ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, ROTORUA.

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Dear Parents,

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

Hello everyone,

The *big news* is that our Administration block was handed over to us last Thursday. There are two entrances to the new block; the main entrance is through the automated doors, and a student entrance which is situated to the left of the main entrance. All students will be expected to use the student entrance. Our new block will be open for business by Monday. The two new classrooms should be finished and handed over in four weeks.

Hockey competition finished last weekend. Our Mini Ferns team won their competition. I am impressed with the performance of all our teams during the season. Thank you to our awesome hockey coaches: Georgia Russell, Annie Russell, Anna Greentree, Michelle McIntyre and David Blundell. Thank you for the wonderful job you did throughout the season.

A notice will be going home early next week with our Year 5 & 6 students with information regarding the Winter Sports Day. We intend to enter two hockey, one netball, one rugby, one miniball and two football teams. If your child is wanting to participate please fill in the form attached to that notice and return the slip to school.

Registration forms for summer codes are on the back of this newsletter. We don't know the registration costs at this stage, but will advise you as soon as we do. At this stage we would like a gauge of whether your child is interested in any summer code

Last term a number of parents completed a survey about our school. Results from Question Two (b) are included with this newsletter.

This week we also welcomed 4 new entrant children - Madeleine Keaney, Shamil Ahmad, Richard Hawker, and Sofia Keeling. We hope they will be happy in their learning at St Mary's.

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.

Our Senior and Middle teams went to a capital E performance at the events centre yesterday. By all accounts it was a great show. Next Wednesday 5 September, 'The Minstral' is performing at School at 9 am. Feel free to join us, particularly if you have a pre-schooler.

This is the last week for the Mobile Dental clinic at St Mary's. Thank you to the Dental Team of Ngaire, Liz and Shirleen. It has been great having such an efficient, friendly and competent team to provide this service in a convenient location.

Year 5 & 6 students competed in the Interschool Rotomaths competition last evening. Our Year 5 team were placed second in their division. Congratulations to Year 5 students, George Parry, Blake Umbers, Eric Khau and Riley Boyce.

On Friday (7 September) we will be celebrating the Birthday of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It would be great if you could join us at 9.00am Mass.

Have a good week,
David Macmillan, Principal.

Supporters of Kapa Haka:

Reminder that this Saturday (3pm—5pm) there is a working bee in the hall. Afternoon tea to start then a poi making session. Many hands make light work! Anyone welcome!

School Production: *"The Shoemaker and the Elves"*

St Mary's School children will be performing *The Shoemaker and the Elves* on 15/16th November in our school hall. Mrs Shirley Young is the Director.
Auditions are being held this week and students will be notified of roles in due course.

Congratulations to Ngaio Conlon who competed in the Rotorua Ski Club race championships at the weekend. Ngaio was placed first in the 11-14 year old girl category. Fantastic result Ngaio.

Bright side of the Road—an evening showcasing Rotorua fashion. Thursday 20 September at Blue Baths. JPC fundraiser. Tickets $35 from Andrea Colby 3481801

Babysitter available : 16 year old JPC student available for babysitting. Lots of experience, own transport. Please phone Tegan on 349 6226 or 027 3852787. References available.

Hey Kids—catch your first rainbow trout and learn how to fly fish—
Sunday 2 September 2012. Fishing times 9am till 12 noon, or 1pm to 3pm.
Suggested donation of $3 per child. **Fish & Game grounds in Paradise Valley Rd.**

The School Office has been babysitting a RED buggy for sometime now. It is a very new buggy and has a Pumpkin Patch T-shirt with it.

If you have mislaid a buggy please call at the office to see if it is yours. Thanks

News from our Director of Religious Studies

Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time.
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The professional development on Church History - **The Early Years**, was great. It is always fantastic to revisit knowledge and learn new information. We look forward to the Part II in a few weeks time.

Classes will soon be finishing their learning unit on "Sacraments" and will start the unit "Church". If you would like to buy a copy of the Whanau book or borrow a copy to learn more about what your child does in Religious Education please come and see me.

We wish all the Fathers a Blessed Fathers day : May you have a great day.

Teresa Rush, DRS.

Father's Day Presents for Sale in School Hall : Price $3.00
Selling lunchtime Wednesday 29, Thursday 30, Friday 31 August.

'Soup for sale' outside Room 12 at lunchtime on Thursday. $1 for a cup of vegetable or pumpkin soup and a piece of bread. Fundraising for Term 4

PTA Fundraiser:

Indian Cooking demonstration and tasting kindly sponsored by:
Shreeji Food& Spice $10 per ticket
Dates: 6 September and 13 September at 6.45pm
Location: Shreeji Food and Spice 1122 Eruera Street (off Fenton Street)
10% Discount available on purchases made on the night (conditions apply)
Bookings to made by contacting Carmel on 3459954 or veitchfive@xtra.co.nz
TICKETS LIMITED – be in quick. Min of 6 – max of 10 people

(Get a few friends together and come and taste some great food)

Camp Fundraiser : Hall Table Sale— Saturday 7 September

Buy a table and sell your goods - 25 tables available @ $20 each

Contact Paula 357 5333 for information OR to book a table.

QR CODE (quick response code) is a matrix barcode which can be scanned by a smartphone, ipad or other mobile device to access information or websites.

- **Scan the black & white barcode in the heading of our newsletter**
- **These are being used in education to enable students to access online content independently.**

SPORTS NOTICES WEEK 7, Term 3.

Soccer:

Draw for : 1 September

9.00 –	Sparrows 6A
9.00 -	Fantails 6B
9.00 –	Kakas 8B Home
9.00 –	Tuis 8C Home
10.15-	Keas 6C
10.15-	Hawks 6D
10.15-	Falcons 8C
10.15 –	Moas- 8G
10.15 –	Kererus 8G

Our Paper & cardboard Recycling Bin at the school entrance off from the Church carpark is being well patronised.

Keep up the good work!

Reminder that St Mary's is on duty this Saturday (1 September).
Parents please be at soccer park by 8.15am to help put up nets and BBQ.
Thanks to **Hellers Sausages** for donating the sausages.

Miniball

Wednesday 29 August
4.30-St Marys Prophets vs Te Koutu Whero Ct 1

Friday 31 August
6.00- St Marys Kings vs Rotokawa Bulls Ct 1
4.30- St Marys Acts vs Te Koutu Verde Ct 2
8.30 -St Marys Saints vs Malfroy Majors Ct 2

Hockey

Junior and Intermediate Hockey prizegiving will be held on Saturday September 1 at Westbrook School Hall at 10.00 a.m.

All hockey t-shirts and coaches hockey bags to be returned to Mrs Russell in Room 13. Thank you.

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SUMMER SPORTING CODES : Please return form to office by 7 September.

I would be interested in participating in summer sports :

- O Cricket
- O Touch Rugby
- O Flippaball

Name : _____ Year level : _____