarded with a token, alongside a brief comment about what behavior was noticed. Tokens are collected within teams, where we work towards a shared reward. These rewards are generated and chosen with the children in each team and vary across the school. The teaching focus for term 1 are:

- Look after your and others' belongings
- Enter and leave in an orderly way
- Allow others to learn
- Use kind words and actions
- Be considerate of others

We look forward to sharing more about PB4L throughout the year.

"A very big welcome to James Jacob! We wish you happy school days at St. Mary's School!"



What do you call a potato with glasses?



A Spec-tator!

LearnFunnyJokes.com



### Attendance Dues Information – March 2023

❖ 2023 attendance dues invoices/statements will be emailed to families this week (if we have an email address on file). If no email address is held, invoices/statements will be sent via Post. If you do not receive an invoice/statement, please contact us so we can reissue one to you.

❖ If you make a payment on or before the 31st March 2023 that includes a **voluntary catholic character donation** of \$5.00 or more, a donation receipt will be emailed/sent by post in April, for you to claim a tax rebate.

❖ If you wish to set up a regular payment plan, please contact the Attendance Dues team to discuss payment options. Our contact details are as follows:

- 0800 200 208; or
- [dues@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:dues@pndiocese.org.nz)
- ❖ Our bank details for payment:
- Name of Account: Diocese of PN
- Account Number: 02-0630-0237950-04
- Reference Number: "please ensure you enter your account reference number"
- ❖ One off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using our website: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues).
- ❖ Attendance Dues charges for 2023 are:
  - \$479.00 for each Primary Student (Year 0 – 8).
  - \$958.00 for each Secondary Student (Year 9 –





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