



# 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

**Justice**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 19th	Music Soiree 1:30pm all welcome (see below for more information.)	Oct 25th	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
Sept 25th	2pm finish for Strategic Planning Meeting (see below for more information.)	Nov 1st	St Mary's School Athletics pp Nov 2nd
Sept 27th	Kapa Haka Festival WHS (see below for more information.) NB Thursday	Nov 4th	Confirmation Yr7&8 at 9am Bishop Paul Martin
Sept 28th	Mass 9.30am –all welcome	Nov 7th	Hokitika District Athletics
Oct 15th	Term 4 commences	Nov 14th	West Coast Athletics pp Nov 16th
Oct 17th	School photos	Nov 22nd	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
Oct 18th	'Shake Out' We will practice our earthquake drill and evacuation. More information to come.	Dec 3rd	Westland Anniversary Day
Oct 23rd-26th	Year 5&6 Camp Bridge Valley Nelson	Dec 4th	End of year concert rehearsal Regent Theatre 9.30
		Dec 5th	Concert Matinee 11am Evening 6.30pm Regent
		Dec 6th	Evening concert 6.30pm Regent Theatre
		Dec 11th	Prize Giving 5.30pm Regent Theatre
		Dec 14th	Leavers Mass 9.30am
			End of Term 4

**Virtue - Justice** Practicing Justice is being fair in everything you do. It is seeing with your own eyes and not judging something or someone by what other people tell you. Being just is standing up for your rights and the rights of other people. It is taking responsibility if you make a mistake and making amends. Justice means that every person's rights are protected.

## Congratulations!!

**ICAS Writing results: Congratulations** to all students who participated in this competition. Awards and recognition for this are:

Award	For each year level in each state/country	ICAS Writing
High Distinction	The top 1% of participants	
Distinction	the next 10% of participants	Pera Gordon Brynne Gordon
Credit	the next 25% of participants	Victoria McNish Tamsin Gillespie Ysbelle Orozco
Merit	the next 10% of participants	Ema Adams Torres Isla Kwant Briar Hutchison Ella Stanton

**ASB Netball Tournament:** Congratulations to the St Mary's netball team who won the tournament in Hokitika and went on to compete against Buller and Grey District for the finals in Westport on Monday 10th September. The team did not win in the finals but gave it their best. Thank you to the coaches and parents for your support with transport.

**Disco:** Thank to the student council for once again organizing a great disco. Lots of fun was had by all!

## Coming Up:

**Soiree— this Wednesday 1.30pm** This Wednesday afternoon, all classes will perform a musical item of their choice as we finish two terms of singing and instrumental work with Jessica McMillan. This is a low key fun afternoon and you are very welcome to join us.

**Te Ahurei o ngā Kura o Te Tai o Poutini 2018:** Hosted by Westland High School Thursday, 27 September 2018

This year for the first time in several years we will be participating in the Te Ahurei Kapa Haka Festival. St Marys is the first school to perform at 8:40am. Because we have been learning for a relatively short time, our school will be participating this year ( not competing).



## From the classrooms ...

**Room 4 Manaia Anderson:** We have been learning about recycling. I have learnt that if you can scrunch up soft plastic it can be recycled at the supermarket. **Eli Eagle:** We have been learning about temperature and thermometers. We have been taking the temperature everyday 3x a day to find out how hot or cold it is getting.

**Room 5 Isaac Healy:** We have been making parachutes and we learned that the bigger the object the faster the parachute goes down. **Blake Lang:** We have been writing about robots—it was fun and also we drew pictures of our robots. There are good robots and bad robots, my robot was a good one.

**Room 3 Mahalia Lord.** We have been problem solving about Noah's Ark. How many animals might make 12 legs? 2 tigers and 2 peacocks. Can you think of some?

**Room 6 Anne Barker:** We have been researching about native New Zealand. We had to make a poster and mine is about the Tuatara. **Joel Barangay:** We have been working on a dance for the soiree. There are two groups for our dance and everyone else sings.

**Room 7 Tiaki Anderson:** We have been making picture books for the Room 2 and 3 students. My story is about a dinosaur adventure. **Lucas Minehan:** We have been practising Kapa Haka for the Ahurei Kapa Haka festival which will be at Westland High School.

**Room 8 Courtney Lang:** We have been practising for the Kapa Haka festival and we are really looking forward to it. **Austin Linklater:** We have started a new online programme called 'Reading Plus'. It increases our speed and memory.

**Room 2 Lucy Rolleston:** I am writing an information report about fish. I have to remember to put a space after a word. **Jessica Scott:** I am learning to read. I need to keep reading and not stop.

Have an enjoyable break with your children.

Kind regards

*Karen Payne*