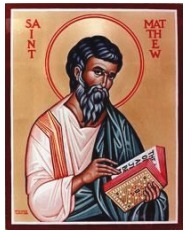


# St Matthew's Catholic School

## 'Christ-Centred Education'



Kura Katorika o Hato Matiu - Aoga Katoliko a Sagato Mataio  
Monday 23 November 2020, Term 4, Week 7



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WELCOME \* AFIO MAI \* HAERE MAI  
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**Tālofa lava \* Kia Ora koutou e te Whānau \* Greetings to you all.**

### **First Sunday of Advent - Sunday 29 November**

*'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now!'*

*The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'*

We are being asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, to make a straight path for the Lord and to get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is most definitely is 'Good News!'

The message of Advent is an invitation and it also a challenge to us. We are called to be looking forward, to be ready, to be prepared and we are asked to wait in joyful hope.



The first candle being lit today is purple, symbolizing hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Jesus.

The Christmas season is a time when lives get busy with shopping for that perfect gift, writing and sending out Christmas cards, lots of cooking and baking to do ahead of time, parties to attend, and the list goes on.

During this time, take time to think about the thoughts of Mary and Joseph as they take on their responsibility of raising Jesus – their apprehensions, their fears, their joys.

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen

***Mission: To be the hands and feet of Jesus. To be the face of God.***

## ***A Merry Night in Marton*** ***Thursday 26 November, 5.30pm***

St Matthew's School students will be singing Christmas carols on Broadway (the Village Green), Marton at 5.30pm-5.45pm.

Zettie de Bruyn has been teaching the students so it will definitely be a performance to see and hear.

It would be AMAZING if ALL of our students could represent our school and participate. Students are to wear their FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.

Please meet at school between 4.15pm - 4.45pm so that we can walk down together. If not, please let me know that you will meet us there.

If your child needs to stay at school at 3pm, please let me know so that I can organise some afternoon tea.

Fa'afetai lava  
Tumua

### **NEW TIMES**

<b>8.45-10.30am</b>	<b>First block</b>
<b>10.30-11am</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
<b>11-12.45pm</b>	<b>Middle block</b>
<b>12.45pm-1.30pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1.30pm-3pm</b>	<b>Last block</b>

We have an OPEN DOOR policy.  
Please feel free to pop in and see  
what your child/children are learning  
in class any day of the week.

**9am Mass on Fridays.**  
**1.30pm Liturgy/Assembly most  
Monday afternoons.**

### **2021 Term Dates**

#### **Term 1**

**1-Feb-2021-16-Apr-2021**

**Waitangi Day 8-Feb-2021**

**GOOD FRIDAY 2-Apr-2021**

**Easter Monday 5-Apr-2021**

**Easter Tuesday 6-Apr-2021**

**ANZAC Day 26-Apr-2021**

#### **Term 2**

**3-May-2021-9-Jul-2021**

**Queen's Birthday 7-Jun-2021**

#### **Term 3**

**26-Jul-2021-1-Oct-2021**

#### **Term 4**

**18-Oct-2021-Weds 15-Dec-2021**

**Labour Day 26-Oct-2021**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Thursday 26 November:** A Merry Night in Marton - decorate a tree and an evening performance in town  
5-30pm

**Sunday 29 November:** FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

**Wednesday 2 December and Thursday 3 December:** Reporting to Parents from 1pm - 6.30pm

**Thursday 3 December:** MEMORIAL FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

**Tuesday 8 December:** SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - End of year concert, 6pm with Zettie.

**Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 December:** 7.30am leave school

School trip to Wellington YAY!! We will need to leave school earlier than planned to make it in time for our 10am Parliament Tours 10:00am to 11:30am and 10:30 to 12:00pm.

**Saturday 12 December:** Marton Christmas Parade (time to be confirmed)

**Monday 14 December:** 5.30pm Whole School Prize giving and Year 8 Graduation. **PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.**

**Tuesday 15 December:** Last day of school for 2020

1.30pm Christmas Liturgy, Nativity Play - come and sing Christmas carols with us.

## END OF YEAR TRIP TO WELLINGTON

- It looks like we will need to leave around 7.30am. Please let me know as soon as possible if this is going to be an issue.
- Thank you to ALL parents who will be joining us.
- List of things to take on the trip: packed morning tea (Wednesday), lunch (Wednesday), bottles of water, sleeping bag OR blanket, pillow, change of clothes for Thursday, toothbrush, toiletries, towel, any medication and a warm jacket.

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