



# St. Mary's School Ellerslie

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## St Mary's Choir 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Your child has auditioned and been accepted into the St Mary's choir for 2017. It has been wonderful listening to so many lovely voices over the last two weeks – St Mary's is very blessed with singing talent! At this stage of the year, rehearsals are from 11 – 11.45am on Thursdays.

The choir is very large – nearly 50 students. As the year progresses, a second advanced choir will develop. These will mainly be Year 6 students. In order to be in this group, students need to be very secure with their pitch and show strength with singing harmony. This group will continue to be in the general choir, but will rehearse at a different time on some more advanced pieces. This will not happen until at least Term 2.

Vocal training for choir will include breathing techniques for singing, developing their natural voice, and how to harmonise. From Term 2 Choir will lead singing at some Masses, and develop pieces for other performances.

We will also be working on repertoire for the APPA Choir Festival in November.

To enable communication about any choir related notices, could you please fill out your email address on the slip on the bottom of this form and return it to school with your child.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on [jillian@stmary.school.nz](mailto:jillian@stmary.school.nz)

sincerely,

**Jillian Grainger**  
Music Teacher

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Name of student in choir \_\_\_\_\_

Room No of student in choir \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name and Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_