ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL,

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Dear Parents,

Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Mālō ni, Bula, Namaste,

Haven't our Olympians done well in London! I particularly enjoyed Mahe Drysdale's win, after his heartache at the Beijing Olympics. There have been some late nights for us and I am sure there will be a few more to come.

I went to Miss Saigon on Friday night. Zac Hall (Room 9) and Luke Hall (Room 14) starred in the performance. Both play the young boy in the show and Zak and Luke perform on alternative nights. Well done boys— it is a great experience for you both. I loved the show.

As this newsletter goes to print Leon, Teresa and I are at the Catholic Convention in Wellington. It is the Feast Day of Mary Mackillop today, and at school a number of special activities were planned for the children. A special Liturgy took place this morning and later in the morning the children were involved in an inter- house song competition. Thanks to the staff who organised these events.

At the end of last term the school received a grant from the First Sovereign Trust Ltd to purchase 20 Ipads and covers for classroom use. These have been purchased and are now being used in some rooms. We have a large group of teachers who are coming early to school once a week for some Professional Development on how to effectively integrate the Ipad in their classroom as a tool to aid learning. We are very grateful for the financial support provided by the First Sovereign Trust Ltd and the willingness of our staff to develop the skills and knowledge to embrace new technologies that can assist with learning programmes.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's :

Sundays,
10am & 5pm

St Michael's :

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Bakery Lunches
Monday-Thursday

Sausage Sizzle
On Fridays.

Sausages $1.50
Juicies $1.00

KAPA HAKA

2pm Thursdays

PACIFIC ISLAND PRACTICE

Mondays at lunchtime in Room 15.

Uniform Shop Hours

Mondays 8.30am –9am

Fridays 8.30am-9am

Wednesdays
2.30pm—3pm

School Banking Fridays
(Credit Union)

Application forms available in office.

Lone Star Restaurant is donating T shirts for a Golden Student of the week and a Sports Player of the week. Those children who have received a Player of the Day award while participating in either school sports teams or St Michaels Marist Rugby teams, are eligible to put their names in a special box which will be in the school office. If your child gains a 'Player of the Day' award this week, could you please make sure the office knows to add their name to the box. You can email the office on admin@stmarys.rotorua.school.nz. From next week we will make sure coaches will have the certificates to award their 'Player of the Day'. I know there are some other Awards children get. The Lone Star Award is an extra. The Golden Student will be nominated by children at school and will be based on good behaviour in the playground.

Another reminder that we have a Teachers' only day on Friday 14 September. There will be no school for children on this day.

Have a good week,
David Macmillan, Principal.

Middle School Poetry finals will be held in the School hall tomorrow (9 August) at 11am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Sausage Sizzle helpers urgently needed!!!

URGENT !! If you have a child in Year 5 or Year 6 could you help out???
A parent, Lorraine Thomson, is co-ordinating the sausage sizzles and urgently requires some more helpers. Please email Lorraine (lorraine.clark@xtra.co.nz) Telephone 348 7887, or let a Y5/6 teacher know if you can help. Thank you to those who responded last week.

Positive Negative Photography: cut off for bookings 15 August 3.30pm.

Supporters of Kapa Haka:

Please keep Saturday 1 September free (3pm—5pm) for a working bee in the hall. Afternoon tea to start then a poi making session. Many hands make light work! All welcome.

A Fundraiser the benefits us and St Mary's : *"Doodle"* ~

Today your child will have received a pamphlet and a letter explaining how Doodle works. Visit 'Doodle" - tell them you are a pupil from St Marys. Our code is STMARYRO. You will receive a 5% discount—spend as little or as much as you like. This initiative is also for friends and family.
Each month the School will receive a cash back depending on what is coded to STMARYRO.
What is exciting is that during Term 3 ,with every purchase made coded to STMARYRO, you will be asked to put your name on the back of the receipt and place it in a box (which is held in store for St Mary's only) and you could be in to win a $50 value pack of Doodle goods. The prize winner will be drawn in store and St Mary's will be notified. The prize will be shown at school assembly.

Year 5/6 Fundraiser—McDonald's Restaurant Sunday 19 August 5.30pm—7.30pm
ALL senior students will be given 3 x adult and 2 x children tickets to sell.
Can these envelopes with all sold and unsold tickets be returned no later than Wednesday 15th August to the school office please. Extra tickets may be purchased on Thursday morning (16 August) at Room 1 from 8.30am onwards.
Please call Nadia if you have any queries : 021779015

News from our Director of Religious Studies

Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time.
Gospel: John 6:41-51
" In all truth I tell you, everyone who believes has eternal life." (John 6:47)

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It is our School Feast Day and we hope all students had a fantastic day. Each child has been given a prayer card. Please use these at family prayer time. We are very fortunate to have Sister Carina in our Whanau and we thank her for all the things she does for us; God bless you Sister Carina. Please ask your child about the liturgy we had today and to tell you the best things about going to our School.

Whilst in Wellington this week the Schools with a Josephite foundation are squeezing in a lunchtime meeting to discuss establishing a network . This is exciting, and I am looking forward to discussing how they keep St Mary of the Cross charism alive in their schools.

"*little did we dream of what was to spring from so small a beginning…*
God will provide for the future" *(Mary MacKillop)*

Holy God, source of all goodness,
You show us in Mary MacKillop a woman of faith
who lived by the power of the cross.
Teach us to embrace what she pioneered:
New ways of living the gospel that respect
and defend the human dignity of all in our land.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Next Wednesday is the feast of the Assumption of Mary.
The school will be going to the Parish mass at 12pm.

Prayer Chain: Contacts for Prayer petitions: Anne 345 5825 or Jane 349 0735. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain please contact the above. All info is confidential– first names only.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the Hagan and Bray families who have both lost grandmothers this week.

Apology from the editor ... We wish to thank the Baker Family (Zoe Room 8 & Cody Room 12) for donating a mini burger maker and cooking apron for our cooking trolley, not the Owhata Bakery as mentioned in last week's newsletter.

SPORTS NOTICES WEEK 4, Term 3.

Netball:

St Mary's Romans vs Owhata Rebels Ct 7-11.30
St Mary's Angels vs Westbrook A Ct 5-12.15
St Mary's Galations vs Malfroy Matariki Ct 16 – 11.30

Soccer:

Draw for 11 August

5th	Sparrows	9.00am	6F HOME
5th	Fantails	9.00am	6C HOME
6th	Kakas	9.00am	8E
6th	Tuis	9.00am	6G
7th	Hawks	10.15am	6A
7th	Keas	10.15am	6G
8th	Falcons	10.15am	8A
8th	Kererus	10.15am	8D
8th	Moas	10.15am	8E
9th	Pukekos	9.00/9.45	10D
9th	Wekas	BYE	
10th	Kiwis	9.00/9.45	10F
11th	Owls	9.00/9.45	12B HOME

Can parents please check their child's school jersey ?

Jersey 'named' Alefosio-Tuck has Gone missing.

Miniball:

No Miniball games 3rd 8th and 10th August – the next games will be 15 and 17 August.

Hockey: **There are no hockey games on Saturday 11 August.**

***Congratulations* to the Mini Ferns and the Mini Kiwis hockey teams who won their tournaments on Saturday. Fantastic hockey! Well done! A huge thank you to the parents who helped with changeovers and the tidying up. Super supporters all of you!**

Message from Netball Rotorua ...
On Saturday 11 August Noeline Taurua (Coach of the Magics) and Erena Mikaere, a player who is a local girl, will be at the Westbrook Courts from 11.15am until 12.15pm with THE TROPHY.
Anyone is invited to come and see Noeline and Erena and the Trophy!