



Belong Believe Achieve
Whanaungatanga Whakapono Porotutuki

St Mary's Dunedin



TE REO MĀORI

Himene Kirihimete-
Christmas Carol

Luke 3:10-18

'Someone is coming
who will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit
and fire'



School Calendar:



January

27th First day back at school for
2025

February

7th Teacher Only Day (day after
Waitangi Day)

Holiday Birthdays!

December

Elise- 15th

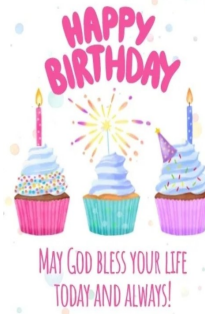
January

Ryah- 12th

Melissa- 16th

Meris- 20th

Georgina- 26th



Dear St Mary's School Family,

It is a bitter sweet feeling to be writing to say goodbye to you all. I have loved and cherished my time at this school and I am sad to be leaving, however I am excited for new opportunities that await me. Thank you for trusting me with your most precious treasures. I am grateful for the impact they have made on me as a teacher and will miss them all!

I am thankful for all the opportunities that I have received from St Mary's and all the wonderful people that I have met along the journey. I wish your families all the very best for the future.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki ā koe,

Shayla Rowley



End of Year Certificates of Excellence.



Name	Awarded:
Adam	for wonderful progress made in reading
Saira	for consistently having an enthusiastic attitude towards learning
Maddie	for consistently having a positive attitude towards all learning areas
Jianna	for fantastic academic progress made in Mathematics
Iza	for showing resilience in her learning
Aibel	for showing resilience in and out of the classroom
Shrihaan	for consistently showing kindness to all children and teachers
Aithan	For showing dedication and achieving success across all learning areas
Lexie	for always trying her best across all learning areas
Alex	for consistently having an enthusiastic attitude towards learning
Edhan	for wonderful progress gained in Reading this year
Caleb	for growing in independence in and out of the classroom
Emma	for showing kindness to all visitors in the classroom this year
Mila	for being a kind and helpful member of the class
Xenia	for always trying her best across all learning areas
Yurell	for great progress made in writing
Niyah	for wonderful progress gained in Reading this year
Leyna	for progress made during writing and spelling time
Laumanu'uli	for giving his best effort in all tasks



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Name	Awarded for:
Ivan	Improvement in spelling and working independently.
Chrispaul	Excellent application to all his learning.
Evan	Pleasing effort in Maths and writing.
Georgina	Always doing her best and sharing ideas.
Amelia	Wonderful progress in writing and Maths.
Lillian	Improved effort in writing and reading.
Marianne	Always trying her best in all learning.
Sara	Excellent achievement in writing and Maths.
Elise	Being a kind and helpful class member.
Alaina	Trying hard in reading.
Inaya	Improved effort in reading and writing.
Shrinay	Being helpful and curious learner.
Nathan	Trying his best in writing.
Rufus	Having a positive attitude and improvement in reading.
Zane	Wonderful effort in Maths.
Kenzo	Showing greater confidence in sharing ideas.



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Name	Awarded for:
Alexie R	inspiring others with his amazing art.
Alexie M	attention to detail in all she does.
Alyssa	her love of books.
Ngaika	compassion towards other children
Olivia	communicating information easily.
Reuben	writing from different perspectives.
Adeline	her work with Young Vinnies
Aloysius	significant improvement in reading.
Casey	his work with Young Vinnies
Eniya	significant improvement in maths skills.
Jeffrey	her friendliness with younger students.
Ryah	amazing leadership skills – Young Vinnies.
Zeth	bravery - attempting the Flying Kiwi.
Bethany	taking on leadership responsibilities.
Gagan	great retelling during class novel.
Janine	amazing pictures in her class novel.
Maria	her consistent creativity in writing.
Melissa	significant improvement in writing.
Meris	significant improvement in reading and writing.
Miguel	consistent incredible writing.
Mithul	always including others in games.
Nate	spreading joy with his singing
Yuri	consistent creativity in writing.

The Jesse Tree

A popular tradition during the Advent Season is the Jesse Tree. This tree, named for the father of David, is one that is decorated throughout the Advent Season with symbols of biblical people that are historically associated with or came before the birth of Jesus Christ. This can include people such as Abraham, Noah, and Moses, as well as Mary and Joseph. By decorating this tree, children can be reminded of historical biblical figures and can also be taught about the preparatory nature of the Advent Season.



In the first reading we joyfully hear that “ the Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty saviour; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love...(Zep 3:17)

Through the challenges of life, personally and globally, as we continue our Advent journey, may we know that “In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present... he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward.” (LS 245)



Cathedral & Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL
ST MARY'S (Kaikorai)

ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Mornington)
ST JOSEPH'S (Brockville)

CATHEDRAL & HILL SUBURBS PASTORAL AREA

Family Christmas Eve Mass, 5pm Tuesday 24 December 2024

St Francis Xavier Church, Mornington

An invitation to all children and families who would like to be involved in this year's Family Christmas Mass at St Francis Xavier Church. Our hope is to make it a special Christmas celebration for all who take part and attend.

Please contact Elizabeth Schönwald on 02102264275 or elizabethlouiseaskin@yahoo.co.uk to express interest or if you have any questions.



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HEARING YOU SUPPORTS OUR CHILDREN WITH:

- ANXIETY
- SEPARATION
- GRIEF
- ANGER
- FAMILY VIOLENCE
- AND MUCH MORE
- TRAUMA
- SAFETY ISSUES
- RELATIONSHIPS
- EMOTIONS
- SOCIAL SUPPORTS