



# Newsletter

**3 May 2019**  
**Term 2 Week 1**

## *Message from the Principal*

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

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Welcome back everyone! It has been a very rapid beginning to the year as we are nearly half way through 2019 and only just beginning term 2.

What a great morning it was on Monday as the rain brought new growth to the earth and provided much need water and sustenance to those that needed it.

Eight new faces on day one this term and we welcomed all of their bright beautiful faces at morning prayer on Monday morning. It is great to see our community being furthered strengthened by these new students who have decided to live '*In Christ's Light*' throughout their lives and deepen their understanding of Jesus, God and the Catholic faith while at Primary School.

Our role is now sitting at 180 and is rising steadily. This is a great reflection of our wonderful Catholic Parish Community and the open arms that are spread out across Marlborough by you our parents and super star pupils.

Although strange having Easter in the middle of the school holidays it was great to see parents with their children smiling and enjoying their precious moments together. I know a lot of people took the couple of days off work in the second week to spend time with their children and partners. I hope this opportunity arises each year as it helps solidify the family unit.

It was also great to see so many of the retail stores closed and observing the significance of the time of year. Jesus was born to help guide us and teach us throughout his life. So that we may be reflections of God his father and himself as he was on earth for such a short time. In dying he sacrificed himself for us and in rising came again to be with each of us each and everyday.

I celebrated being in Marlborough as it was great to see that people still understand this significance and the time and need for whanau.

Below is the latest newsletter from Cardinal John. Always a great read and something for us to take a moment to reflect upon. This term is a week shorter than last and will again whizz by.

Let us all make it a point to introduce ourselves to another member of the school community who you do not know this term. Let us continue to strengthen our relationships with each other and build community in this busy world. I look forward to catching up with you all at some stage this term.

Once again, WELCOME to our new beautiful students.

Paddy Dowling

# Alleluia Jesus has Risen

From 2 May 2019

**+John...** Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou, In these Easter Days we are hearing in the daily Gospels so many stories about the first disciples and how they rushed off to tell others that Jesus was alive and that he had appeared to them. They were excited and energised, in fact so excited and energised that all they could do was talk about Jesus, about what he had said to them and what he had done. They knew that they were being sent out by him to tell others the good news of the Gospel.

Just a month ago Pope Francis published the Apostolic Exhortation CHRISTUS VIVIT – Christ is Alive! This is a letter written to Young People, and to “The Entire People of God.” It is written to each one of us. In that document Pope Francis writes: ***‘Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some. It is not only for those who seem closer to us, more receptive, more welcoming. It is for everyone. Do not be afraid to go and bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away and most indifferent. The Lord seeks all; he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and his love’*** He invites us to be fearless missionaries wherever we are and in whatever company we find ourselves: in our neighbourhoods, in school or sports or social life, in volunteer service or in the workplace. ***Wherever we are, we always have an opportunity to share the joy of the Gospel. That is how the Lord goes out to meet everyone. He loves you, dear young people, for you are the means by which he can spread his light and hope. He is counting on your courage, your boldness and your enthusiasm.***” (Christus Vivit 177)

For us as disciples of Jesus we are reminded that we are all sent. The Synod for the Archdiocese of 2017 had the theme “Go, You are Sent.” The above paragraph is for all of us, it is worth reflecting on and asking ourselves how we are responding to the mission Jesus gives us. Do we respond at all to being sent? Do we respond and go with generosity and energy? Or, do we just think that our parishes and organizations are about what we can get out of them. Please reflect on the paragraph above and please remember that always the purpose of being with Jesus is to go forth from Jesus in his power and with his grace.

The Holy Father has reminded us that Jesus is counting on our courage, our boldness and our enthusiasm .... let’s go forth with Easter courage, Easter boldness and Easter enthusiasm.  
Naku noa. Na + Hoane

***“God has to work in the soul in secret and in darkness because if we fully knew what was happening, and what Mystery, transformation, God and Grace will eventually ask of us, we would either try to take charge or stop the whole process.”***

St John of the Cross

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## End of Last Term Beyblade Tournament

It was run by Hayden Diftort and Aakash Singh, Ethan Jagers and Christopher to raise money for Caritas. They raised \$24.50.

Koda Murphy won first prize of a new Beyblade, Bisanto Brown Harrison came second and won an Chocolate Bunny, Harry McKendry came third and won some yummy eggs. Congratulations!

"It was very exciting and crowded, with lots of people watching."



### *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*

<b>Manaaki Whenua</b>	<b>Manaaki Tangata</b>	<b>Haere Whakamua</b>
<i>Care for the land</i>	<i>Care for the people</i>	<i>Go ahead</i>

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## Election notices



**2019 School trustee triennial elections** - for more info please click [here](#)

## Annual AGM for SMF ...

...on **Monday 6 May 7pm in the staffroom**. Being a part of the SMF committee is not a huge commitment as we meet only once a term to coordinate our annual fundraisers of St Mary's School Gala, St Mary's Cheese Rolls, Disco and Garage Sale and these events have their own sub committees. At the AGM we will be looking for nominations for **President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members**.

Apologies and nominations can be made to Mel Morris on 021312335 or [smfincsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:smfincsecretary@gmail.com).

## Uniform News

- Personalized name tags for your kids uniform, please contact Caroline 0273062881
- Next uniform order will be send on 3rd May and after 31st May.
- During the holiday some uniform arrived and taken by kids and parents (supplier still doesn't have size 6 and 8 polo shirt)

## Youth Group News

Welcome back to term 2!!! Here's the newsletter for the term: [click here](#)

We are NOT meeting this week, (M&M are away)- **So first meet up is next week, 8th May!**

God Bless, Mieke and Maurice Davies - Youth group Co-ordinator - St Mary's Youth Group



**Tote bags for sale for \$2**

## Community News:

[St Mary's Youth Group News](#)

[Term 2 courses REAP Marlborough](#)

[Phantom of the Opera](#)

[The Great Blenheim Bake Off](#)

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