



St Mary's Primary School

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Our Values

"Learning Values, Valuing Learning"
"Te ako i te Uara, Te Uara i te ako"

Our Vision Statement

St Mary's students will be independent young people learning for life and living the Catholic faith

This month's Virtue

Forgiveness

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| March 29th | Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross 11am –hall | April 6th | House Group fun 1.30-2.30pm |
| March 30th | Good Friday (School closed) | April 13th | Mass 9.30am <i>All welcome</i> |
| April 2nd | Easter Monday (School closed) | | 12:00 noon Farewell assembly for Ms Veale |
| April 3rd | Easter Tuesday (School closed) | | all welcome NB change of time! |
| April 5th | Canterbury Primary School's Swimming | | Last day of Term 1 |
| | Good luck Merryn Jellie and Sophie Love | | |

Virtue The virtue for March is **Forgiveness**. Being forgiving is giving someone another chance after they have done something wrong, knowing that everyone makes mistakes. It is making amends instead of taking revenge. It is important to forgive yourself, too. Forgiving yourself means to stop punishing yourself or feeling hopeless because of a mistake. Forgiveness is moving ahead, ready to act differently, with compassion for yourself and faith that you can change.

Welcome Jessica Scott to St Mary's it is lovely to have you with us.

Goodbye It is with sadness we will say goodbye to one of our wonderful teachers, Kate Veale, at the end of Term 1. While it is a sad time for us, it is a new challenge for Kate and we wish her all the very best for her new adventures. I would like to thank Kate for her hard work and dedication as a classroom teacher at St Mary's over the past 9 years. Kate's last day will be Friday April 13th – you are very welcome to join us at an early assembly (**12.00 noon**) to say goodbye.

Holy Week Students have been preparing for Holy Week during their Religious Education lessons. The children know about Fasting, Alms Giving and Prayer. They have listened to stories about what happened in the lead up to Jesus being crucified. The Stations of the Cross re-enactment is a powerful way to remember. On Thursday at 11am we celebrate the Stations of the Cross in our school hall. This is a whole school gathering with prayer, retelling and acting the Holy Week events with narration and some singing. You are very welcome to join us.



School Camps: You are welcome to set up an automatic payments for school camps (or any items) with the school. The Year 7 & 8 camp is next term May 29th - June 1st at Living Springs. The Year 5 & 6 camp is October 23rd –26th at Bridge Valley.

Girls rehearsing for their dance at Allen Bryant this afternoon - Make a Smile day.



What have we been up to?

Room 2: Ryder Muir: I made a shadow. I put my thumbs up. The sun shines and it makes a shadow. **Catherine**

Orozco: I have been learning to write a whole word. You have to write the sounds that you can hear.

Room 3: Quinn Routhan: I am learning to write a story. It needs a beginning a middle and an end. **Lilly Scott:** We are learning about the Stations of the Cross and that Jesus rose from the dead. That is why we celebrate Easter.

Room 4: Summer San Juan: In Room 4 we have been learning about ANZAC day and what it was like in World War 1. **Kingston Lilley:** Today we are going to Shantytown for a sleepover. We are going to have a bush walk and dress up in the old fashioned way.

Room 5: Jai Ngaamo: At our sleepover the boys slept in Room 5 and the girls in the library. We watched lots of movies, went swimming and had hot chips. It was fun!

Sierra Thrupp: We made our own money on google drawing. It had to include safety features, a native bird, native plant, a local landmark and a famous person.

Room 6: Georgia Tainui: We have been writing about Super Heroes.

I am a Super Girl and someone else does all of my work! **Keisha**

Rennie: I have written an autobiography of myself. I included my date of birth, who I was named after and what I enjoy.



Room 7: Brynne Gordon: We watched a video which told the story of Jesus's crucifixion. This gave us the meaning behind the Stations of the Cross. **Lucas Masters:** We watched a video where an African tribe was killed by another tribe. One survivor was able to forgive through her faith in God. She wants all people to forgive others.

Room 8: Jimmy Griffiths-Wright: We will be acting out Jesus's last days on Thursday. I am playing the part of Jesus. **Tina Tainui:** We have been doing cubism artwork in Room 8.

Kind regards

Karen Payne

EZLUNCH

Reminder: Online lunches are available on Wednesdays in conjunction with New World and EZlunch. You simply order your school lunches online, pay by your ezlunch account, and the lunches will be delivered to school for pickup from the office at 12:30pm on Wednesdays. If this is successful it may be more often.

<http://www.ezlunch.co.nz/>

Board News

At the first meeting of the year Mark van Beek was appointed Chairperson. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Darrell Grosser for his many years of service, guidance and leadership as Chairperson. It is certainly not an easy position to hold and Darrell has taken on this position for the last 5 years.

The final stage of the court upgrade project is almost underway with the turf being put down (hopefully) over the holidays. We would like to thank the Diocese for their funding to repair the storm water and the new asphalt.

Thank you once again to POSMS for their fundraising efforts for the turf and Sarah Nixon for her ongoing communication with all involved. It will certainly be a real asset when completed.

In February the Board participated in Professional Development focussing on the difference between governance and management and looked at the roles of the board and the principal. Future focuses will be around strategic planning, as mentioned in the recent Education Review Office review.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen publically for her efforts over the last three years as she has been fundamental in the success of the latest ERO report.