



# Newsletter

**15 March 2019**  
**Term 1 Week 5**

## *Message from the Principal*

**Kia ora koutou Te Kura O Hato Mere Whanau**

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**Thank you, thank you, thank you all!**

Your support and positive attitudes on Gala day meant that although the weather wasn't the best it did not stop the huge commitment of our positive hapori whānui. What a turn out!

All of the work and time spent by our amazing Gala committee and whole community here at school and wider community all shone on the day.

Thank you to each and every person who donated items from throughout our community, all of our school families who supported with gifts throughout the weeks for the Gala and each and every person who helped to make the day successful, the days leading into the epic event setting up the tents, on the day in the rain and this week in the clean up and reorganisation of the school.

All teachers have been great in class and super organised. Great to see how many hands make light work and support such a great cause.

The funds raised for this years gala, as I announced on the day, are going towards supporting our teaching resources. What does this mean? It means that we as a school (Board of Trustees and Teachers) all agree that we would like to keep our class sizes at a level that is optimal for quality learning. Smaller classes leads to more one on one time with the teacher and the capacity for stronger relationships to be built within the classroom which enhances learning and the development of personal progress. The money will go to all aspects of teaching across the school.

### **Friday 15th March 2019**

Thank you all for returning your children to school today. Routine and structure is key in this time of despair across our country. To think that this is a topic in our newsletter would never have entered our minds before Friday. What your children need now is reassurance, love and compassion from everyone in their lives.

This morning's prayer service '*Guiding Lights in a Community of Chaos*' brings us back to the core of being one of God's children. In the 'Light of Christ' we at St mary's aim to reflect the beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel each and every day of our lives, at school and in the wider community.

The atrocity that occurred on Friday in Christchurch calls us to be one people, collectively working together to reflect these values and ways of Jesus Christ the only son of God.

Please connect with your child's teacher in regards to anything out of the ordinary in regards to your child's behaviour at home. That could be as small as changed eating habits or being quieter than normal. We all process things in different ways. It is always good for us to know before your child enters the school grounds so we can be mindful that they may be acting a little off for the day and actively work alongside you and your child in a support role.

This is a time when our two focused beatitudes for the term come to the forefront, Ngākau Toa (Courage) and Hapori Whānui (Community), are two critical areas moving forward for us as New Zealand wide community. Courage, to carry on and talk about what has happened and the effects it has had on us. Community, as we see each and every individual as a child of God, 'One People Together!'

Yours in 'In Christs Lights'

Patrick Dowling

This letter arrived today from the NZCEO (New Zealand Catholic Education Office) headed **Letter from NZCBC Interfaith Committee on Christchurch Shootings**. NZCBC (New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee) in the wake of the Christchurch Shootings to be shared with our community.

18 March 2019

New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations 18 March 2019 Dear brothers and sisters in Aotearoa New Zealand, It is with profound sadness that we grieve for the deaths and injury of Muslims in Christchurch through the violence of extremists. We grieve too for the loss of a sense of safety and peace for all Muslims in this land in the face of such an attack. Every Kiwi, new or old, now feels our heart touched by the evil of hatred. The stark reality that our neighbours could do such a thing moves us to an even deeper awareness of the overwhelming need for love to be the driving force in our relationships with one another, rather than animosity or narrow-mindedness.

As a committee and as individuals we have formed many wonderful relationships with Muslim friends and acquaintances. We have been blessed by dialogue which has revealed the beauty and peace of those who live a religion of prayer, generosity and belief in the same God of Abraham in whom we believe. Our practices and understandings regarding faith may be different in many ways, but there is much we share and celebrate. Our differences are an opportunity to engage with one another, never a reason for division.

While our hearts go out to our Muslim brothers and sisters in their loss, pain and fear, we wish to draw attention away from the murder and violence towards the need for each of us to open our hearts to those of different cultures and faiths. We pray not just for healing of the injured and comfort to those who mourn, but for a renewed outreach to others in love, kindness and welcome.

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The displays of grief and compassion exhibited by so many people since this terrible atrocity signal hope. They reveal the larger truth of humanity in response to a closed hatred. We need to continue to practically reach out to one another in friendship and kindness. It needs to be more than a moment in time but a habit of life. Ultimately it is a personal choice, in our context, to do as Jesus did – to smother hatred through reaching out with physical hands and loving our neighbour.

We especially hold our Muslim friends in prayer at this time and we pray for all peoples and all faiths. May we be instruments of peace to one another so that all may feel safe and loved.

Peace, Salaam,

Colin MacLeod

On behalf of committee members: Michael Dooley, Colin MacLeod (chair), Mary Eastham, Adele Churchman, Teresa Fernandez, Matthew Gardner, Daniel Kleinsman, Beate Matthies and Christopher Longhurst

### *In Christ's Light*

#### **Mission Statement**

*St Mary's will be a vibrant and connected Catholic community, providing all learners with opportunities to achieve personal excellence. Our learners will encounter and reflect Christ's light, confidently sharing their gifts.*

#### **School Values**

*St Mary's School Values are those Jesus proclaimed in the Gospel of St Matthew 5:3-10*  
***Humility, Compassion, Community, Faithfulness, Forgiveness, Honesty, Patience, Courage***

#### **Whakatauki**

##### **Kaitiakitanga**

*Watching over, taking care of, guarding, nurturing and protecting*

***Manaaki Whenua***

*Care for the land*

***Manaaki Tangata***

*Care for the people*

***Haere Whakamua***

*Go ahead*

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Please remember the following students in your prayer as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which they will be receiving.

Lily Black

Rory Frater

Daniel Gasson

Kaydee Katonivere

Amara Kuiti

Aiden McKendrick

Harry McKendry

AJ Moli

Florence Potts

Joshua Shoemark

Hannah Silva

Ava Zintl

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## Beatitude to Be Excellent Award

Congratulations to the following students who received a 'Beatitude to Be Excellent Award' at our last assembly:



*Cullum, Alexandra,  
Madison D, Grace G,  
Ashton, Gabby, Junior,  
Talo, Lucia, Molly, Reotina,  
Christopher, Jessica,  
Emily, Zekiah, Hannah*

Next assembly will be **Monday 25 March**. It is wonderful to have parents and families to join us at our assemblies and we look forward to seeing you at **2pm** in the Hall.

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## GALA 2019

### Message from St Mary's Friends

Thank you all for your help, support and time given to our Gala last Saturday.

The rain may have dampened the day but there were many smiles and enthusiastic people that made sure the day was still a fantastic community event!!

Thank you for the donations of items leading up to gala and the amazing baking we received.

A huge thank you to the Marlborough businesses that supported our Gala 2019. These will be acknowledge in future newsletters.

### Gala Raffle Results

Bike - Shane Grant

Grocery Raffle - David Bain and Paula Holdaway

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## School Board of Trustee Elections are being held in June this year

If you are interested in becoming a School Board of Trustees member then New Zealand School Trustee Association (NZSTA) have the following available:

**Wednesday 3 April, 7.00pm**

at **Scenic Hotel**, 65 Alfred Street, BLENHEIM

### Kōrari

An informal session for those interested in school board elections. The evening will provide you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

**All welcome. Attendance is FREE.**

**Please register** (so they know how many are coming) **with:**

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## Message from the Attendance Dues Team

Statements have been sent out in the post to all accounts that have an outstanding balance. If you do not receive your statement by 15 March 2019 and believe you have an outstanding balance, please contact our office on 0800 462 725 or email [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz).

You can pay attendance dues in the following ways:

Mastercard or Visa Debit/Credit Card - One off payments using your credit card can be made at . If you would like to set up monthly recurring payments from your card, please contact our office.

Internet Banking Payments - You can process a one-off or regular payment yourself through internet banking. If you do not use internet banking please contact our office or your school for an automatic payment form to take to your bank.

Cash - You can pay in cash at any Westpac branch or in person at our office at 22 Hill St, Thorndon.

Cheque - Make out to Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues Collection Fund. These can be posted to PO Box 1937 Thorndon, Wellington, 6140 or dropped off in person at our office.

Phone: 0800 462 725

Email: Text: 021 0890 7902 [www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues)

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## Winter Sports

Permission forms are available for the following sports from the school office.

### Basketball

Year 7/8 Boys	Monday	Costs: Yr 7/8	\$70
All Girls	Wednesday	Yr 5/6	\$60
Yr 3-5 Boys	Friday	Yr 3/4	\$50

### Hockey

Fun Sticks Year 1/2	Saturday morning 10am-11am	Cost: \$50
Year 3/4 - 6 aside	Monday - starts 6 May	Cost: \$55
Year 5/6 - 8 aside	Tuesday - starts 7 May	Cost: \$65
Year 7/8 - 11 aside	Wednesday - starts 8 May	Cost: \$100

### Netball

Year 1-2	\$32	3 May - 5 July	Friday 4-5pm
Year 3-4	\$38	3 May - 5 July	Friday 4-5pm
Year 5-6	\$90	for future ferns (modified netball 6 aside with subs)	
Year 7-8	\$100	for intermediate grade (ordinary netball rules and positions)	

All payments are due this Friday. If you wish to make arrangements for payments please contact the school office.

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## Holiday Programme

Kids School Holiday Chalk Painting Classes are available and facilitated by Upcycled By Kamni. It is a BYO Furniture (nothing too big please) and they get to learn the steps to making them look amazing using Annie Sloan Chalk Paint, stencils etc. They also get to make delicious pizza for their lunch.

Dates are: - Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Time: - 9am to Noon

Ages:- 10 years plus

Cost:- \$45 per child including pizza. Paint, brushes, stencils are provided. Transfers or Appliques used are extra.

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# ST BEDE'S COLLEGE

## BOARDING ROADSHOW & OPEN DAY



Boarding at St Bede's College is a tradition that goes back to the 1920s. Our rich history and tradition provides an excellent foundation to embrace the challenges of the modern era and prepare our boys to be Catholic leaders wherever life takes them. Today's boarders enjoy life away from home at the only single-sex Catholic boarding school in the South Island. Under the leadership of Deputy Rector Mr Jon McDowall and Director of Boarding, Mr Dai Williams, the Boarding School has a renewed focus on providing the best possible environment for all boys to develop into fine young men of Bede.

<b>Blenheim</b> 20 March, 6pm Haven Café Redwood Town	<b>Kaikoura</b> 21 March, 6pm Encounter Kaikoura	<b>Hokitika</b> 21 March, 7pm Hokitika Westland RSA	<b>Ashburton</b> 26 March, 7pm Braided Rivers Café	<b>Akaroa</b> 28 March, 6pm Bully Hayes Restaurant & Bar
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**Boarding School Open Day: Friday 5 April, 10am - 12 noon**

For further information please contact:

Dai Williams, Director of Boarding: [dwilliams@stbedes.school.nz](mailto:dwilliams@stbedes.school.nz) | 03 375 1875 | 021 050 4189  
Denise Doherty, EA to the Rector: [ddoherty@stbedes.school.nz](mailto:ddoherty@stbedes.school.nz) | 03 375 1871



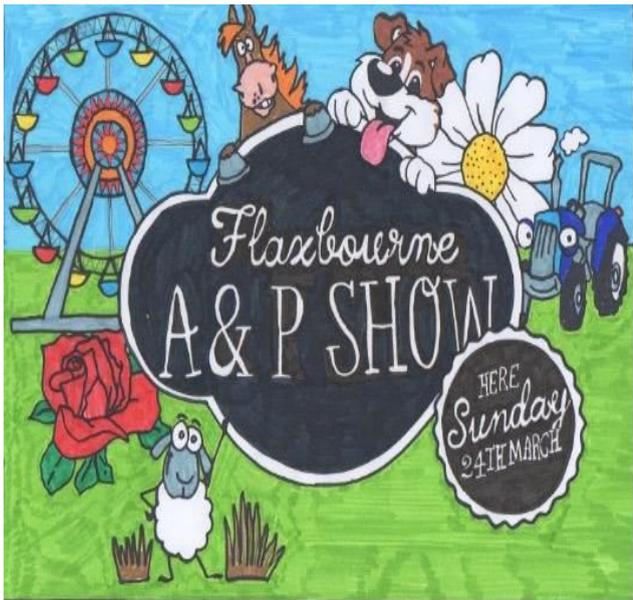
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210 Main North Road  
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Christchurch 8051  
Phone 03 375 0647  
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## Bring On Better Brushing

2 minutes  
2 times a day  
Use fluoride toothpaste  
Spit but don't rinse  
Help children to brush properly  
Brush all tooth surfaces including inner and outer surfaces by angling your toothbrush  
Use a soft toothbrush  
Visit: [www.nmdhb.govt.nz/tips-to-keep-your-family-smiling](http://www.nmdhb.govt.nz/tips-to-keep-your-family-smiling)

**NELSON MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH SERVICE**  
Nelson: (03) 539 5324 | Stoke: (03) 539 5321  
Richmond: (03) 539 5320  
Motueka and Tasman Mobile Unit: 0800 833846  
Blenheim and Marlborough Mobile: 0800 833849



# Superkids

## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**15th – 18th APRIL**  
**MONDAY - THURSDAY, 9AM – 1PM**  
**FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS**  
**\$12 A DAY, PER CHILD**  
(Morning tea provided)  
@ Elim Christian Centre  
26 Burleigh Rd, Blenheim

COME AND JOIN US FOR HEAPS OF CRAZY HOLIDAY FUN INCLUDING: BOUNCY CASTLES, CRAFTS, MINI JEEPS, GO KARTS, FACE PAINTING, BB GUNS, INSIDE BIBLE BASED PROGRAM, SINGING, AND LOTS MORE  
**To book your spot contact**  
[amber@theelimcentre.com](mailto:amber@theelimcentre.com)  
or Ph 5789053

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