

Belong Believe Achieve Whanaungatanga Whakapono Porotutuki





TE REO MÃORI

Te Kupu o te wiki Hararei-holidays

Luke 24:35-48 It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead



School Calendar:

April

12th Last day of Term 1 29th First Day Term 2

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

May

14th Teacher Only Day - No School 22nd Year 5/6 Trinity Musical 31st Teacher Only Day - No School



April

12th-Ivan 19th-Amelia 25th-Alexie 25th-Eniya

Junior Room - Miss Rowley (Whaea Rowley)

We have been learning about Anzac Day. Anzac Day is commemorated on the 25th of April every year. It is a day to remember all Australians and New Zealanders who were killed in war, and also honours returned servicemen and women. The 25th of April is the anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers (the Anzacs) on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey, 1915. It was the first major battle that Australian or New Zealand troops had been involved in, and losses were severe. They were trying to capture the Dardanelles (the gateway to the Bosphorus and the Black Sea), but at the end of the campaign Gallipoli was still held by its Turkish defenders. Thousands lost their lives in the fighting, including 87,000 Turks and 44,000 men from France and the British Empire (which included 8500 Australians and 2779 New Zealanders). Anzac Day was first marked in 1916, and has gone through many changes since then. Ceremonies are normally held at local war memorials and are rich in traditional military rituals.



Middle Room - Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

During our learning about NZ Histories and Maori culture, the children participated in weaving their own kete baskets using paper. These are traditional baskets made and used by New Zealand's Māori people. They are traditionally woven from the leaves of New Zealand flax. These baskets represent our knowledge, goodness and aroha so in class we wrote a 'thank you to God for our talent of...". Next we wrote a kind note about one of our friends for them to read and place in their kete. This goodness filled the hearts of us all.







Senior Room- Ms Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly)

NEWS FROM SEBASTIAN: Earlier in the term, the children wrote letters to Sebastian and this week we received a letter from him, with several photos showing his new life in Brisbane. Here are a couple of excerpts from his letter. "Me and my family are having a great time here in Australia. We have done so many things already. But still, I miss the lifestyle from New Zealand. One of my favourite things that we have done is going to the Australia Zoo. We saw animals like snakes, crocodiles, wombats, kangaroos and a lot more. It was me and my Grandpa's first time being alongside a kangaroo plus many more animals. Yours Sincerely Sebastian."







Senior Room- Mrs Guthrie (Whaea Guthrie)

This week Jo Bell our Young Vinnies coordinator from St Vincent de Paul helped the children through the process of forming their St Mary's Young Vinnies group. This involved the children nominating, seconding and voting. The children also learned about leadership, and being part of the group. Next term the children will begin the process of fundraising and forming our end of year out reach programme. Congratulations to our new committee:

Alyssa president, Adeline Vice President, Ryah secretary and Casey Treasurer.





Bilingual Support Worker.

This week we welcomed our new bilingual support worker. Bala will work at the school every Thursday and is available to meet with parents between 9* am and 12.30pm. Bala will work with the teachers to ensure that the children are supported in their English Language growth and in sharing the Indian culture within the school.

Bala is from Coimbatore, India. She is well experienced working with children in schools both in Dubai and within Indian educational centres. She is married and has 2 children aged 9 and 4 and is living in South Dunedin.

She loves working with children and getting to know people.





Have a wonderful holiday.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these holiday days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Laudato Si' reflection

This week millions of people gazed in wonder as the sun was eclipsed by the moon. Did they also wonder how we are shaping the future of our planet, protecting it from human greed?

All of our school policies are held in one place on our SchoolDocs website.

You can access these by visiting https://st-marys.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon

Username: st-marys and password dominic





We need your help to grow our school!

Do you know of any families who are looking to enrol in our amazing school?

We would love to meet them to discuss and show them the opportunities that small school education has.



Beautiful family prayer cards went home this week from the middle and senior classrooms.



Cathedral & Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL ST MARY'S (Kaikorai) ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Mornington) ST JOSEPH'S (Brockville)

ANOINTING MASS – St Francis Xavier

An Anointing Mass will take place at St Francis Xavier Church, Mornington on Thursday, 18 April at 9:30am followed by morning tea – please bring something to share. If you are aware of someone needing transport, please contact the parish office.