



# Interim Newsletter

**4 April 2019**  
**Term 1 Week 10**

## *Message from the Principal*

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

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Although not newsletter week We thought it was important to keep you all up to date with the wide range of news and events that are occurring in the next 8 days.

### ***School Mass - This Sunday 7th April***

We would like to invite all parents and children to our school mass this Sunday at 10am. School masses are important to us as we are in the house of God together sharing our faith and beliefs. This mass is run by the school and we have our wonderful children carrying out the main parts of the mass. Thank you in advance to all of those children who are active participants and to Mrs Rosie Lamain for all of her organisation. I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces there with your children. It will be a great morning.

If you are able to, can you please bring a small plate of food to share with our community after the service. We would also love it if the children could sit together with the teachers during the service. Thank you all in advance!

### ***Year 1 Teaching appointment***

It is with great pleasure that I announce Mr Steve Livingstone as our newest member of the teaching staff. Steve will begin in Term 2 with the new Year 1 class in Room 5. Steve has been working at St Mary's School over the last two years in a relieving capacity and we are extremely excited to have secured him as our new teacher with our Year 1 super stars.

Please introduce yourselves to Steve when you meet him and welcome him in to our stunning St Mary's Whanau.

### ***School Prayers Friday morning***

- There will be no school prayers tomorrow morning Friday 5th April as there will be a large percentage of our school off site at that time.
- Friday 12th April we will be holding a full school Easter play. This play will commence at 9:20am and will involve all children and classes as we move between the stations of the cross. You are all most welcome to come and join in as we spend time remembering and celebrating in thanksgiving the great sacrifice Jesus made for us.

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### ***Assembly Monday***

Monday's Assembly will be ***Beatitude To Excellent Awards*** only. If your child is receiving an award, it will happen straight after the opening prayer. Then we will be moving out of the hall as a school and practicing the Easter play performance which will take place on Friday morning at 9:20am.

### ***Mufti Day - Thursday 11th April***

Next week we will be having a mufti day for ***Caritas***. Students are to wear house colours. We will be having house games including the longest house coin trail in period 2 after morning tea.

### ***Garlic - Edible Garden***

From Monday onwards there will be cloves of Garlic available at the front desk. A donation would be appreciated (but not required), as it will support the purchase of new seeds for the Edible Garden.

Thank you to all of the children in the Mercy Team who work in the Edible Garden each week and Mrs Karleen Eyles who works alongside and guides these budding future gardeners.

### ***Multicultural Group***

WOW! What a great response to our Multicultural Group. We have 70 students engaged in all things of a multicultural aspect once a fortnight with Linda Kula and Elena Filipo. Next term it will be each week with Vita Vaka joining the team. The student numbers have grown so much that the little theatre is too small for the group. Next term it will be held in the newly refurbished Scout Den (Needs a new name - suggestions welcomed. Please email them to me directly.)

Homework for the holidays is, **Hand Draw** your countries flag ready to present with the rest of the class on Thursday of week one Term 2.

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