

**2007 Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Awards**

**‘Excellence Deserves Recognition’**

Parents/Caregivers, do you have a staff member whom you would like to nominate for a Teaching or Leadership Award? **Excellence in Teaching Awards:** nominations for this category will take account of the teacher’s exemplary classroom skills and innovative approaches to teaching that serve as models to schools. **Excellence in Leadership Awards:** nominations will take account of the leader’s quality to inspire teachers to achieve outstanding learning outcomes for children, and who set ambitious but achievable goals for their school or centre community.

Closing date for applications is the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Please see the office for the criteria and application forms.

**CATHOLIC INTEGRATED SCHOOL’S OFFICE**

**2008 Attendance Dues Increase**

Please note Primary school Attendance Dues will increase in 2008 to \$308.00 (GST incl).

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

Mount Manganui Hot Salt Water Pools - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 11am-1pm. Join in for a fun morning filled with games and giveaways at the Mount Hot Pools. Free Aqua Aerobics Class, Lucky Door Prizes, Swimming Races, Bombing Competition, BBQ & much more. Receive a free lollypop when you show this advert ☺

As we celebrate the special day of Mary MacKillop on the 8<sup>th</sup> August and the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, let me leave you with this wonderful prayer:

**PROUD TO BE CATHOLIC**

*O Blessed Trinity:*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

*You have called us to be a Godly people.*

*By the power of the Holy Spirit convert us to Christ.*

*Create within us Oases of Prayer worthy of You.*

*Enliven us to proclaim the Word of God boldly,*

*Refashion us to be of one heart and one soul*

*Make us proud to be Catholic in fact, not just in name.*

*O Blessed Trinity:*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear us we pray*

*Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**God Bless,  
Reg Nimmo, Principal**



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**PLEASE READ ME !!!**



### Positive Attitude Equals Positive Actions

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Midway through Week 3 and the beginning of August already! This week we have Book Week with the Scholastic Book Fair running in conjunction with Parent/Teacher Interviews. We trust parents/caregivers are taking advantage of the opportunity to meet with their child's English and Mathematics teachers. We hope family will also take the opportunity to come along on Friday and watch our students in the Book Parade at 1:30pm. Next week we shall be celebrating Mary MacKillop Day with a Mass at the special time of 12:10pm, everyone is most welcome to come along and join us at St Mary's Church.

*Last Friday morning a few may have noticed the electrical fireworks display as they dropped their children off at the Carnot Street entrance – unfortunately it was our electrical meter box doing a grand pyrotechnic display before dying in a smoky, smelly mess. There was major damage to the box and meter but no danger to our students or staff. Well done to all staff and pupils as the school continued to function smoothly as we all adjusted to no power and educational programmes were taught in dull rooms still full of eager learners. To the parents unable to contact the school that day, our phone system is dependent on power therefore the phones were not working. Thanks to the efficient work of our contracted electricians power was restored by the end of the school day.*


### WELCOME

Welcome to our lovely new entrants who have all come through our new entrant programme: Kayla McIntyre (who joins big sister Olivia), Francine Legaspi (who joins big brother Iain), Cara Bennett, and Finn Campbell (who joins big sister Ella). We trust you will have an enjoyable time settling into your class and your families will quickly become part of our extended school community.

### ✠ PRAYERS ✠

Our sincere sympathy and prayers to the Marshall-Makaea family on the death of Jaybeth & Kieran's uncle last week. Prayers are requested for the Deane family as Mason's elder brother struggles with ill health due to diabetes. 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

 Congratulations to Elizabeth, Hannah and Megan Hughes who were recently baptised, may these children continue to grow in their love for God.

### SACRAMENTAL GROUP – Helpers Required Please ☺

Parents of the 2006 Sacramental Group are needed to prepare for the First Communion Celebration breakfast after the 9:30am Mass 23<sup>rd</sup> September. If you are willing to take on this responsibility please contact Andrea Tuki, Parish office, 3480289 or Cheryl Smith, St Mary's School, 3481701.

### MASS – 8<sup>th</sup> August & 15<sup>th</sup> August

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at the special time of 12:10pm all families are invited to join us as we celebrate **Mary MacKillop's special day**.



The next Mass will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9:30am, Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, a holy day of obligation when all Catholics are expected to attend Mass so we extend a special invitation to all our families to join us in our celebration.

### SPORTS RESULTS – Player of the Day

To ensure our students receive their Player of the Day awards we have enlisted the help of some wonderful parents to forward the results to the school office by 10am each Monday. If you are the coach/manager of the team, please ensure you have the name of your nominated player to the following people as soon as possible after you have played your game (please also note only one person can be selected as Player of the Day):

HOCKEY: Donna Keaney  
 MINIBALL (Wed): Marie Hughes  
 MINIBALL (Fri): Tania Gracie  
 SOCCER: Denis Marriner  
 NETBALL: Francie Watson

### INTERVIEWS – Middle, Senior classes

Middle/Senior Interviews continue with Year 3 & 4 will have interviews for Mathematics & English on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. **Note: only Middle/Senior school will close early at 2pm, children are to be collected from the classroom at 2pm. After 2pm children will need to be collected from the hall, no child leaves without an adult prior to 3pm.**

*St Mary's bus will leave at 2pm, JPC College bus will leave at the normal time of 3pm.*

### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Pop this in your diary now ☺. All parents/caregivers/interested friends encouraged and welcome to attend the Parent Support Group meeting in the school Staffroom on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm. Come along and support this wonderful group as they in turn support our school and students.

“SAUSAGE SIZZLE” HELPERS WANTED – can you see your way to volunteering just one hour of your time to a roster for the Friday sausage sizzles, they are held only twice a month and raise valuable funds for our students. Contact Angela on 3494218 and leave your details, it will be much appreciated ☺ Mrs Sutherland, PSG Chairperson.

### UNIFORMS

Our school is registered on the SchoolTex Rewards Programme – the most successful schoolwear fund-raising programme in the country! By simply buying your school uniform from our local Postie+ and quoting our school name we will receive 10% cash back on any SchoolTex garments purchased. This will help enormously with our fund-raising projects. Our latest total was an excellent \$548.39 so thank you to all those who support this programme.