


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

WALKTOBER – Put spring in your step

Sponsored by Sport Bay of Plenty, NZCT, Classic Hits 97.5FM and the Rotorua District Council it's Walktober!! Get walking this October and put spring in your step. This month there are over 100 walks to choose from. From a Redwoods Family Glow Walk to a Walk on the Wild Side. They even have a workshop on Nordic walking (walking with poles). If you would like a list of the walks please see the school office.

NIGHT AT THE 19TH – Featuring Steve Williams, Caddy for Tiger Woods

 Tee Off: Friday 2nd November, 7pm Course Venue: Rotorua Arena, RGHS.

Tickets through Ticketek. See Advertisement in School Office Foyer for more details.

SWIMMING LESSONS with Helen Rogers – Term 4

I can offer small classes, doing two lessons per week over 5 weeks. This is a more beneficial program as one is reinforcing and consolidating previously learnt skills. Please contact Helen for all information and bookings – Ph 3439569 (leave message on answer phone) or Ph 075720918.

Let me leave you with this to contemplate:

There come times when I have nothing more to tell God. If I were to continue to pray in words, I would have to repeat what I have already said. At such times it is wonderful to say to God, "May I be in Thy presence, Lord? I have nothing more to say to Thee, but I do love to be in Thy presence."
~O. Hallesby

**God Bless,
Reg Nimmo, Acting Principal**



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PLEASE READ ME !!!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back for Term 4 – the warmer weather and summer sports beckon. St Mary's continues to grow and change with the installation of the keenly awaited Astro turf. The new play areas are being completed and the improved utilisation of the artificial turf will provide much improved playing surfaces for sports teams and individual games. St Mary's also provides a great asset in the swimming pool which is up and running and being utilised by both swimming classes and water polo teams.

I hope you all had a good break over the school holidays. I had a wonderful time with my son and daughter-in-law in London and then the South of France. Our time in Washington DC, Jamestown, Philadelphia et al was really informative and quite an experience as we learned about the rich and violent history and observed those living in wealth and those living in poverty.

Our Lady of the Rosary - October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary is a powerful prayer and throughout the month family intentions will be prayed for by the children. The list with your family's allocated day was sent home on Monday and you are most welcome to join us in the school hall on that day.

WELCOME


Greetings to our new entrant students - *Daniel Karl*, *David Marks* and *Hazel Hagan* – we trust you will have a warm and welcoming start to your school life in our junior classes. Welcome back to *Sophie Te Whaiti*, returning briefly from Hawaii, and *Zak Canning*, from Australia – we hope you both settle in well for Term 4. Welcome to new student *Harrison Boswell*, who joins us from Auckland – may your family enjoy becoming a part of our greater school community.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

Our sincere sympathy to the Yeoward family on the death of Mr Yeoward's mother, grandmother to Samuel, we hope our prayers will bring some comfort at this sad time. 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 Callum McLean for his tremendous effort representing New Zealand in the Oceania Climbing Championship, coming 3rd in Difficulty Climbing and 2nd in Speed – what a fantastic result Callum ☺.

 Congratulations to the Keaney family on the birth of little Madeleine, a lovely sister for Oliver to be big brother to, may she bring joy to your lives.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Thank you to those parents who helped at the Confirmation & Communion breakfast. A wonderful occasion to celebrate these children's commitment to walking with the faith. "We set the sail, God makes the Wind" – Ms Smith



SPORTS

TOUCH RUGBY: Ripa Rugby continues this term with Monday afternoon training sessions 3-4pm. All team places have been filled.

WATERPOLO: Competition commences next week for Jrs/Int Wednesday 17/10 – only the Senior team 'Angels' plays on Thursday starting 18/10. All team places have been filled.

CRICKET: Competition commences in Week 3. Today was the last day to get your enrolment form in to the office.

SWIMMING: Has commenced as part of the Physical Education programme. Swimming caps are compulsory and are available from the school office for \$3.50.

PARENT SUPPORT: As with all aspects of our students' school life, parent support is vital – we wish to encourage any parent whose child is currently enrolled with one of our sports activities to put their name forward for either coaching or managing the team. Unfortunately we are unable to clone our teachers and have them at all the games so parent support is necessary to ensure the teams are looked after during the practises and games – can you help?

DEADLINES – sorry but final dates are final!

All notices given or offered to the students have a final date by when they must be returned to the office or sports co-ordinator because St Mary's has to meet deadlines of its own in which to enter our teams or names of individuals for competitions. Reminders about notices are placed on the daily 'Hotline' and in the newsletter as well as the students being reminded at the Physical Education classes by the Sports Co-ordinators. Unfortunately we are sometimes placed in the position of refusing entries received after the deadline. To avoid disappointment, please ensure entries are received by the due date.

TERM 4 – SUMMER UNIFORM

Girls – Long-waisted check dress

Boys – Royal blue polo shirts, grey shorts

Both – Blue bucket hat, black roman sandals, maroon jersey

All items, except sandals, are available from our 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.