

St Mary's Kaikorai

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Welcome back.

We trust you enjoyed the summer break and the fantastic weather!

It has been lovely seeing familiar and new faces around the school today, and hearing about everyone's holiday adventures. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead together.

I am excited to be involved in a Beginning Principal Course along with 3 other new principal's from our Catholic Community; Jo Stanley from St Joseph's Cathedral, Carmel Jolly from St Francis Xavier and Claire Peters from St Peter Chanel. We are looking forward to working collaboratively and contributing to our CoL (Community of Learning). We also continue to have support and involvement from Kavanagh College through the Gifted and Talented Hub here on our site. I believe all of these connections will further enhance the experiences for our children here at St Mary's Kaikorai.

Many of you will remember our former Principal Trina Eastwood, who is now my mentor, it is very exciting to draw on her knowledge and experience, and she too is very excited to reconnect with St Mary's Kaikorai.

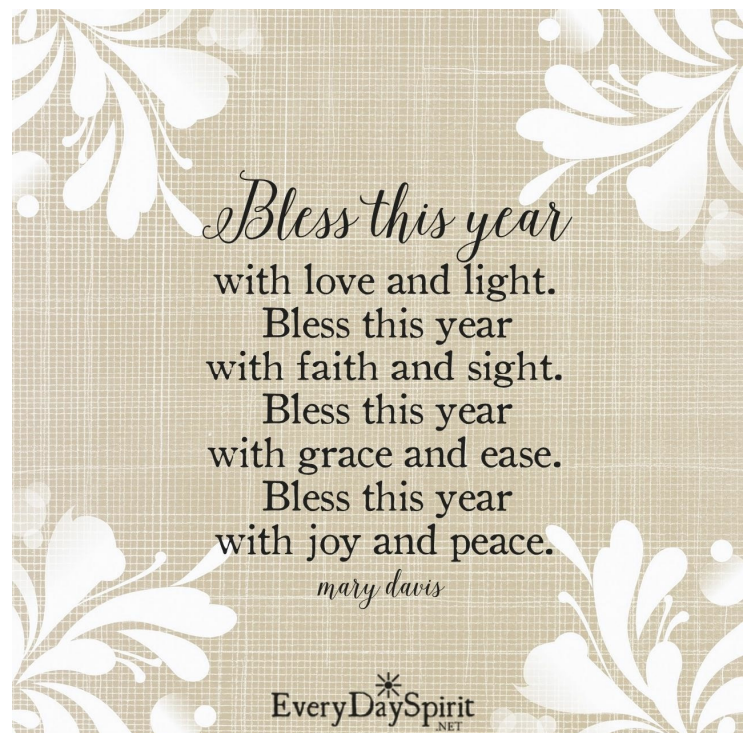
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Leo Rietveld started in Room 2 today.
Hayley Fogarty joined Room 3 today.
We hope you both enjoy your school days at St Mary's Kaikorai.

Many of our children celebrated their birthday over the summer break. Happy 'belated' Birthday to you all, and we hope you all enjoyed your special day!

La Charna Moata'ane (9)
Alicia Johnstone (7)
Samuel Allum (6)
Isobel Griffiths (7)
Scarlet Milner (6)
Matthew Rietveld (8)



Special Character

We joined together this morning in a liturgy to celebrate the beginning of a new school year and to welcome our new students, families and priests.



First Friday Mass - 2nd February at 9:30 am

This will be our last mass with Father Cipriano. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6th February

We will celebrate this special day with a small liturgy at 9:00 am on Monday morning, families are again very welcome to join us.

Bank & BBQ

Next Friday, 9th February 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

With the wonderful Linda & David taking a step back from maintaining our school grounds, we are planning various mini working bees through-out year to keep on top of it as a school community.



Next week we would like to attack the bank area, please come and lend a hand for an hour or so, then end the evening sharing a sausage on the BBQ together.

We are extremely lucky to have such extensive and beautiful grounds at St Mary's Kaikorai and ask for your help in maintaining them. It should be a great way to catch up after the holidays and meet new parents. Thank you in advance for your support.

Friendly Quick Notes ... more details next week about some things.

Breakfast Club and After School Club have started.

No Discovery Time this week.

No Sausage Sizzle this week.

Next Tuesday - Waitangi Day, no school.



Sunscreen to be put on daily, we will top up in the afternoons. However if your child needs a specific brand - please send this to school with them.

Sun hats must be worn for all outdoor activities.

Handy hint/tip - Freeze their water drink bottle overnight, so they have a chilled drink for the day.

Bring togs and towel daily so we can cool off on our water slide when it gets too hot. We have a gazebo for additional shade as well.

Facebook Private Group - this is just for current parents/families only. If you aren't already part of it, please follow the link and you will be accepted - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/829484240557702/>

Newsletter - please send through an updated email address, if you have changed yours over the holidays.

Summer Sport



Registrations are due for the following sports by next Friday.

Please let us know by Monday which sports you wish to play/continue to play in Term One.

Touch:

Games are on Thursdays between 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm at the Oval.

This is generally a senior team (Year 3-6).

Practice is during a lunch time.

Tee-ball:

Games are played on Saturday mornings between 9 00 - 11:00 am at Bathgate Park.

This is generally a junior team (Year 0-4).

Practice is one day after school on the top field from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

Futsal:

Games are on a Wednesday afternoon between 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm at the Edgar Centre.

This is generally a senior team (Year 3-6).

Practice is during a lunch time.

I have been in touch with the manager, and am assured we will be in a more appropriate grade this term. If we don't have enough for a team again this term, we will make a team with our friends at St Francis Xavier.

Club Cricket:

If you are interested in **Cricket**, just ask, and we will give you contact details for the local clubs.

Girls Smash (Cricket):

Girls Smash is returning and will be bigger and better than ever! The competition will run from weeks 4-8 Starting Monday 19 February 4:00 pm at Logan Park. This is a free girls only competition with games lasting just 40 minutes. Girls in Years 3-6 are invited to enter in school teams (6 aside) or as individuals.

Please return to school by Friday Morning - thank you.

I give permission for _____ to play _____

for the school during Term One 2018.

