



# St Mary's School

Te Kura o Hata Maria



“A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness”  
Pope Francis, *Message for Lent 2021*

Every Monday whole school prayer in the Church and every Friday assembly is 2.20 also in the Church (unless stated differently) What's coming up this term:	
Week 8 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> March CHANGED TO MRS NELSON	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation 7pm – this is the First Reconciliation for the Sacramental Programme children</b> Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Welcome Liturgy 2pm in the Church – all welcome Weekend of 27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> Southland Athletics
Week 9 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar- 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Room Kea, Mrs Popenhagen	1 <sup>st</sup> April Holy Week Liturgy in the Church, time to be confirmed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Good Friday, school closed
Week 10 5 <sup>th</sup> April – 9 <sup>th</sup> April Room Kiwi, Mrs Gray and Mrs Hansen	Easter Monday and Tuesday school closed <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April we will acknowledge Autism Awareness Day by wearing a Onesie to school and bringing a gold coin</b> Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April Year 5 camp
Week 11 11 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> April CHANGED to Room Kereru, Mrs Knowler	Year 6 Room Takahahe camp 12-14 <sup>th</sup> Room Kiwi 14- 16 <sup>th</sup> Friday school ends at the usual time 2.50pm

**Church of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Saturday Vigil Mass 7.00pm  
**Altar servers:** Harriett Butler, Lee Moore  
Sunday Mass 9.00am  
**Altar servers:**  
Siam Kelly, Aaliyah Silvestre and Charlotte Hunt  
**Children's Liturgy**  
Miss Mallory Hood  
**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**  
Mrs Paula Gray

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Not like me to do two newsletters in a week but today I have some sad news, today Mrs Hall has written to Room Bellbird parents letting them know that she is leaving:

*It is with regret and sadness that have come to make a very difficult decision. After 23 years of teaching, I have decided to step down from full time classroom teaching. This has been an especially hard decision*

*to make. As you may be aware, 2020 threw up many challenges for me and I really looked forward to getting back into the classroom, but I've found it quite a challenge so far. I love teaching. I love St Mary's, especially all of you. But, I've come to the realisation that the time is right for a change. For my own personal reasons I've decided to step down, and I've resigned my position, effective as at the end of term. I really hope I can continue my association with St Mary's School and continue teaching in some capacity. St Mary's is a great team and I will miss the collegial support and friendships with the whole St Mary's community of staff, students and parents. God Bless, Mrs Hall*

I am sure you will join the whole staff team as we wish Mrs Hall the best for the future, she will be very much missed by our school and community. We'll all work together to make sure there is as little disruption for Room Bellbird as possible and I will begin the process of ensuring that we have a teacher for Room Bellbird to start term 2.

### Autism Support Group

Come out and get to know other parents, caregivers and professionals in a non-threatening environment

- Share Experiences
- Discuss Ideas
- Learn what resources are available

**Location:** Calvin Church, 25 Robertson Street, In the lounge on left

**Time:** Wednesdays 12pm to 1pm, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> November



**Oops, on Tuesday I shared the invite for Fr Damian's farewell lunch, but I am actually sharing the correct one on the back!**

THE GORE CATHOLIC PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL

INVITES YOU TO JOIN WITH US TO

# FAREWELL FR. DAMIAN

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL  
FROM 12 NOON

A CARVERY MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED  
*PLEASE BRING A SALAD AND / OR  
DESSERT TO SHARE*

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VENUE: ST PETER'S COLLEGE: ROSMINI HOUSE: DINING HALL

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**RSVP** *for catering purposes*

*Call / text 027 923 4505 **or** return this invitation to the box in the church foyer*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_