

Newsletter – 16 February 2023

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Tēnā koutou katoa St Michael's Catholic School Community,

“Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui”

Be strong, be brave, be steadfast.

This year has certainly been like no other. I pray for all those who have been affected by the floods and Cyclone Gabrielle. I am from West Auckland and have seen the devastation that these events have had on my local community.

In order to support those who have been affected by the recent weather events, we are hosting a mufti fundraiser next **Friday 24 February**. Please donate what you can – we will be collecting monetary donations on the day, however you are welcome to donate directly to The Catholic Caring Foundation flood relief appeal. <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/auckland-relief/>

It was disappointing that our Year 6 Camp was cancelled due to the damage Camp Adair had sustained. Please keep them in your prayers as they work on getting the camp up and running again. <https://www.ymcanorth.org.nz/find-your-local/camp-adair-hunua/camp-adair-flood-appeal-2023/>

Last night our teachers attended the Dedication Mass for Auckland Catholic Schools. This was a joyous occasion and it helped lift our spirits by celebrating our faith together.



You are all welcome to join us at the **Ash Wednesday Mass** at 9:15am on Wednesday 22nd February and the **Commissioning Mass** on Thursday 2nd March at 9:15am.

New gates need to be kept shut from 8.30am until 3pm

Please ensure that the gates are closed behind you after entering or exiting the school grounds. I have noticed a number of parents hooking the gate back to the fence, please do not as we have some children who are 'runners' and the children's safety is paramount – this ensures that we are prioritising the health and safety of ALL of our students.

Beatrice Road Reminder – Drop off only in the mornings

Please only use Beatrice Road in the mornings if you are dropping your child off, but remaining in the car! If your child needs to be walked to their classroom, we ask that you please park on Bassett Rd. If you could let anyone else who drops your children off to school know, that would be greatly appreciated.

Swimming Sports Friday 3rd March 2023

It is wonderful to be able to open this event back up to the entire school in 2023, however, we require a lot of parent help to ensure that it is a successful day, and a positive experience for all of our children. Please read Charlotte Bagnall's request for help below and email her if you are able to assist us on the day.

"Mabuhay everyone!

Our annual Swimming sports is locked in for Friday 3rd March 2023 at Sacred Heart School. The children are bussed to and from the venue. To ensure that this event is possible we ask for your parental help!

NB: Junior parents: *We need to have at least 6 parents who are willing to assist children in the pool for their races. If you can assist in any way on the day please email me on by Friday 17th February 3pm. Salamat (Thank-you)"*

Encountering CHRIST

Excerpt from 'The Catholic Education of School-Age Children' (NZ Bishops, 2014)

The primary goal of the Catholic school was clearly stated by Blessed Pope John Paul II in an address to Catholic educators in the United States in 1979: "In order that the Catholic school and the Catholic teachers may truly make their irreplaceable contribution to the Church and to the world, the goal of Catholic education itself must be crystal clear. Beloved sons and daughters of the Catholic Church, brothers and sisters in the faith: Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others."⁶

St Michael's Parish Website – Mass times – Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm; Monday – Friday 7am & 12noon; Saturday 8am.

School Masses – Every Thursday at 9:15am

22/02/23 – **Ash Wednesday** – All welcome; 02/03/23 – **Commissioning Mass** – All welcome; 09/03/23 – **Rooms 3 & 8**; 16/03/23 – **Rooms 2 & 7**; 23/03/23 – **Rooms 4 & 5**;

Sunday 26/03/23- 10.00am **Welcome to St Michael's School & Parish 2023** This Mass is compulsory for all our students. There is Morning Tea afterwards in the school Hall; 30/03/23 – **Senior School Rooms 7 to 10**; 06/04/23 – **Holy Thursday – Washing of the Feet Liturgy** 2:15pm in the Church.

Prayer For The Day

“Dear God, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. Amen.”.



Manaaki ki te Atua,

Ann McKeown
Principal Tumuaki

| Sports News

Ellerslie Football Club Registration 2023

Player registrations are now **open** for this season May – September.

There is a new registration system, so please have a read of the following document below for all information about this season.

Enrol by 17th March. Any questions, please contact Kirsten Hickey on [\[email protected\]](#)

Football at St Michael's 2023 (click to print/view)

| PTA News

Pastoral care

If you have been affected by the cyclone Gabrielle (or indeed by anything else that life may throw at you throughout the year) and would like some help, please contact **Charlotte Bagnall** on [\[email protected\]](#) or **Mrs McKeown** on [\[email protected\]](#) who will have a chat with you to find out what help you need and refer you to our PTA pastoral team.

Scholastic Book club

Did you know that our school benefits hugely from the Scholastic book club? We get points that get turned into more books and educational resources for the school.

Orders from Issue 1 must be completed online by 22 February. Books are delivered to the school the week after orders close and will be handed out to your children in their classrooms once they have been sorted.

There are two ways you can order online:

1. Visit mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz to set up your account and order through the website.
2. Download the **LOOP App** (this is a different LOOP from the Skool LOOP App!) and follow the prompts.

It can be a bit daunting setting it all up for the first time, so here is an easy to follow guide how to do it: –[**Parents Guide to setting up LOOP**](#)

Each year remember to **log on** to your account and **update your Child/Children's Year Level** and **Classroom** to ensure that ordered books will be delivered to the correct place!

Please **do not hand in any orders or money to the Office**, all orders must be placed online via the website, or through the LOOP App. Our School benefits hugely from your Book Club orders. Rewards points are earned through our spend, and these points are gifted back to the Teachers and Library at St Michaels School throughout the Year.

Any questions please feel free to contact our Book Club Team on [**\[email protected\]**](#).

Save the date: Sunday, 26 March at 10am for a joint event “Welcome to St Michaels School & Parish 2023”

School mass followed by savoury & sweet treats, tea & coffee in the Mary Mackillop Hall. This is a great opportunity to get together and meet fellow parishioners.

We will also **need around 25 volunteers on the day**. You can help from 10-11am (setting-up), 11am-12pm (serving) or 12-2pm (packing down).

Want to help? Email us on [**\[email protected\]**](#) with your preferred slot.

Second Hand School Uniform Shop

The next shop opening will be **Friday 24 February at 2.30pm to 3.15pm**.

To make the uniform shop a success we rely on parents volunteering a bit of their time to help us run the shop, so if you have any spare time at school pick up, pop by, say 'Hi' and please lend us a hand to keep raising funds for our children.

Pizza Fridays

Thank you to **Room 7** for helping with Pizza this week. We really appreciate your support.

Use **My Kindo** for ordering school lunches, buying uniform items at the 2nd hand school uniform shop and events.

Yummy Stickers

Remember that **you can collect stickers all year round** ready to be handed in in terms 2 and 3.

Download your collecting sheet from this link **[Yummy Sticker Collection Sheet](#)**

Have a great weekend everyone!

Gio and Sam

| Notices

Sacred Heart College Enrolment Applications for Year 7 and Year 9 for 2024 are now open

Places are available in Years 7 and 9 in 2024, with Boarding available from Year 9. Applications are prioritised in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Scholarships are available.

Join us for our **Open Day** on **Wednesday, 8 March 2023**. Two sessions are being held, **10am** and **1pm** in our **Auditorium**, followed by tours of the College. Parking will be available at Gates 3 & 4, West Tamaki Road, Glendowie.

Applications for enrolment close **Friday 31 March 2023**. **[Apply online here](#)**. Visit **www.sacredheart.school.nz** for more information.

St Mary's College Enrolments for 2024 now OPEN



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

Enrolments for St Mary's College are now OPEN for 2024

Our St. Mary's College Open Day will be held on

Thursday 9 March 2023

We are holding two information & tour sessions - **2.30pm and 6.30pm**

Both sessions contain the same information – No registration is required

Please visit our website www.stmaryak.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments

for more information about the enrolment process

Enrolments close **Friday 17 March 2023**

St Mary's College is a Catholic Year 7-13 School for Girls - join our Mercy family
21st Century Woman of Mercy

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

Grammar Juniors Rugby Registration

Register Now!

**GIRLS
& BOYS
RUGBY**

grammarjuniors.co.nz

Age 4-13 years registrations now open!

Rugby is great for developing fitness, team play and ball skills... and Grammar Juniors is one of the leading junior rugby clubs in the central Auckland area. Situated at Shore Road Reserve, we are fortunate to have some of the best fields in Auckland as our home grounds.

Grammar Juniors has a very proactive committee of parents, great coaches and our teams perform well in the competitions within their grades.

Grammar Juniors offers Rugby for girls and boys aged 4-13 years and Rippa (non-tackle) rugby for girls and boys aged 4-13 years.

Register online: grammarjuniors.co.nz
Or for more information email: grammarjuniorsrugby@gmail.com

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