

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL PAPAKURA



Together We Learn, We Pray, We Serve

Me Whakakotahi, Kia Maarama, Kia Pono, Ki Te Karakia

Thursday 14 January 2021

Tēnā koutou katoa

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new school year at St Mary's. We are looking forward to meeting our new families and to welcoming our existing families back to our wonderful little school.

2020 certainly brought its challenges and we have learned and grown so much as a school and as a community. We have learned resilience and perseverance, but also how to lean on our faith. We have also learned how much we can achieve as a faith and school community, if we rely on each other. So we are looking forward to a successful year of new learning and experiences, building new relationships and excellence in all areas of schooling.

Term One begins on Wednesday 3 February. Here are a few reminders, as you prepare your children for the new school year.

1. Stationery can now be ordered online. Please go to <https://www.myschool.co.nz/stmaryspapakura> to make your order. Check that you select the correct year level for your child. If you choose to purchase stationery from other retailers, please use the list provided in your child's final report envelope. **It is essential that every child starts with all their stationery on day one of the term.**
2. Our school has a strict uniform policy. We are in our summer uniform for term one. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform items in the correct colours. **It is essential that all students wear the correct uniform from day one of the term.** Please go to our website at www.stmaryspapakura.school.nz to check our policies.
3. **All children are required to bring a healthy school lunch to school each day.** A water bottle is essential. If your family needs support with this, please feel free to contact me directly on 027 366 4424 to discuss how we can support you. This arrangement will be completely respectful and confidential.
4. School hats are part of our summer uniform. Our policy is that **all children will wear a school hat or cap whenever outdoors at school. Our uniform supplier is SAS Sport in Wood Street, Papakura**

We can't wait to see all our beautiful tamariki back at school.

See you all soon.

Audrey Kippen
Tumuaki/Principal