



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, FOXTON

TERM 4, 2017: WEEK 3 - Wednesday 1 November 2017
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All Soul's Day

Principal's Message

Tena koutou katoa.....

"Kia whakapaua tou ngakau, tou wairua, tou hinengaro, ki te aroha ki te Ariki, ki tou Atua."

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind." Matt 22:37

This was from our Gospel on Sunday and it is the essence of what drives us in all we do. This week the children, staff and school community, put their whole heart, mind and soul into welcoming our Education Review Officers. Our visitor's really noticed the positive and peaceful tone of our school.



The children continued to emulate their heartfelt community spirit, at the All Saints Day combined Parish School Liturgy yesterday. It touched hearts to hear the children pray spontaneously, under the protection of our treasured saints, including St Brigid and St Mary. We are all called to be saints like those gone before us. I enclose the psalm of St Brigid that we read:

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St. Brigid Psalm

Brigid, you were a woman of peace,
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled
and anxious,
And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our
world.



Today we continue our prayer to our beloved family and friends in heaven, on this All Souls Day. As stated: Love God with all your *soul*. These souls that journey to heaven are full of love! The children and staff are also beginning to look at people of peace. With our historic walk today to the small yet significant cemetery at Ihakara gardens, we are building on our local Foxton ancestral knowledge. Ihakara was on about embracing the Pakeha spirit, in order to expand the commerce of the town and to help foster relations with the Maori people. May those gone before us, watch over us always.

Over the last 2 weeks, I would like to congratulate the children on being peacemakers in the playground. As I listen more and more to their up and coming speeches, I am reminded of the best moments of teaching and why I am in this fulfilling career! I get to experience the children loving with "*all their heart, their soul and their mind.*"

**Kia tau ki te rangimārie,
Mary Kleinsman-Powell
Principal**

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This Week We Pray For:

- Khloe Chambers, Siabella Ellwood, Molly Frith, Kotahi-Aroha Laird, Kaedyn McLaughlan and Julius Perez, along with others in our St Mary's Community, who celebrate their birthday in October;
- Those who have died, who we cherish in our hearts;
- Strength to face our challenges with brave integrity.





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Building Families



My heart is lifted every Sunday by the presence at Mass of young families, elderly, teenagers, and young adults. I know that many have made great efforts to be present.

I also know that some of us feel we do not belong or worry that we may not fit in. God's whānau, the Church, is everyone's home. There is room for everyone at Mass. No one need feel alone or different.

I want to encourage you all to step up and get to Mass. Pressures tugging us away are strong. But Sunday Mass far from reducing our freedom enhances it, as it shapes the persons and families and communities we are called to be.

Jesus wants to help build your family. So does your parish. The special children's liturgy part of Mass means you needn't worry about keeping little ones occupied. And as teenagers and adults why not take just one hour a week to chill out spiritually, to be nurtured with God's Word and to receive Jesus himself in holy communion. The cafes will still be open, the sports fields never go away, friends and cussies won't shift.



Check out Mass times at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/pastoral/masstimes/>. For some of you it may be the first time you have been to Church for a long time. Welcome. For others give yourself a challenge to change your question from "shall we go to Mass today?" to "which Mass shall we go to today?"

Thanks to you all for your sense of belonging, no matter what stage that is at. Feel encouraged. The priests and I are here simply to serve you, and we love doing that.



Bishop Charles.

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School Notices

Wattie's Cans for Good

Tomorrow Friday 3 November we will be collecting cans as part of the Wattie's Cans for Good programme, we would be grateful if students could bring a can of food that we can pass on to this worthwhile cause.

School Assembly

Tomorrow Friday 3 November we have an assembly at 2:15pm in room 2, we invite you to join us to celebrate our wonderful students.

Prizegiving Trophies

It is that time of the year for the prizegiving trophies to be returned to school ready for 2017 prizegiving. If your child has a trophy at home could it please be returned to the school office.

School Camp Raffle

We have had a few raffles tickets returned, keep selling those tickets - the fun of camp isn't far away! The raffle will be drawn on Friday 17 November 2017. It would be appreciated if tickets can be returned to the school office with the money by Thursday 16 November.

Duffy Books in Homes \$5 Parent Offer

Included in today's newsletter is the Duffy Books in Homes \$5 Parent Offer, orders need to be returned to the school office by Friday 17 November 2017.

Digital Citizenship Brochure for Parents

Following the Digital Citizenship Evening, you will find a reference brochure in this newsletter, as a follow up for your information.

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Sports Draws

This week's Basketball Draw:

Week 3 St Mary's vs Coley Street 1, 3:30pm (be at the court by 3:15pm)

Next Week's Draw

Year 1-2 Kiwi Netball on Tuesdays after school at Foxton Primary.

Week 4 - St Mary's v Shannon 1, 3:20pm (be at the court by 3:10pm)

Year 3-4 Kiwi Netball on Tuesdays after school at Foxton Primary.

Week 4 - FPS 2 vs St Mary's 2, 3:45pm (be at the court by 3:30pm)

Year 7-8 Netball combined team on Tuesdays after school at Manawatu College.

Week 4 - St Mary's vs FB Godwits, 4pm (be at the court by 3:50pm)

Year 5-6 Basketball on Thursdays at Manawatu College Hall.

Week 4 - St Mary's vs Foxton Beach 2, 3:30pm (be at the court by 3:15pm)





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School Lunches:

Please place orders at office before 9:00am.	
Tuesday	Yellow Option: Ham Wrap/Cake/Yoghurt - \$5.50 Orange Option: Ham Sandwiches/Cake/Yoghurt - \$5.50 White Option: Pie/Cake/Yoghurt - \$5.50 There are also individual options available
Wednesday	Blue Option: Fish & Chips - \$4.30 Red Option: Hot Dog & Chips - \$3.50 Green Option: Chicken Nuggets & Chips - \$3.90 There are also individual options available
Thursday	Heated lunches - to be wrapped in tin foil, named and delivered to the staff room before 9.00am
Friday	Sausage Sizzle - \$1.50 Milo - \$1.50 Orders/order forms available at the office

Sausage Order Form				
Please return to school on Thursday morning for Friday's lunch				
SAUSAGE AND BREAD \$1.50 each. Please tick additional toppings required...				
Name	Quantity	Toppings		
		Tomato Sauce	Mustard	Onion

ORDER MILOS - \$1.50 PER DRINK - HOT OR COLD

Name	Hot or Cold	Amount



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Hearing/Vision Testing - Thursday 2 November 2017

School Assembly - 3 November 2017 at 2:15pm

Rotary Speeches - Wednesday 8th November at 6:00pm - Rotary Club Rooms

School Speech Night - 14 November

ABSENCES: A reminder to all parents and caregivers, we are required by law to know where your children are during school hours and if your child is absent **we require a call before 9.00am** - please telephone the school, a message can be left on the answer phone, there is also a link through our website www.stmarysfoxton.school.nz to let us know your child is absent and **the reason why**. We require this information **every day** that your child is absent.

BEFORE SCHOOL: Officially the school is open from 8.30am onwards. Please let us know if your child needs to be early. At times we are in a meeting but the office is open. Please note the Playground is just out of bounds before school.

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