



**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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PLEASE READ ME !!!

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Positive Attitude Equals Positive Actions

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of Term 2 and just starting to enjoy the crisp frosty mornings. As I pen my last newsletter I think, with deep gratitude, of the years of support given to me while at St Mary's - at times the job has required one to walk on water, although most times one could barely tread water!!

WELCOME

To our lovely new entrant children: Isabelle Tangaroa, who joins older sister Shayni, and Joshua Rowe, may they both enjoy learning to read and write.

To Joel Krygsman, who has joined us from Western Australia, and Simon Foster, who has transferred from Ngongotaha. May your families soon feel part of our school community.

To our new caretaker, Mr Beckham, who commenced on Monday, we wish him happy working days at St Mary's.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

Our sympathy and prayers to the Rinemhota family at the recent death of Mr Rinemhota's nephew, cousin to Nicholas & Rebecca.

Please keep in your prayers: Mrs Stevenson, mother of Tegan, who is not well, having spent some time in hospital; Mrs Smallbone, mother of Samuel & Sophie, who is in hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following children on being baptised this past Saturday: Kianan & Jaybeth Marshall-Makaea, Nathan & Shaun Kirkby, Richard & Andrew Marks - may you continue your journey of faith with the love and support of your family.

To Mrs Cook on making her First Holy Communion at the beginning of this week.

To Jayd O'Sullivan on the birth of a new baby sister, Addison - I am sure you will be a great big brother to her.

To Mr & Mrs Fleet on the birth of Lucy Kate, born on the 28th May, a darling baby sister for big brother Michael.

THANK YOU ☺



Thank you so much for the overwhelming response to the Happy Home Project in Fiji, the donations of brown rice flooded in and left the co-ordinator, Mrs Morrison, feeling the warmth of our school community spirit.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FLORENCE FAMILY

On behalf of our family we would like to express our deep gratitude for the support and love shown to us at the time of baby Cullum's death. May God give His blessings to you all. From Darren, Rosie and the children, Molly, Lily, Julia, Ella & William.

I leave you with this my final reflection:

What part would Christ have lived differently?

☞ As my time at St Mary's draws to a close,
A multitude of events has happened,
A volume of words has been spoken
Born of a thousand thoughts.

☞ As my time at St Mary's comes to an end,
An array of emotions has been experienced,
Felt of a hundred needs
And drawn out of many wants.

☞ As my time at St Mary's smoulders into yesterday,
A range of decisions has been reached,
Formed from a vision for tomorrow
And inspired by the presence of the Lord.

☞ As my time at St Mary's becomes no more,
And we focus on what has been,
Let us remember that Jesus is with us,
Asking us but one question:
"What part of your day could you have lived differently had I been on your mind?"



Jēsus,
wē thank you for thē gift of eāch day. Wē thank you for thē gift of our livēs. Ās
wē journey into thē futurē, hēlp us to rēly on you as our mēntor in all that wē
say and do. Forgivē us whēn wē do not lovē you and othērs as wē should.
Inspirē us to do all of our good works in your namē so that wē can bēcomē
your instrumēnts of pēacē and harmony in thē world.

Āmēn.

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



BOARD OF TRUSTEES – News Update

* Applications for the Principal position closed on 15th June. To increase the pool of candidates, the Board of Trustees has decided to re-advertise the position. The new closing date is 29th June.

* We are also discussing the appointment of an Acting Principal to assist the leadership team in the interim until the new Principal is able to start. This should be finalised by the end of this week, with the person starting with us at the beginning of Term 3.

* We wish to welcome Ruth Simpson to the team as she takes up the challenge as Board of Trustees Secretary.

SISTER JULIAN'S FAREWELL

Mrs Liz Williams, Board of Trustees:

* We have had a number of enquiries from members of the school community asking how they may contribute to a farewell gift for Sister Julian – we would be happy to accept your donations, anonymously or signed, in the school office towards a gift to be presented to Sister Julian at the morning tea on Friday 29th June.

* Reminder: We have a book that we would like everyone to add to – please drop into the school office and write something or leave a photo. On Sunday 24th June there will be an opportunity for everyone, from the school and the wider community, to say goodbye at a bring-a-plate morning tea in the St Mary's School Hall following the 9:30am Mass. The School Committee will farewell Sister Julian with a school Mass and morning tea on Friday 29th June.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Education Act 1989 the Ministry of Education has required St Mary's School to put in place an enrolment scheme. The scheme we intend to promote, with the map defining the St Mary's School 'area of convenience' can be viewed

at the school office and on the school website – a copy is also enclosed with this newsletter. If you have any comments or queries regarding our proposed scheme please respond to us no later than 20 July 2007.

Mark Lovegrove, Chair Board of Trustees

WORLD YOUTH DAY CROSS CELEBRATIONS

In 1983 Pope John Paul II gave the youth of the world a cross to be carried through the world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity. The cross has travelled the world and been touched by millions upon millions of people. The cross accompanied by the Icon of Our Lady, Salus Populi Romani, will be in Rotorua on Monday 25th June 2007 on its way to World Youth Day (in Sydney, July 2008).

St. Michael's & St. Mary's Parishes wish to extend a warm invitation to all to join in our celebration at the following venues:-

Monday 25th June, 3:30pm, meet at the Soundshell for a short walk to St Michael's Catholic Church, followed by a Ecumenical Service at 4pm and veneration.

Monday 25th June, 7pm, Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, followed by a time of veneration and supper about 8:30pm.

YEAR 6 – JPC INTERVIEWS

Last week, children intending to go to John Paul College had interviews at St Mary's School. If, for any reason, you did not get an interview please ring John Paul College this week to make an appointment for the beginning of Term 3. Do not miss out, it is important to ring and make the appointment now.

FOCUS – Poems & Speeches

Our Middle and Senior pupils have been preparing poems and speeches as part of their English programme this term. This week will culminate in the finals.

Middle School – the finals for the Poetry were held today in the school hall – we trust those parents who did attend were as pleased with the quality as we were.

Senior School – the Speech Finals will be held on **Friday 22nd June at 1pm** in the school hall – all parents of senior school pupils are most welcome to attend.

FAREWELL



Sadly we say goodbye to the following students:

- Paige McGregor, who is moving to St Mary's School in Hastings and hopefully some warmer weather, we will miss your lovely beaming smile

- Lauren Timms who returns to Brisbane, will be greatly missed from the netball & miniball teams – we have enjoyed developing your sporting skills Lauren

- Tanielle Appel, who goes to Auckland with her family to experience the rush & bustle of a busy city

- Sophie Te Whaiti, along with her family leaves us for the bright lights and warmth of Honolulu, Oahu - your sporting skills and competitive spirit will be greatly missed
Thank you to all these students and their families for all they have contributed to the life of St Mary's. All the very best at your new destinations.

We must also farewell a number of staff as they leave us at the end of this term:

- Mrs Shilton, who with her husband, is going abroad to enjoy teaching and working overseas when she is not touring around
- Mr Hotta, who is returning his full-time attention back to his shop, Pettits Drapery, must now find the time to keep fit without running after dozens of students
- Mrs Te Whaiti, who with her family, travels to Honolulu for a year or so to experience life on the island – just how many guest bedrooms did you say you have Mrs Te Whaiti?

Thank you to each of these staff members for the dedication you have given in so many ways to St Mary's, during your time here, to help make it the place it is today.
May you be blessed abundantly wherever your journey may take you.



ADULT FAITH EDUCATION



Mark Field, from St Mary's Parish, is facilitating some Faith Education classes, learning more about the Sacraments, Baptism, Mass. Sessions commenced 19th June and will continue on the following Tuesdays – 26th June, 17th, 24th & 31st July, 2-3pm and 6:30-7:30pm. Anyone is most welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our sincere thanks to Mr Mike Baird who has been the Chairperson of this group for a number of years and done a fantastic job and to Mrs Martin who as Secretary has patiently recorded meetings. With both Mr Baird and Mrs Martin stepping down from their positions, the mantle of responsibility has shifted to other dedicated parents ...
Congratulations to Mrs Angela Sutherland who has generously taken on the challenge of Chairperson with Mrs Marriner coming on board as Secretary - thank you for your willingness to carry on this worthwhile work for our school.

Parent Support Group meeting tonight (Wednesday) in St Mary's School staffroom, 7:30pm – All Welcome ☺

LUNCHES

NO LUNCHES ON LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – Office will be closed while office staff attend the final School Mass of Term 2.

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>

TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

Recently the Technology Review Team sent out a Parent Survey – 23/200 we returned. Generally, parents felt that the Technology Curriculum is interesting, interactive and well taught. It is relevant to everyday life and knowledge is expanded. Parents felt that more communication, particularly an outline of the Term's programme, would be helpful to ensure that parents can help at home. As a result of this survey, teachers will ensure an outline goes home at the start of each Term. Thank you for your input. Mrs Brickland.

MARCHING GIRLS



Madison Guards is starting up a team in Rotorua and looking for members aged between 5 and 10years. This sport involves commitment but is very rewarding. For further info please contact Tracy or Karen on 3492770 or Helen on 3494408

SOCCER NEWS

* Rotorua Soccer Academy of Excellence – school holiday program on 9, 10 & 11th July from 9am-3pm at Malfroy Primary School. \$60 per player. Phone Ian Walker 3460114 or 0210328575 to book. Limited places available.

* Brazilian Futsal School brings the only 5-a-side indoor soccer endorsed by FIFA. Classes commence in Term 3 on Mondays at Lynmore Primary School Gym. Beginners (6-10yrs) 5:30-7pm and Intermediate (10-15yrs) 7-8pm. Phone Daniela 0211894915 or 078278999 or email brazilianfutsalschool@hotmail.com.

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? We would be very appreciative of your support for the school – anyone interested please contact the school office or Sister Julian on ph 3481701.

BEFORE SCHOOL CHILDCARE REQUIRED

A soon-to-commence new entrant child requires looking after each morning prior to school (from approx 7:45am) - would anyone be available in the Glenholme area? Please phone Cherie at work 3494350 Extn 842 or 0272714335.

HOME FOR RENT

Central 3/bedroom house, newly painted, new carpet & heat pump. Fenced, secure and quiet. Single garage. \$290 per week, with groundsman. Available approx 14th June. Bond & reference required. Phone Corrine 3501303.

'WHAT NOW' Coming to Rotorua Lakefront

Sunday 24th June, 7:15am, The Village Green, Rotorua Lakefront. 'WHAT NOW' is coming to Rotorua, come and join in the fun and be on the telly! Join us for the LIVE 'What Now' Show at Rotorua from 7:15 – 10am. Come and play heaps of games, get gunged and win cool prizes! Bring your woolies and wrap up warm! See you there....For more info please call: Kate – 03 339 7101 kate@whitebait-tv.com



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Late applications will only be accepted if there are still places available. These will be processed on a first come, first served basis as per the selection criteria above. Students whose enrolment is successful will be asked to confirm their enrolment within a given timeframe. Failure to accept enrolment within this time period will mean that the place will be offered to the next eligible student.

If a place cannot be offered to a student, then the student will be placed on a waiting list. Parents will be informed of their children's place on the waiting list.

If places become available at a later date, places will be offered to students in the order of their place on the waiting list according to the criteria above.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

With Christ as our Centre

St Mary's School Enrolment Scheme

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Education Act 1989 the Ministry of Education has required St Mary's School to put in place an enrolment scheme. As part of the process in developing an enrolment scheme our board must consult with persons and organisations it considers appropriate as per the guidelines for state integrated schools issued by the Secretary of Education under Section 11 G(3).

The scheme we intend to promote with the map defining the St Mary's School "area of Convenience" can be viewed at the school office and on the school website. The scheme as proposed has been developed by the Board after consultation with the Ministry of Education.

If you have any comments or queries regarding our proposed scheme please respond to us no later than 20 July 2007.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mark Lovegrove
Chair Board of Trustees
St Mary's Catholic Primary School



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Enrolment Scheme

Introduction

The Ministry of Education has required St Mary's School, Rotorua, to put in place an Enrolment Scheme to manage enrolments so that the school maintains student numbers within the approved maximum roll.

The Integration Agreement for St Mary's School, Rotorua, gives *preference of enrolment* to students whose parents have established a particular or general religious connection with the Special Catholic Character of the school. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has determined the criteria for *preference of enrolment* in Integrated Catholic Schools.

Maximum Roll

The school's roll will be managed within the maximum roll of 400, prescribed in the school's integration agreement. The board will make provision for likely population movements in the general area served by the school that occur during the school year or after the end of the pre-enrolment period.

Priority in enrolment

Applications for enrolment will be processed in the following order of priority.

First priority * will be given to preference applicants who live within an area of reasonable convenience to the school. The area of convenience covers any applicant who lives south and east of a line which will run from the corner of Pukehangi and Sunset Roads in the west then south along Old Taupo Road until it bisects the Utahina Stream and will then follow the Utahina Stream until it meets Lake Rotorua in the east. Applicants within this priority group are guaranteed enrolment unless including all of them would exceed the school's maximum roll (and/or school capacity). In such a situation students will be ranked according to the sub priorities below.

1. Siblings of current students.
2. Siblings of former students.

3. Children of current staff.
4. Applicants moving into our area of convenience who have previously attended a school of special catholic character.
5. Date of application.

Second priority * will be given to preference applicants who live outside the area of reasonable convenience to the school. The area of convenience and sub priorities for enrolment are as for first priority.

Third priority* will be given to non-preference applicants within the area of convenience as defined above, amongst whom priority will be given in the following order.

1. Siblings of current students.
2. Siblings of former students.
3. Children of current staff.
4. Applicants moving into our area of convenience who have previously attended a school of special catholic character.
5. Date of application.

Fourth priority* will be given to non-preference applicants who live outside the area of reasonable convenience to the school. The area of convenience and sub priorities for enrolment are as for first priority.

Pre-enrolment

Each year the board will determine the number of places that are likely to be available prior to the next school year. The board will publish this by notice in a daily or community newspaper circulating in the area served by the school and the school newsletter.

The notice will indicate how applications are to be made. The notice will specify a date by which all applications must be received and when a ballot (if required) will occur.

All applications received by the specified date will be processed in terms of the priority criteria contained in this scheme. Proof of sibling relationship and address maybe required.

If more applications are received than available places for any priority group then selection will be made according to the sub priorities. If a ballot is required, the ballot will be conducted in accordance with the instructions issued by the Secretary under section 11G(1) of the Education Act 1989.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application within 28 days of the advertised closing date.