

Even though we were unable to share with our Parish Family we still had an amazing opening mass. Thank you to Father Fredy for helping us make it happen!



St Mary's warmly welcomes our new children and their families.

We are so blessed to be able to welcome some amazing children to our school this term. A very warm and special welcome to their parents as well, and thank you for trusting St Mary's with your child's learning.

We look forward to sharing their learning journeys with you in the future!

Back Row: Noah and Isabelle Front Row: Meris, Lillian, Mithul and Georgina. Sadly missing from the photo is Yuri.



### Junior Room: Rm2 — Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

This week's focus in Room 2 is "Friendship". Today we read the story "Franklin is Bossy" and we learned ways to not be like Franklin. The children came up with following things we need to do to be a good friend- 'sharing, listening to each other, taking turns, follow the rules and not being bossy". We demonstrated these in our classroom today!

## Middle Room: Room 1 - Mrs Hammer (Whaea Hammer)

Children in Room One have been working on getting to know each other.

We have played four corners to find out more information too.

All children have made a super start to their learning especially with the new challenge of mask wearing and the extreme heat.



#### Senior Room: Room 3 — Ms Donnelly and Mrs Guthrie (Whaea Donnelly and Guthrie)

This week has been a wonderful week of catching up with holiday stories and settling back into old routines and some new ones too. We are taking as many opportunities as we can to complete our learning outside of the classroom.

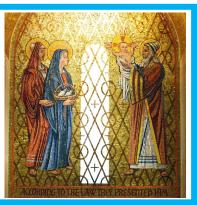




Faith Facts 28th Saint Thomas Aquinas for our School in Winton 31st Saint John Bosco 2nd The Presentation of the Lord Mosaic in the Rosary Walk and Garden (The Basilica of the National Shine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington USA)

On February 2, we observe the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, honouring Jesus Christ's presentation in the Temple

when he was a young child. Jesus' presentation in the Temple reflects how he fulfils the Old Covenant. According to Old Testament law, a sacrifice had to be offered in the Temple when a child was consecrated to the Lord. Mary and Joseph honoured this tradition.





# School Calendar Term 1 2022:

# 2022:

## February:

## 7th WAITANGI DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED

- 11th Year 6 Bike School: Bring Bikes/helmets
- 12th Stewy's Birthday
- 15th Ngaika's Birthday
- 15th Fern Fever Yr 5/6 Girls @Logan Park Turf
- 16th Board Meeting 5.30pm
- 17th Olivia's Birthday
- 23rd Nikai's Birthday

# 2022:

## March:

- 5th Jam's Birthday
- 7th Sharvyin's Birthday
- 11th TEACHER ONLY DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED
- 12th Axten's Birthday
- 21st OTAGO ANNIVERSARY-SCHOOL CLOSED April:
- 6th Board Meeting 5.30pm
- 14th Last day of Term 1 2022

# Teacher only day - 11 March

On this day all teachers from our Catholic Kahui Ako will be meeting for professional development learning. On this day we will be learning more about culturally responsive curriculum practices. Teacher continue their commitment to ongoing learning opportunities throughout the year.

Please mark this day in your diaries as school will be closed and their will be no adults on site.



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#### CENTRES:

- George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).
- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school)
- Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2022 ------Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February at George Street Normal School main block, 9:30-11:00

or Bathgate Park School Foyer, 9:30-10:30

### (Elmgrove School, Mosgiel, is Wednesday 16th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm)

Vaccination passes will need to be viewed on entry.

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