

ROTORUA JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

Junior tennis will begin again next term. If you are new to tennis we will be having an enrolment day for new members on Saturday 15th September with crew on board to answer any questions you may have. Coaching will start on Wednesday 10th October from 3.30pm and match play starting on Saturday 13th October. For any other junior enquires or questions about coaching times please phone Cathy Donoghue on 348 8796.

AFS EXCHANGE STUDENT



Thomas is in Rotorua until June 2008 as an exchange student with AFS and needs a home. Currently at Rotorua Boys High School, Thomas is 17 and originates from Agen, France. He has a good level of English, good sense of humour, is attentive and generous. If anyone is interested or wants to know any more they can phone Lesley & David Hubbard on 3477367 or David on 0274999764.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Year 6 students will be having Christian Family Life Education in weeks 3 & 4 of Term 4. An information evening will be on Wednesday 17th October at 6pm in Rm 12 – all parents/caregivers are invited to come along and find out what their children will be learning.
Mrs Rush

SWIMMING LESSONS with Helen Rogers – Term 4

Enrolments are now underway for swimming classes starting October 8th, 2007. I have been very fortunate in ‘obtaining’ Maria Pomare as my assistant for this season. Maria is a mature, experienced and passionate teacher. This will mean I can offer smaller classes and I will be doing two lessons per week over 5 weeks. This is a more beneficial program as one is reinforcing and consolidating previously learnt skills. (All previously taught pupils will be automatically contacted with the time and day of their tuition.) New pupils: please contact Helen for all information and bookings as soon as possible to prevent disappointment – Ph 3439569 (leave message on answer phone) or Ph 075720918.

I leave you with this poem by Minnie Louise Harkins:

At the Gate of the Year

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown!’
And he replied;
‘Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and softer than a known way.’

Kind regards and God Bless,
Leon Volschenk, Acting Principal



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Positive Attitude Equals Positive Actions

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another school term is almost at an end! I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the many parents who supported me in my role as Acting Principal during the last few weeks. Mr Nimmo will return to the role of Acting Principal for Term 4.

A very big thank you to the parents from the Parent Support Group for wrapping and selling gifts for the students to purchase for Father's Day. We are most appreciative of all the time and effort they put into this venture. I am sure the students are looking forward to their next venture - the School Disco to be held this Thursday.

Finally, we trust that you will enjoy the two weeks school holidays (may the sun shine brightly for us all to enjoy) beginning next Friday 21st September (reminder – early closing at 2pm) and we shall look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday, 8th October at 8:45am.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to new entrant students, Riley Boyce and Matthew Yark, both coming from families with long standing connections to the school - we trust you and your families will enjoy reconnecting to our school community.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

Mrs Halbert would like to extend her thanks for all the prayers in her name – she is recovering and the future is looking brighter ☺.

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

Our congratulations go to Grace Bruere in Room 13, who has been successfully nominated to receive a Young Achiever Award. Well done Grace, you are a young lady with a very bright future and we are certainly proud of your achievement.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

SCHOOL DISCO: To be held this Thursday, 13th September, 5.30–7.00pm. The fun theme will be 'Pyjama Party'. Let your imagination fly ☺.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



Please pray for our forty-eight candidates who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on the 23rd September at 9:30am Mass, St Mary's Church - Ms Smith

Anyone who would like their child baptised please contact the school office as soon as possible - Sister Carina

SPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS - to all the children who ran at the RPSSA Cross-Country competition – everyone represented St Mary's very well. Special mention needs to go to Lily Florence for taking 2nd Place in the 8yr old girls section, well done Lily ☺.

RUGBY: The second Rippa Rugby Training Session takes place on Monday 17th September, 3-4pm. These sessions are available for both girls and boys and are sponsored by the BOP Rugby Union. See Mr Toerien if you wish to attend.

SCIENCE FAIR

The Science Fair continues to be a successful event with a high standard of entries. Thank you to our judges for once again doing a sterling job of accrediting awards. Twelve Gold Awards were presented to the following students for their excellent presentations: Connor Broughton, Euan Cameron, Rebecca Colby, Felix Cook, Connor Gracie, Peter Gray, Andre Le Lievre, Gregory Low, Alita Nieuwboer, Fa'amuliifi Seumanutafa, Matthew Sutherland, Fintan Walsh.

UNIFORMS

Just a reminder that we will be changing into the summer uniform for Term 4.

Girls – Long-waisted dress, Blue bucket style hat, Black roman sandals, Maroon jersey.

Boys – Royal blue polo shirts, Grey shorts, Black roman sandals, Maroon jersey.

All items, except sandals, are available from our school uniform shop.

Note: Swimming will commence in Term 4 and swimming caps are compulsory – these are available from the school office for \$3.50.

Students are expected to maintain a high standard with their uniform and to follow the rules regarding personal presentation. Any requests for temporary exception to the rules must be directed to the Principal. A reminder of the standard required:

- all students with hair that hangs below their collar must have it tied up
- hair ties must be coloured blue or maroon (no other colours)
- only gold or silver stud earrings are allowed in ears (diamonds are not acceptable)
- jewellery (bracelets, rings, anklets) is not allowed to be worn to school
- the only necklace allowed to be worn to school is a cross or crucifix and it must remain tucked under the student's shirt or dress at all times and must not be worn during Physical Education classes for Health & Safety reasons.

Parents, your co-operation with these rules will ensure the high standard continues.

FINAL SCHOOL MASS & EARLY CLOSING – Friday 21st September

The final school Mass will take place next Friday at 9am – all families are warmly invited to attend.

School will close early on Friday 21st September at 2pm. St Mary's Bus will leave school at 2pm, however the JPC Bus will run at the normal time of 2:50pm.
School will re-open on Monday 8th October at 8:45am.