



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

Courage

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th	West Coast Seddon Shield Westport
July 6th	School Mass 9.30am
July 6th	End of Term 2
July 23rd	Start of Term 2
July 31st	ICAS English
August 1st	West Coast 6 aside hockey
August 6th	Catholic Youth Team here this week
August 8th	West-a-Maths Hokitika
August 13th	Speech exams this week Date TBC

August 14th	ICAS Maths
August 16th	BOT Meeting
August 27th	ASB Netball
Sept 10th	ASB Netball final Buller
Sept 13th	BOT Meeting
Sept 26th	Kapa Haka festival Hokitika
Sept 28th	End of Term 3

Mass dates will be included in the next newsletter when these have been confirmed.

Virtue - the virtue for June is **Courage**

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up and quitting. Sometimes courage means recognizing a danger and standing firm. It doesn't mean taking unnecessary chances just to look brave.

Courage is needed in trying new things, in facing difficult situations, and in picking yourself up after a mistake and trying again. It is doing what you know is right even if other people laugh at you or call you names.

Courage is a quality of the heart. Courage comes from what you feel in your heart rather than just what you think. It comes from knowing yourself and knowing down deep that you can and should do something. Courage comes from knowing that God is there to help and that you can count on God always. Love can give us courage. It gives us strength and helps us do the right thing without letting our fears stop us.

Welcome Caleb Staples and Andriaz Matthews to St Mary's it is lovely to have you with us.

What Have We been Up To?

St Mary's School Cross Country: Congratulations to all of the student who ran on the day— you all showed determination and courage. The feedback received was positive about the venue. Staff have made some small changes for next year after a review of the event. Thank you to all of the supporters and helpers who were able to be at the event, it was certainly a great atmosphere.

West Coast Cross Country: Congratulations to all who qualified for the West Coast Cross Country event held at the Kumara Racecourse on Wednesday 6th June. All of the St Mary's students gave it their very best and can be proud of themselves. From this event, there were 6 St Mary's students who qualified for the Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country event which is being held today (27th June) in Christchurch. **All the very best to** Maia Grosser, Tina Tainui, Sophie Love, Brynne Gordon, Stevie Nixon and Tamsin Gillespie.





Canterbury Primary School's Gymnastic Competition

This year we had 11 gymnasts entered in the annual competition. Thank you to all of the girls and parents for supporting this event. Congratulations to the following girls who were placed at this event: Competitive Grade Step 3 Libby Jones 2nd on Floor. Recreational Grade Gold - Jemma Jones 1st on Beam. Silver - Ysbelle Orozco 3rd on Beam. Bronze - Stevie Nixon 1st Place on Beam, 1st Place on Floor, 3rd Place on Vault and 2nd Place overall. Bronze Team Event: 3rd overall - Stevie Nixon, Ella Stanton and Alice McKenzie.

Wig Wednesday Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraiser for child cancer, it was very much appreciated.

Rippa Rugby Congratulations to all of the Year 5&6 boys and girls who have been competing in the inter-school's Rippa Rugby competition each Friday over the past few weeks and also Mrs Beaumont and Mrs Gwaliasi for their guidance. Thank you to Rob Maitland for coaching the team before the competition started.



From the classrooms ...

In room 4 we have been learning how much things weigh like flour, potatoes and raw sugar. We are using terms like grams and kilograms. (*Lillylee Jones*). We have been learning about levers by making dragons and by moving one end we can open the mouth at the other end. (*Catherine O'Gara*)

In room 5 this week we have been working on our charcoal portrait artwork looking at shading and focus. (*Korah Wilson*). We have also been growing watercress in plastic cups as part of our science programme. Hopefully in the next few weeks we'll be eating salads! (*Alice McKenzie*)

In room 3 for maths we have been using dice and rolling them to make the bigger numbers so the rockets can go up to space. (*Isaac Thorpe*). In RE we have been looking at the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Some examples are love, patience and faithfulness. (*Lily Scott*)

In room 6 we are looking at Geography around New Zealand and putting down some interesting places onto maps. (*Ben Walker*). We are also investigating fractions by converting them into decimals by dividing the numerator by the denominator. Some students have passion projects like Tamsin who is investigating different countries. (*Tamsin Gillespie*)

In room 7 every Friday at lunchtime we have been walking up to the high school to play rippa rugby against other local schools. This Friday we are travelling to Greymouth to play against all the teams across the West Coast. If we win this week we may play against the Canterbury teams. (*Ella Tacon*). We have also started a new reading programme called reading Plus. The programme helps us read faster, improve our vocabulary and understand what we are reading. (*Sophie Love*)

In room 8 we have been competing in the interschool rugby competition which finished with the sevens on Tuesday. We worked hard, but didn't win this year. We have also been exploring the report genre and learning about Australia's Cane Toads. (*Imi Gillespie*)

In room 2 Anjelie has been doing reading. She has been learning her letters and her words. (*Anjelie Soliva*). Tate is learning to do his numbers. He knows about half, and can colour in halves. (*Tate Healey*)

Have a great week

Kind regards

Karen Payne