

Sunday Mass Times

St Michael's Church

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am

St Mary's Church

Sundays 10am & 5pm

Parish Office for both church's
found at St Mary's Church

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Newsletter No 19

22nd November 2012

Kia Ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Greetings

Dear Parents,

THANK YOU GALA COMMITTEE

On Monday morning I talked to the children about a conversation that was relayed through the grapevine. At the gala some parents overheard some families talking about how they would love to send their children to St Michael's Catholic School. The families talked about the positive feel or culture of St Michael's.

As the Principal, it reinforced how thankful and grateful the school staff are for the wonderful support that we receive from the community. Our PTA organised a wonderful gala that was more successful than anyone could have imagined.

The school community, the staff and children appreciate everyone who helped to make the day successful. We are truly grateful for the support of the community.

Grandparents Day Reminder

Thursday 1st December – COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR THE
MORNING 11 AM - 1.30PM

- Welcome – in the hall – 11am
- Followed by Kapa Haka performance
- Classroom visiting 11.30-12.30pm
- Bring lunch to enjoy together



CHURCH NEWS

FOCUS (Next Sunday's Reading) '**First Sunday of Lent – Get Away Satan – Matthew 4:1-11**' "**Get Away, Satan**". V10

Jesus goes into the desert to pray and to fast. At the end of forty days he is tempted three times, first with food, then with power and finally with riches. Jesus answers the tempter by quoting Scripture. The tempter responds with his own quotes from Scripture. Finally, Jesus tells the devil to go.

Temptation is a part of life. Everyone must deal with it, even Jesus. One of our jobs as parents is to help our children develop a right conscience so they can face temptation. As Christians we have very definite ideas of what is right and wrong. We are called to value others as much as we value ourselves and to value ourselves as much as God values us. We can help our children by taking the time to listen and ask questions as they unpack their good deeds and bad. Why did they do what they did? How did they feel? Did the action help or hurt others or themselves? How was the action wrong or right?

What do you think your life will be like in ten years?

ADVENT

Advent is approaching, and we will gather with the Anglican and Methodist communities on the First Sunday of Advent for a time of prayer together.

When: November 27, 2pm - **Where:** St Mary's Church

Advent is also a good time to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) in readiness for Christmas. There will be a **Rite II celebration of Reconciliation** for the Rotorua parishes at St Mary's Church on **Thursday 8th December at 7pm**. Hopefully about 8 priests will be present.

Mark these dates in your calendar.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Rotorua Ministers' Association have discussed holding a "Christmas Day Lunch" (on Christmas Day) for the elderly/lonely/underprivileged people in our city, and are wanting to know if there would be people who would be willing to assist at such a lunch – preparing food, serving, cleaning up. Could you let Father Mark know if you are interested – it's a big commitment? Thank you.

Headlice

We are heading into warmer months now which often mean an increase in headlice infestation. Parents please continue checking your children's hair daily.

Nit-Enz (certified organic headlice shampoo – 225ml) is now available from Western Heights 4 Square for \$15.35 – will last approx a school term when used as directed. Also Nit-Enz Repellent Hair Gel 200ml or Hair Spray \$10.20 to be used daily.

SPORTS



Summer Athletics

Walking, running, jumping and throwing for the whole family.

When: Tiny tots to 11 yr olds – Tuesday 1st Nov 5.15pm

Teens 12yrs+ and adults – Wednesday 2nd Nov 5.15pm

Where: Athletics track, #2 stadium grounds, Devon St - How much: FREE

Contact Kerris Browne on 021 753691 or 3480790 or email swingmills@xtra.co.nz

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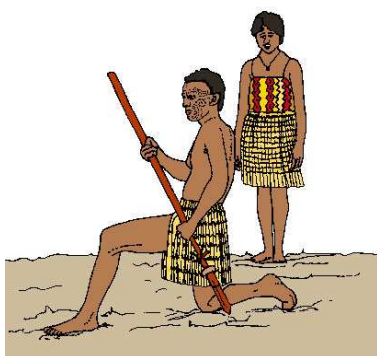
No touch game for the yr 4, 5 & 6 girls team (Dom's team) this week. This team goes straight through to the finals next week.

Yr 5 & 6 boys team will play their semis game against Lynmore Chiefs on Tuesday 22nd November (tomorrow afternoon) 4.20pm at Kuirau park. No game Wednesday as they will be at camp.

Kapa Haka

The Rotorua Primary Schools Ahurei Kapa Haka festival is at the Convention Centre from Monday the 28th November to Friday the 2nd December.

St Michael's School is the last school to perform in the second half on Tuesday night 29th November. Second half starts at about 7.20pm. Our school has been given 100 tickets to try and sell so please invite all your whanau!



Ticket prices are \$6.00 per session/half show and these tickets are on sale now and can be ordered through the school office. Children's tickets are the same price.

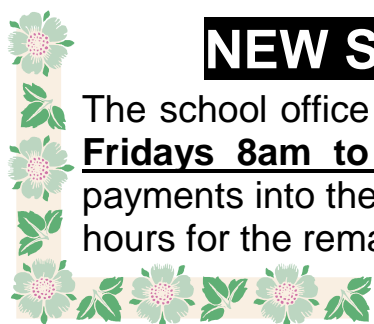
TICKET AND DVD ORDERS NEED TO BE IN AND PAID FOR BY WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER!

The performance will be recorded and the DVDs will cost \$10.00 each. Schools have been promised that the quality of the DVDs will be better this year.

Please order with Bronwyn at the school office by Wednesday 23rd November. A programme of the schools performing will be attached with the tickets.

NEW SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS FOR MONIES

The school office will be open from 8am to 3.30 pm Monday to Thursday and on **Fridays 8am to 1pm** to receive payments. Therefore do not bring in any payments into the office on Friday after 1pm. Many thanks. We are trialling these hours for the remainder of this term and welcome your feedback.



REMINDERS

- 1/12 –Grandparents Day 11am – 1pm (bring lunch)
- 6/12-Helpers Morning Tea – invites will be sent out shortly
- 7-8/12 -Junior Trips –see note below
- 9/12—**Speech finals**
- 12/12 -Y6 Retreat
- 13/12 Seniors Trip
- 14/12—Gold Slip Mufti Day & Evening School Prize Giving
- 15/12—End of Term —School Mass / Y6 leavers Ceremony– school finishes 12.30pm
- 16/12—Teacher Only Day

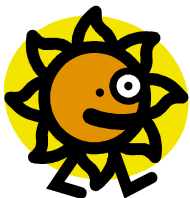
school recommences next year on Wed 1st February

Junior School Trips reminder

In Week seven the juniors will be going on an end of year field trip to Roydon Down Park Farm. This will be a fun day out with lots of fantastic activities. Parents are needed to support with transport. Please book your time off work now –

Wednesday 7th – Rooms 8, 7, & 10

Thursday 8th – Rooms 9 & 6



SUNHATS – PLEASE BRING TO SCHOOL

Sunhats are compulsory and must be worn by all children in the playground this term and Term one as part of our “Sunsmart Policy”. This is a royal blue Aussie style hat which is available from Postie Plus or the Warehouse.

calendar orders

Calendar orders must be returned with payment by tomorrow please – Cash or cheques(made out St Michael’s PTA). These calendars will make great Christmas presents. Many thanks






Professionals: Christmas Lights Spectacular

This year there is 20 prizes of \$250 to be donated to local schools and kindergartens for the best 20 entries (money donated by McDowell Real Estate, McDonalds, MoreFM and the Daily Post).

In addition to this, the BEST THREE NEW ENTRANTS will receive a 3 piece outdoor table setting donated by Bunnings. All entrants will also receive a 15% discount off Christmas Lights at Bunnings.

AND..... this year, McDonalds have kindly donated lunch for an entire school classroom which will be won by the school with the most nominations (not necessarily winners), to be used at the discretion of the school.

 **To enter complete an entry form (found in the office foyer) and light up your home with Christmas lights**

Family Quiz Night

The Children's Department of Rotorua District Library is holding a Family Quiz Night on November 25th – 5.30 – 7pm - Register at the service desk in the library. Teams: up to five members (includes 2 adults and at least 1 children 12 yrs. There are amazing prizes up for grabs and quiz questions will cover a number of subjects including a children's literature section. There is also a prize also for the best dressed team.

Christmas Parade 3rd December

The school is entering a float for Rotorua's Christmas Parade. If you have ideas or are willing to be involved with this please contact the Principal.



Kids Plus Paediatrics

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No reira, tena koutou, tena Koutou, tena Koutou Katoa
St Michael's school staff

LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

4 November 2011

So far this year, New Zealand has had 387 measles cases, which is the highest total since 1997. Most of these have been from the Auckland region (307 cases), and most of the Auckland cases have occurred since the start of the current outbreak on 30 May (278 cases).

Most cases have occurred in unimmunised people, and immunisation remains the best way to prevent infection and spread within the community. Measles affects both children and adults, and is highly contagious.

Measles symptoms

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops around 3 days after the other symptoms start. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia, and, more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation. So far this year more than 70 people with measles have needed hospital treatment (around 1 in 5 cases this year).

The best measles prevention is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children. It is also free for adults who need it (this is if you are born from 1 January 1969 and have not been fully immunised). Prior to 1969, New Zealand did not have a national measles immunisation programme and as measles is so infectious, it is very likely that most people born before 1969 were exposed to the virus and developed immunity.

Anyone born from 1 January 1969 should ensure they are fully immunised against measles. If they are unsure, they can check with their family doctor.

People with measles must stay home

Any student or teacher with measles must stay away from school for five to seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the local medical officer of health. Unimmunised students*, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in interschool sporting and other events.

being fully immunised means having the appropriate number of immunisations (1 or 2) depending on age. Adults and children aged 4 and older should have received two MMR doses

For further health information on measles and measles immunisation please visit the Ministry of Health website <http://www.moh.govt.nz/measles> or the Immunisation Advisory Centre website <http://www.immune.org.nz>. You can also call the Immunisation Advisory Centre toll-free on 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) for advice.

If you think you or someone in your family might have measles, please phone your doctor. You can also call Healthline 0800 611 116 for advice (Healthline is a free service that operates 24 hours every day).

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL GALA 2011



