



Welcome
Nau Mai Haere Mai

Fáilte
欢迎

Maligayang pagdating
Welkom

Willkommen

Добро пожаловать

Afiō mai

Malo e lelei

Selamat datang

Bienvenida

Ahlan Wa Sahlan

Velkommen

Salam

Croeso

Youkoso

Mabuhay

Upcoming Dates

March

Wed 29 - School Prayers 9.00am

Thurs 30 - Stadium experience
day Rm 2

Fri 31 - Trek and Treat Day
2:15pm Rm 4 Assembly.

April

Mon 3 - PTA AGM 7 pm

Tues 4 - WZ football Yr 5-8

Wed 5 - School Prayers 9.00am
BOT meeting 6.30pm

Wed 12 - School Prayers 9.00am
6.30pm Yr 7-8 Parent Info Meeting

School Camp

Holy Thurs 13 - Easter Liturgy
2pm. End of Term 1

2017 Terms:

Term 1

Wed 1 Feb — Thurs 13 April

Term 2

Mon 1 May — Fri 7 July

Teacher Only Day Tues 6 June

Term 3

Mon 24 July — Fri 29 Sept

Term 4

Mon 16 Oct — Tues 19 Dec

Teacher Only Day Tues 24 Oct

Kia ora te whanau,

Catholic Character

WEEK 5 With God it's never too late – there is always hope John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45
God is able to redeem any situation. Even though Jesus arrived after Lazarus had died, he had the ability to respond - when the situation looked hopeless from a human perspective. When problems have gone on for so long, with no apparent solution in sight, the temptation to despair is great. Suffering doesn't mean that God is absent; nor does it mean the final word has been said.

In a similar way to Lazarus, when people look at the current conflicts in the Middle East, such as in Syria and Iraq, some people will be tempted to describe the situations as hopeless. They have gone on for so long with no apparent solution in sight. However, God's Church is working in a variety of places to bring hope and healing, thereby helping redeem "impossible situations". Since the beginning of the conflict in Syria, Caritas has supported Syrian refugees with emergency aid, initially in Lebanon and more recently in Jordan and inside Syria. Caritas is one of the few organisations still working inside the country and is continuing to provide healthcare and emergency supplies to vulnerable elderly people in Aleppo, in particular.

Our actions

How can we take this and translate it into actions in our everyday lives?

- Hand over a seemingly hopeless situation to God, and ask for wisdom
- Talk to and listen to someone who is feeling hopeless
- Support a new immigrant family in your area

Family Prayer

E te Ariki, for the times where we are faced with trials and we may not understand Your plan for us, we pray for patience and trust that you are constantly working in our lives. May our faith not only be strengthened, but also deepened. Empower us to be the Body of Christ. May our lives be a living prayer to You. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trek and Treat 31st of March Helpers request and Google Safety Form

Please complete the trek and treat form for all year 1-6 students, families need only submit one form. We still require 2 people for setting up treats on our return. <https://tinyurl.com/Trek-and-treat-day>

Year 7/8 Parents and Students Opportunity

St Mary's and St Patricks College Information Evening on Monday 3rd April. Please let the office know if you would like to attend session 1 or 2 held in St Teresa's School Library.

Session 1

6.30pm Presentation One: Anna Coltman, Year 9 Dean from St Mary's College

6.50pm Presentation Two: Neal Swindells, Rector of St Patrick's College

Session 2

7.20pm Presentation Three: Anna Coltman, Year 9 Dean from St Mary's College.

7.40pm Presentation Two: Neal Swindells, Rector of St Patrick's College

Over the next few terms both principals from each college will be visiting our students and our students will take part in an experience College day hosted by these Colleges.

Ngā mihi nui, Tania Savage



Ra whanau kia koe ...

We celebrate Bronte's birthday on Friday the 31st March.

Ngā Rerenga Kōrero — Maori Phrase of the Week

hau: wind Kei te pupuhi te *hau*. The *wind* is blowing.

Scholastic Book Club Orders

The last day for ordering from the Lucky Book Club brochure is tomorrow Friday 31st March. Thank you for your support. Purchasing from Scholastic helps us get some books for the library and Teacher Resources for the classrooms.

Andrew Chinn Concert



PTA News Chocolate

Thanks to the 10 families who have already sold their chocolate. Some families have sold 3 boxes! A great effort. The cost is \$2.00 per bar or \$72 for the box. Monies to be paid to PTA bank account (12-3140-0357670-00) or cash brought to the office. Please could any unsold chocolates be brought back to school ASAP so we can try and sell them by the cut off date of Wednesday 12 April.

AGM

You are invited to the AGM and PTA meeting next week on Monday 3 April 2017 at 7 pm in the Staffroom. Look forward to seeing and meeting new members to join the PTA for 2017.

Priscilla Tora, PTA Chairman

Otari Parish News



Otari Parish Social Night, Stations of the Cross & Flax Cross Making (for Palm Sunday)

Friday 7th April, St Thomas More

6.15pm – 7pm Bring along your own dinner/takeaways to eat with fellow parishioners

7pm Stations of the Cross in the Church led by the Tongan Community

Making Crosses for Palm Sunday

Inspired by this reflection of Jesus' journey with the cross we will return to the lounge to make crosses from Harakeke (NZ flax) which is unique to NZ and one of our oldest plant species. The crosses will help us express the Easter story and are beautiful to keep even when they dry out.

Dessert, tea and coffee will be provided by the Parish Council after the crosses are made. Mark this date in your diary and come along for some fun.

Otari Parish Celebration of Rite II Reconciliation before Easter

Monday 10th April (beginning of Holy Week) St Thomas More Church 7.30pm

To be reconciled is to recognize your human need to be forgiven and find yourself healed, at peace with yourself and those around you. The call of Jesus for us to be reconciled to God - to turn away from everything that would keep us from God - is a call we respond to in this sacrament during Lent. Don't worry if it has been a long time since you have been to Confession/ Reconciliation. Everyone is welcome.