



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### **Dear Parents/Guardians,**

We have had a busy week with our school community being involved in a number of activities.

Last Thursday we celebrated the Eucharist together at our Opening Mass. Thank you to Father Aidan for making the occasion so special. During Mass our staff were blessed and commissioned for 2008, children new to the school were blessed and our student leaders for 2008 were announced. Our school is certainly blessed to have so many talented Year 6 students although this made our job of selecting leaders so much harder.

Congratulations to our new leaders:

Mill Hill	House Captains: Melody Kim, Cameron Wood Vice-Captains: Demi-Lee Halbert, Sam Mickleson
Pompallier	House Captains: Tegan Stevenson, Jay Marshall-Makaea Vice-Captains: Ella Florence, Simon Dyer
MacKillop	House Captains: Nicole Acton, Duncan Nixon Vice-Captains: Sylvia Jung, Dominic Conlon
Whakaue	House Captains: Rebecca Colby, Max Baird Vice-Captains: Genaia Sewell, Andre Le Lievre

School Leaders: Micheala Katu, Clelland Harper

This Thursday is our 'Meet the Teachers' evening. We are looking forward to seeing you there. The times have been staggered in order to accommodate families with children in different teams. Meetings will be held in each classroom:

5:30pm	Kauri, Kowhai, Totara, Tawa, Rata
6:00pm	Matai, Rm 8, Rm 9, Rm 10, Rm 11
6:30pm	Rm 12, Rm 13, Rm 14, Rm 15, Rm 16

This year we will be introducing a Homelink book. This will be issued to all children and will provide the opportunity for teachers and parents to communicate regularly through informal notes. Children will use this book to record their homework and it will also contain prayers, timetables, spelling lists and important information relating to school. We are currently seeking a sponsor or sponsors for this Homelink book. If you know of a business which may be

## **UNIFORMS**

Please order your winter tunics now to ensure adequate stocks. If you leave it until the end of Term 1 or beginning of Term 2, you may miss out on the size you want.

Sample sizes are available for the students to try on so that you order the correct fit.

## **HOUSE FOR RENT**

Ngongotaha, 3 bedrooms, \$230 per week, references required. If interested please phone Sue 3572716.

## **SPORTS**

### CRICKET:

Kiwi & Incrediball Cricket commences this Thursday 21st February at Smallbone Park at 3:45pm.

Hardball Cricket commences this Saturday 23rd February at Smallbone Park at 8:30am.

### WATERPOLO:

We have only just received the draw for this week—please note the games are scheduled for tonight!

Junior Proverbs—4:40pm Court 2

Intermediate Maccabees—3:40pm Court 2 & 4:25pm Court 1

Intermediate Prophets—3:55pm Court 2 & 4:25pm Court 3

Intermediate Kings—4:10pm Court 2

The full term draw is available from the office and will be displayed on the school noticeboards.

### NETBALL:

Notices will be coming out shortly to register for Netball in Term 2.

## LUNCH PRICE LIST

### Lunches will be available again from Monday 25th February

Ham & Cheese Stix	1.50
Filled Ham Roll	2.50
Filled Chicken Roll	2.50
Ham S/wich	2.50
Chicken S/wich	2.50
Ham with Salad S/wich	2.50
Chicken with Salad S/wich	2.50
Salad only S/wich	2.50
Mince Pies	2.50
Mince/Cheese Pies	2.50
Potato Top Pies	2.50
Sausage Roll	1.50
Quiche	2.50
Mince Savoury (small)	1.50
Caramel Square	1.50
Apple/Apricot Square	1.50
Chelsea Bun	1.50
Muffin	1.50
(Choc Chip/Blueberry)	

**The Parent Support Group will be selling Sausage Sizzle and Juicies every Friday till the end of Term 1. No other lunches may be ordered on those days.**

**Sausage Sizzle (with sauce & bread) \$1.00**  
**Juicies \$1.00**

This price list came into effect on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

interested in sponsorship I would very much appreciate you letting me know. We are keen to launch it as soon as possible.

We are also seeking volunteers to participate in our tutor reading programme. Tutors would work on a one-to-one basis with children for no more than one hour per week. Full training will be given. This programme has been proved to be extremely successful in helping children learn to read and we would love to hear from you if you are able to help. Please leave your name at the office if you are interested.

Gala day is only eight days away and we are counting on your support. Please read the Gala committee newsletters and keep those donations coming – a great opportunity to clean out those cupboards!

Have a good week everyone.

**God bless,**  
**David Macmillan, Principal**

### WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

We welcome Reuben Schwalger to our new entrant class, Kauri, this week—we hope you have had an exciting start to your school life.

### COMMUNITY PRAYERS

We ask that our families continue their prayers for those in our school community who may be sick or suffering hardship, as we know they appreciate your support.

### 2008 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1	4 February	18 April
Term 2	5 May	4 July
Term 3	21 July	26 September
Term 4	13 October	18 December

**!! GALA COUNTDOWN !!**

**As we count down the days to the School Gala (28<sup>th</sup> February) please keep this notice handy for the dates you can drop off any of the items listed below:**

**FEBRUARY**

- Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Grocery Day. Please bring to school any grocery items.
- Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Books. A packet or box of something, e.g. chips, sultanas
- Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Bottle Day. Please bring to school a bottle or jar of some thing, e.g. shampoo, wine, beer, sauce, perfume, jam.
- Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Books, Toys, White Elephant, Corn chips, Tinned tomatoes & beans.
- Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Tinned goods or bags of lollies, e.g. Baked beans, peaches, Mackintosh's, jet planes, White Elephant, Soccer Boots, Books
- Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Grocery Day. Any grocery items, tinned goods
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Cakes, Biscuits, Muffins, Sweets, Fudge, Coconut Ice, Lollies, Plastic cake containers (i.e. from New World etc)

**No fresh cream please.**

**Could all items for the Cake Stall please be covered in plastic wrap and labelled ready for pricing at school.**



**- REMEMBER -  
WHATEVER THE  
WEATHER,  
THE GALA WILL  
STILL BE ON.**

**2008 YEAR 6 AUCKLAND TRIP**

The school office is starting to receive payments for the 2008 Year 6 Auckland Trip to be held the week of the 31<sup>st</sup> March. We ask parents to contribute \$250 towards the actual cost of this trip of \$350 per child - some parents may find it easier to arrange automatic payments or set up a payment schedule – please see the school office to arrange this. If there are families experiencing any hardship in meeting this cost please contact either the school office or the Principal.



**MEDICAL FORMS:** Please return your medical forms to the school office as soon as possible—if you have not received one please let the office know.

**GRANTS RECEIVED**

The Board of Trustees has been successful in raising \$11,000 towards the cost of the Year 6 trip to Auckland. The **Lion Foundation** kindly approved a grant of \$4,000 to be used towards the cost of the bus transport and the **NZ Community Trust** has generously made a grant of \$7,000 which will go towards the cost of the accommodation.

We wish to thank both these organisations for their generosity.

Jane Eynon-Richards

**St Mary's School Board of Trustees**

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW (AUSTRALASIAN) TESTS****Year 4 to Year 6 ONLY**

Tests will be in the following subjects:

Science, Spelling, Writing, Maths, English, Computer Skills.

Entry forms will be sent out next week.