



# St Mary's Primary School

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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

Monday 4th Feb	Term 1 begins	Thursday 28th Feb	Swimming R6&8
Wednesday 6th Feb	Waitangi Day - school closed	Monday 4th March	Swimming R5&7
Monday 11th Feb	Swimming R5&7	Tuesday 5th March	Swimming R2,3,4
Tuesday 12th Feb	Swimming R2,3,4	Thursday 7th March	St Mary's Swimming Sports
Thursday 14th Feb	Swimming R6&8	Wed 13th March	Hokitika District Swimming Sports
Monday 18th Feb	Swimming R5&7	Wed 20th March	West Coast Swimming Sports
Tuesday 19th Feb	Swimming R2,3,4		Greymouth
Thursday 21st Feb	Swimming R6&8	Thursday 4th April	Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming
Monday 25th Feb	Swimming R5&7	Friday 12th April	End of Term 1
Tuesday 26th Feb	Swimming R2,3,4	Monday 29th April	Term 2 begins

*As we end the school year, I would like to thank you all very much for your support in so many ways throughout the year. The school could not operate smoothly without the volunteer work that many of you do for us.*

*Thank you to our Board of Trustees for their governance and guidance this year; their time and commitment is much appreciated.*

*Thank you to all parents who help at school with fundraising, coaching, maintenance, parent helpers in the classroom and on school camps or class trips.*

*It is the time of the year when we say goodbye to students, always with a touch of sadness, but with excited anticipation for their next school. We say goodbye to the following Year 8 students: Frankie Anderson, Ben Barry, Stevie Bradley, Georgia Carter, Rhianon Eason, Riley Fanselow, Imogen Gillespie, Jimmy Griffiths-Wright, Maia Grosser, Jemma Jones, Austin Linklater, Ben Mann, Campbell Murray, Oliver Nixon, Michael O'Neil-Braid, Charlotte O'Reilly, Andreas Owens, George Rolleston, Rhys Simpson, Caleb Staples, Patrick van Beek and Indi Wyatt - **we will miss you all.***

*As the students leave us, we also say goodbye to families who in some cases end a long association with the school. Thank you to Mel and Pete Anderson, George and John Barry, Julie Towers and Gary Eason, Samarra Wright, Darrell Grosser and Jane Brownie, Kate Gardiner and Stu Mann, Collen Frost and Lance Braid, Carlynn Saunders, Katrina and David Simpson, Carla and Chris Staples, Mark and Debbie van Beek who over the years have helped with school fairs, sports trips, school trips, school camps, working bees and fundraisers while their children have been at St Marys. I wish to acknowledge that your ongoing support over the years has been invaluable to the school and to me personally.*

*On behalf of St Mary's past and present parents, staff and students, I would like to thank Liz Beaumont for her wonderful contribution to St Mary's School and the lives of many children over the past 33 years.*

*Thank you to Jasmine Gow who has taught at St Mary's for the past 3 terms- we wish you all the very best as you add to your teaching degree and complete your Early Childhood degree in 2019.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to all of the St Mary's staff for their hard work and dedication for your children throughout the year. Wishing you all a happy and Holy Festive Season. All the best for 2019.*

*Kind regards*

*Karen Payne*





**Mufti Day Tomorrow** There will be a mufti day **on Tuesday**, can children please bring a non-perishable food item for our local food bank.

**Prize Giving** The prize giving ceremony will be held at the Regent Theatre **Tomorrow Evening 11th** December beginning at **5.30pm**. Children are to wear their school uniform. Please be seated by 5:20 pm. The children will be sitting with their class.



**End of Year Mass** On Friday 14th December at 9.30am, we will have our final school Mass for the year, we welcome you to join us for this special occasion.

**Thank You** to Coded (Craig Walker & family) who donated his time and expertise to develop our new school website. We very much appreciate your generosity, the website looks fantastic!



**Thank you Dave Kwant** for videoing this year's production once again— it is great to watch it again. Here is the link:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/176878859135522/permalink/1177333095756755>

#### **Thank You POSMs - Parents of St Mary's School**

This year the POSM's group has taken on the huge task of renovating our hall kitchen. It looks amazing and will be a real asset for many years to come. A huge thanks also to the following trades people:

- Ezy Kitchens (Sarah & Murray Nixon)
- Mike Wieblitz Electrical
- Stu Mann - Plastering
- Pita Austin - Painting
- Jeff Evans Plumbing
- Blair Symons Builders

We have been very fortunate once again this year to receive funding from our Parent fundraising group - POSMs to pay for the following for our students: Life Education Trust, Maths buddy subsidy, Red Riding Hood Show a total of \$3098 This is a huge financial help for all our families and we are very grateful as a school for this support. Let us not forget the Astro Turf as well - WOW POSMS Thank you what a huge year!



**Chicken Pox** - We have had a number of cases of Chicken Pox at school, Chickenpox is contagious from 1–2 days before the blisters appear. Avoid close contact with other people, stay home from work and keep children home from school and early childhood education centres for 1 week from the appearance of the rash until all blisters have dried.

**LAST DAY OF TERM** - A reminder that we finish at 12.30 pm this Friday 14 December. The BUSES will NOT be running at this time so please arrange for your children to be collected. Start date for 2019 is the 4th of February.

*We are just waiting on a stainless steel island to complete the Kitchen!*

