
ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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'Striving for Excellence'

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RE MARY MACKILLOP HIKOI THURSDAY 4TH MARCH

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This year we are beginning our year by learning about Saint Mary of the Cross, a significant person for Catholics in Rotorua.

The Rotorua Museum Education team has put a programme together for us so we can experience life as it was for Mary MacKillop. They have researched Mary MacKillop's time here in Rotorua in the early 1900's and have put an amazing learning experience together for our children. The programme for the day will include the children following the footsteps of Mary MacKillop by way of a guided walk from St Michael's Church to town taking in the Thirwell House location (where Mary stayed) and the Polynesian Spa (where she bathed). Mary MacKillop was instrumental in starting the first St Michael's Catholic School in Ohinemutu.

The trip will be on **Thursday 4 March, from 9am - 2pm**. Children will be travelling by bus. The timetable for the day will be as follows:

9.00am Leave school arriving at St Michael's Church in time for Mass at 9:30am

10:30am Children will have morning tea at the Lakefront

11 - 2pm Children will be in groups participating in activities.

2:00pm Leave St Michael's Church for school

Our programme will start at St Michael's Church on Lake Road where we will meet with Emma Liley our tour guide.

Correct school uniform is to be worn.

Children will need to bring their lunch and drink bottles with them, there will be a break in the programme to stop for lunch. If the weather forecast predicts a drizzle students should bring a raincoat. If there is heavy rain it will be postponed for another day.

Of course, this trip will not be possible without you, our wonderful parents, coming to help us. For this day to go ahead we need a ratio of 1 adult for every 5 children. We need at least 10 parents to join us for the day. If you would like to volunteer to help us on the day you will be given a small group of 5 children to supervise. The teachers will be on-hand to assist you with this task.

To be a parent supervisor for this trip you will need to

- be able to supervise a small group of children
- be able to listen to, follow and give instructions
- be able to stay for the whole day

'To provide a sound balanced education in a Catholic environment'



If you are able to help, please indicate on the permission slip below.
We look forward to spending an awesome day of discovery with you and your children.

Rachael McLanachan (Acting Principal) and the St Michael's Team

===== *please tear off and return the slip below*=====

I give permission for my child _____ to travel by bus to St Michael's Catholic Church on Thursday 4 March.

I understand that my child will be expected to walk to the Government Garden's via town and that they will be properly supervised at all times.

Parent / Caregivers name: _____

Child's name and Room No: _____

Signature _____

I am able / unable to parent help on the day.