

KAPA HAKA

The Junior School will be participating in the Maori Festival later this year. If you, someone in your whānau has Kapa Haka skills, we would love to hear from you!! Please see your child's teacher for details...

Let me leave you with this:

The World's Meanest Mother

As a child I had the meanest mother in the whole world.

She was really mean; when other kids had lollies for breakfast, she made me eat cornflakes, eggs and toast. When others had soft drinks and lollies for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich.

My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times.

You'd think we were on a chain gang! She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted that if we said we'd be gone for an hour, that we be gone one hour or less!

She was really mean.

I'm ashamed to admit it but she actually had the nerve to break the child labour law. She made us work! We had to wash all the dishes... make all the beds... learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I reckoned she used to lie awake each night thinking up mean things for us to do.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she was much worse and our life became even more unbearable.

None of this tooting the horn of the car for us to go to meet friends, she embarrassed us immensely by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention...while my friends were dating at the mature age of twelve and thirteen, my old fashioned mother refused to let me date until I was sixteen!

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us had ever been arrested, fired from a job or had our character questioned...and who do we have to blame for this terrible way we've turned out?

You're right - our mean mother.

Look at all the things we missed.

We didn't even take part in a riotous demonstration, get chased by the police or do the million and one things that our friends did. She made us grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults!

Using this as a yardstick, I am trying to raise my children, so I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me 'mean'. You see, I thank God He gave me the meanest mother in the world!

**God bless,
Sr. Julian, Principal**



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PLEASE READ ME !!!

NEWSLETTER NO. 8

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Positive Attitude Equals Positive Actions

Dear Parents/Guardians

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the birthday of the Church. A time to thank God for all He created and to be aware of the signs of His presence ever among us.

WELCOME

Welcome back to Fa'amuliifi Seumanutafa who has returned to us from Western Heights and a warm welcome to Mrs Clarke who has joined us as a teacher aide in Totara Room. May you both feel welcomed and supported by our school community.

✝ PRAYERS ✝

Our sincere sympathy and prayers to: Mrs Cabellon, whose father died in the Phillipines recently, grandfather to Valerie and to the Mann family on the death of Nirlap & Simran's aunt.

We pray for Miss Leamy's brother-in-law in Canada who is very ill; Mrs Swann's sister, aunty to Kieren & Aidan, who is very sick; Mrs Smallbone, whose father is very sick, grandfather to Samuel & Sophie.

Please continue to pray for those who may be sick or suffering hardship in our St Mary's School community, your prayers are of comfort and support to our families.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jacob Copeland, Year 5, and Felix Cook, Year 6, both gaining High Distinction in the Australasian Computer test – must be our future computer whiz kids!

To Miss Leamy who graduates today from her Maori class – *Rawe!* 😊

To Karanata Cashell-Mihaka, Lucinda Smith and Silia Sakalia on being selected for the Rotorua Primary School Netball trials.

To Mr Sewell, Genai's father, on achieving his Masters of Information Management with Distinction – a fabulous achievement.

FAREWELL



To Troy and Kasey Martin and their parents, who leave us shortly for Tauranga, while Megan Buckley and family return to the U.K. We wish both families all the very best as you move on. Thank you for the contribution you have made to St Mary's while with us.

FOCUS

SPEECH – All Senior School students are doing a speech on the topic “Explorers, Discoverers, Inventors” – what new things have they contributed to the world?

POETRY – All Middle School students are to choose a poem and be able to recite it clearly and with expression.

MASS

Our next school Mass will be on June 1st. Everyone is invited to this Mass prepared by Room 13.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS – John Paul College Interviews

Year 6 students intending to go to John Paul College will have interviews at St Mary's School on June 12th & June 13th – please ring St Mary's School office (3481701) to book a time now. For your interview you will need to have a copy of your child's birth certificate and also the Preference card (your present one is for St Mary's School, you will need a new one to enrol at John Paul College).

There will be an Open Night at John Paul College on June 7th starting at 6pm.

NEW ENROLMENTS 2008

Anyone with a child to start in 2008 please ring the school office now to book your child in as places are filling up.

BUS DRIVER WANTED...



Is there anyone out there, or does anyone know of someone, with a current bus licence who would like to help with the St Mary's School bus run? The pay is minimal but the children are delightful and we would be very appreciative of your support for the school – anyone interested please contact the school office or Sister Julian on ph 3481701.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

On 6th June at 6:30pm in the school hall, the Parent Support Group will be holding the Annual General Meeting. They are looking for lots of new members so please come along and be part of a fantastic group of people 😊.

CARETAKER WANTED

This full-time position requires a competent, responsible, honest person with initiative. Experience with swimming pools and bus mechanics would be an advantage. Wages as per SFWU Contract. For further information and Job Description contact Sister Julian on 3481701 or email srjulian@stmarys.rotorua.school.nz. Applications close Monday 28th May 2007.

CAN ANYONE HELP THIS STUDENT?



A Year 3 student requires a ride to and from school each day. He lives in the Bennetts Road / Koutu Road area – would anyone be going past or from that area be able to assist this family? If you can please contact Peter on his mobile phone 0211386741.

LUNCHES – PRICE RISE IN TERM 3

Please note that at the start of Term 3 all lunch items will be going up in price by 50cents.

<i>H&C Stix</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>Filled Roll (ham,chicken)</i>	<i>2.50</i>
<i>S/wich (ham, chicken)</i>	<i>2.50</i>	<i>Salad S/wich (ham, chicken, salad)</i>	<i>2.50</i>
<i>Pies (mince, m&ch, potato top)</i>	<i>2.50</i>	<i>Sausage Roll</i>	<i>1.50</i>
<i>Quiche</i>	<i>2.50</i>	<i>Mince Savoury (small)</i>	<i>1.50</i>
<i>Caramel Square</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>Apple/Apricot Square</i>	<i>1.50</i>
<i>Chelsea Bun</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>Muffin (c/chip, b/berry)</i>	<i>1.50</i>