



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

Determination

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22nd	St Mary's Cross Country POSTPONED	June 11th	Canterbury Competitive Gymnastics Competition
May 23rd	6 aside Football Tournament	June 12th	Year 7&8 Rugby
May 24th	St Mary's Cross Country	June 13th	Canterbury Recreational Gymnastics Competition
May 25th	School Mass 9.30am	June 15th	Year 5&6 Rippa Rugby
May 29th –1st June	Year 7&8 Camp to Living Springs Christchurch	June 19th	Year 7&8 Rugby
June 1st	Year 5&6 Rippa Rugby	June 21st	Board of Trustees Meeting
June 5th	Year 7&8 Rugby	June 22nd	School Mass 9.30am
June 6th	West Coast Cross Country Kumara	June 22nd	Year 5&6 Rippa Rugby
June 6th	Wig Wednesday (Child cancer fundraiser)	June 26th	Year 7&8 7's Tournament
June 7th	School Disco Junior 5-6pm Senior 6-7.30pm	July 4th	West Coast Seddon Shield Westport
June 8th	Year 5&6 Rippa Rugby	July 6th	School Mass 9.30am
June 8th	School Mass 9.30am	July 6th	End of Term 2

Virtue The virtue for May is **Determination**

Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and then sticking with it until it is finished.

Determination is using your willpower to do something when it isn't easy. You are determined to meet your goals. Even when it is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going.

Welcome Dougal Kwant to St Mary's it is lovely to have you with us, we also welcome Matt Tailby who is a training teacher in Room 7 for a total of 7 weeks.

What Have We been Up To?



Stations of the Cross: During Holy Week, near the end of last term we celebrated the Stations of the Cross in our school hall. This was a whole school assembly with prayer, retelling and acting the Holy Week events with narration and some singing. We were joined by some Parish, school and Community members.

Bishop Paul's Visit: We were very pleased to welcome Bishop Paul Martin to St Mary's School on Thursday 10th May. Bishop Paul visited the classrooms and had morning tea with the staff. On Saturday afternoon parishioners had an afternoon tea with Bishop Paul before he celebrated Mass at Seaview Chapel. Thank you to Bishop Paul's helpers on Saturday evening.



St Mary's Cross Country

Important Information Our Cross Country has been postponed till Thursday 24th May. Events will be raced in year levels, and the courses for each year level are identified on the map that was sent home and is on facebook. Room 2 and 3 will be organising parent transport to the racecourse while Rooms 4-8 will be walking to the race course at 11:30am. The first race is expected to start at 12:10pm and we are planning to walk back to school at 2:00pm after the last race.

Children Need Sports gear, drink bottle, school bag, running shoes and medication if required. Students are to wear school uniform to school and change into sports gear at playtime. Feet will get wet so they will need a change of socks along with their school shoes to change back into.

St Mary's School Website: Our website has been updated: <http://stmarysschool.co.nz>. A big thank you to Craig Walker who has been instrumental in the construction of the site, and it is still evolving! Craig builds custom software and websites. Give him a call or send him and email if you want to have a chat about an upcoming project. Ph: 021 025 28367 E: craig@coded.co.nz



What have we been up to?

Room 2: Braxton Smith: We have been learning about Jesus going to Heaven to live with his father. It's called the Ascension. **Olivia Savage:** We have been learning about shape and size and colour words. I described my monster.

Room 3: Isaac Thorpe: We have been practising the Cross Country and I am getting fit! **Charlee Rasmussen:** We have been learning some sign language - it is sign language week.

Room 4: Catherine O'Gara: At school we have been learning about the 'Fruits of the Holy Spirit'. **Danny Lockington:** At school we have been learning about measurements and how tall people are in our class.

Room 5: Cody Nolan: We have a new website for reading called Epic. It makes reading fun - I have read about 30 books on it. **Joshua Bautista:** Last week we did a science experiment with raisins and lemonade. We put the lemonade in a cup and when you add the raisins, they start dancing.

Room 6: Susie Kwant: We have been finding out about the author Roald Dahl. We have found facts about him and the books he has written. The BFG is my favourite. **Samuel Woodcock:** We have been learning about volcanos as part of our science badge projects. We have made volcanos using mentos as well as baking soda and vinegar.

Room 7: Ian Fryer: We have been having Cross Country practice for the past couple of weeks. We have been doing lots of laps of a course with many obstacles. I found it challenging and I was very determined to do as much as possible. **Tiaki Anderson:** We have been practising for the school soccer tournament. It has been fun so far—we have been practising each fine day. There is an A and a B team - I am in the A team. The competition is next Wednesday.

Room 8: Imogen Gillespie: We are writing stories for 'Bully Free' week. We will share these with Room 2 when we have finished. **Vincent Glass:** This week we have trialling for the Soccer 6 aside tournament in Greymouth. The teams have been announced and we have had multiple trainings.

Have a great week
Kind regards

Karen Payne

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Our school uniform is available to order online at the Warehouse

<https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools> and enter Hokitika in the dropdown box to select St Mary's School. Alternatively search for schooltex under kids clothing.