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Newsletter

22 May 2020

Term 2 Week 6

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou Te Kura O Hato Mere Whanau

Today marks the end of Week 6 in the Term 2 calendar. It also marks the end of the first week that we have been back as a school community on this sacred site.

Smiling faces and positive children continue to fill our buckets daily and as staff here at Hato Mere we are also working hard to see your children's buckets are filled.

What a blessed job we have and an amazing community we work in. We have all had the best first week back ever!

Thank you all for following the guidelines and staying outside the school property for drop off and pickups.

If you enter the school site, can you please remember this is by appointment only and you must go straight to the front office and sign in. Contact tracing is the key.

We loved all of the contact and communication we had with you, our community over during the time of Distance Learning. We especially appreciated you sharing photos with us from your family outings and learning that your children were doing.

PLEASE continue to share with us. It may be something to do with your child's sporting prowess or a project you are doing at home with your child. We have had so many positive comments with regards to feeling connected as a community. This is the time to really establish this and make sure it becomes a part of the fabric in our school community.

The week has ended and your children are as exhausted as you are. Enjoy a quiet relaxing whanau weekend. Reflect on this first week and the time we all spent together during the lockdown. Celebrate the successes and discuss with your children what you would like to continue.

Your children have all come back to school looking fit and healthy! You have all done an awesome job as parents through this tough time as you always do.

Have a safe, happy and blessed weekend

Yours *'In Christ's Light'*

Paddy Dowling

New Uniform

Just a reminder that from the start of school next year all students are expected to be in the 'New Uniform' which is **the** school uniform. Please start ordering your uniform early so we can fill the orders as soon as possible. We are now carrying some stock at school and it is great to be able to give you the uniform you have ordered straight away.

However this is not always the case. We have 2 and a half terms now until the beginning of next year. Please order early.



St Mary's Friends AGM

Wednesday 27th May 7.00 pm - Zoom Meeting

This year with the restricted numbers in gatherings we will have our AGM via Zoom. If you would like to attend please email smfincsecretary@gmail.com and we can send you an invitation to our meeting.

The main purpose of St Mary's Friends is to raise funds for donation to the school and providing pastoral care in our community. If you are interested in becoming a member please send a message through our [Facebook page](#) or email smfincsecretary@gmail.com with your contact details.

SPORTS UPDATE

Netball... Is planning on starting on 19th June if you would like to register go to:

www.sporty.co.nz/stmarysblenheim

Hockey...is planning on starting on 15 June - end of term 3. If you would like to register your child go to

<http://www.hockeymarlborough.org.nz/registrations-1club-school-list>

Basketball...For information on season go to <http://www.marlborough.basketball/>

If you would like to register your child please email bect@stmb.school.nz with child's name and year group.

Kaitiaki2Share Competition - By Holly and Olivia, Room 2.



Congratulations to our



We competed in the Kaitiaki2share competition over lockdown, where you had to create a message of how you can help save the world. The theme was about Earth Day and helping make the world a better place to be. Yesterday the results came back and with **over 100 entries over the whole of NZ we placed in the Top 5.**

We both won a tree each to be planted in the Malbrough region with a plaque attached with our names on it and an Earth day certificate. We were also lucky enough to win \$100 each for being in the

Top 5. Our projects are on the Kaitiaki2Share website if you would like to check them out. This was a great experience for us and we would love to do it again.

Website with the winning entries - <https://caritas.org.nz/kaitiaki2share>

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



For more info and immediate notices please download the School Apps.

Making Marlborough Smile

Full-time, locally-based orthodontist now in Blenheim.

Simon was born and educated in Marlborough and is excited to be returning home to practice.

New patients welcome!

Dr Simon Olliver
BDS (Otago) DClinDent (Orthodontics)
MRACDS(Orth) FRACDS

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Drum Lessons are back!

For St Mary's School students ages 7+

\$25 per lesson (paid per term)
BYO Drum Sticks and A4 Clear Book

To register or for more information, please contact:

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