

ST MARY'S MUSINGS

Student Reflections on a Great Term Two 2017

Second Edition

Message from the Editor

The Student Herald Committee have found this term the most interesting one yet. Even though it is only term two I think it is the most interesting term this year. In my opinion NYLD was the best and the milk is great.

I also loved:

- ✦ Inquiry Immersion day
- ✦ Graham Dodd
- ✦ Mother's Day Mass
- ✦ Feast day
- ✦ Arterslie
- ✦ Pepe Gaka art
- ✦ House Mass
- ✦ Disco
- ✦ Pentecost celebration
- ✦ Netball and rugby

Let's hope term three is amazing too.

Jessica Williamson (Editor)

This termly Student Newspaper is written by the Year 6 Student Herald Group (led by Jessica Williamson). So this is written by students for students.

School Masses

Reeve Bolton

Mother's Day Mass

On Friday we had our Mother's Day mass like every year. This year we mostly focused on Mary as our mother. We sang some delightful songs and had some excellent readers for the Gospel and prayers of the faithful. A special thank you to our altar servers who were extremely reverent. Also a special thank you to all mothers who attended our mass. We all hoped you enjoyed the Mass and had a very special Mother's Day this year.

St Anthony House Mass

At the St Anthony House Mass there was a wide variety of readings and songs. At the mass all children wore a badge and girls wore a red ribbon or headband. All children were very well behaved at the mass. After the mass everyone went over to the hall and had morning tea so a special thanks to the PTA and everyone who helped out or made a dish. Also thanks to the children and parents who attended this special mass.



Pentecost

Thomas Park

Pentecost this year was on the 4th of June. Pentecost is 50 days after Easter when Mary and Jesus' apostles are celebrating the Feast in Jerusalem when they hear a great wind. The Holy Spirit appears as tongues of fire on Mary's and the apostles' heads. Some believe that it also represents the birth of the Church. At Pentecost we remember all the gifts and talents we have and are reminded of how we need to develop our talents to share with others.

Fonterra Milk

Shiya Mathew



Fonterra milk for schools has come to our school! We thank Fonterra for generously giving milk to our school. The children love the taste of the milk which they drink every Monday to Thursday during Morning Tea Brain Buzz time. We thank the year 6 milk monitors and fridge monitors for helping out with the milk and helping the children fold the milk cartons in a cool way! Not only do we benefit from the nutrients of the milk but all the packaging is recycled to protect the environment.

Netball Stars

Mikaela Creighton

On the 18th of May this term, Ellerslie School's Yr 6 netball team came to our school to play our Yr 6 netball team. All of the quarters were amazing. St Mary's played extremely well throughout the whole game! The final score was terrific. St Mary's had won 25 - 0. All of the players were very proud of their successful game. The yr 6 netball players played exceptionally well. They were very grateful for all the support from the school on the sideline. So a very BIG thank you to all the supporters and well done to all players.



Rugby for the Seniors

Eden Pendigrast

For the past few weeks we have been doing rugby for our PE lessons. We have been learning basic skills such as passing and dodging other players. We played rugby netball for the girls and rippa rugby for the boys. We are very lucky to have Hamish from Marist Rugby come in every week to teach us how to play rippa rugby. Every Tuesday he teaches a 45 minute lesson to Rooms 2 and 3 and then on Wednesdays he does the same for Rooms 1 and 4. For the last week of the term he came in for an hour long lesson on each of these days for the Rooms to play a game against each other. Everyone has had a wonderful time.

Feast Day

Jessica Williamson

On the 31st May we celebrated the feast of the Visitation which is now going to be our school Feast Day. This is when Mary was told by angel Gabriel that she was going to have baby Jesus and her cousin Elizabeth was also pregnant so she went to visit her to help her. This reminds us as a school how important it is that we look after each other. The Mass was wonderful with great readers and a marvellous song led by Ms Lawlor and the Kapa Haka group to welcome in the Gospel. We also spent the day doing fun activities with our buddy classes.

School Disco

Shiya Mathew

On the 23rd of June our school had a fabulous school disco held by the PTA. The junior school had it first beginning at 3:00 pm and ending at 6:00 pm and the middle and senior school had it from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We thank all the parents who helped make it a fabulous night. The costumes were all really amazing. The theme of the disco was to come dressed as your favourite superhero or villain.



NYLD

Patrick Grimes

On the 25th of May the Year Six's were lucky enough to be able to go to National Young Leaders Day (N.Y.L.D) for the whole day with thousands of children from all over Auckland. It was held at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau. Mrs Henkin, Ms Lawlor and Mrs Fewtrell went with us. There were famous people to inspire us with their great achievements and teach us how to be a leader. There was Silver Fern's player Jodi Brown, a performance by the band Nomad and two guys who bought a beach to keep it open to the public for almost \$4,000,000. There was even a message from our Prime Minister Bill English. During lunch and morning tea there were lots of activities. In one of them we had to pass a giant ball around the stand. After that the Year Six's went back to school feeling inspired and knowing how to be a leader.



Graham Dodd Art

Joshua Fernandez

On Tuesday the 13th of June, Graham Dodd came to our school and taught us some wonderful art. The Juniors went first in the morning, then the Middle schoolers had their session. After lunch it was time for the Seniors. The Seniors drew a sports figure and everyone had a really great time with Mr. Dodd. We sang Mo Maria as a farewell for Mr Dodd and to thank him for all he has taught us.



Mo Maria

Patrick Grimes

Last school holidays St Mary's had famous mural artist, Pepe Gaka, at school for two days to do some art with the children to make a painting of

our school's patron saint, Mo Maria. The painting was covered in flowers which the children did and had a moko that Pepe did which honours the Maori in New Zealand Aotearoa. She has a necklace to show our school's connection with the mission sisters. The golden halo around her head is to show she is truly holy. The children worked hard on the painting of Mo Maria with Pepe, while three boys painted the outside tables white so they would be ready to have the house colours painted on them. It took a long time to get the painting of Mo Maria done but in the end it truly looked immaculate. The painting has been put up on the wall outside the Junior classes.

