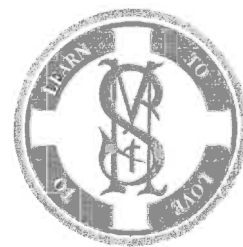


St Mary's Catholic School Ellerslie

We provide a Catholic Education for the whole child.



Monday 31st July 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers

There's mud and there are children – it must be time for our annual cross country! Yes! It's time for this fun, full school event. On **Wednesday 16th August** (saving day Friday 18th August) the whole school will be heading to **Liston Park, Michaels Avenue, Ellerslie** to compete with their peers. The children have been training hard and I think that we are going to see some competitive races. All of the children are expected to participate. They will travel from school by bus and can either be taken home from the event or return to school by bus.

Our hardworking PTA make it a day to enjoy with a sausage sizzle, cake stall, raffles and a coffee van, so don't forget some cash! The children can prepay (\$2) for their sausage or purchase it at the park.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be leaving school at 11.15am. Years 0, 1 and 2 will leave school at 12.30pm. They will join us for lunch and race in the afternoon.

The order of events is –

11.40am	Year 6 Girls	2 kilometres
	Year 6 Boys	2 kilometres
	Year 5 Girls	2 kilometres
	Year 5 Boys	2 kilometres
	Year 4 Girls	1500 metres
	Year 4 Boys	1500 metres
12.45pm	Lunch Break	
1.15pm	Year 3 Girls	1 kilometre
	Year 3 Boys	1 kilometre
	Year 0 & 1 Girls	400 metres
	Year 0 & 1 Boys	400 metres
	Year 2 Girls	600 metres
	Year 2 Boys	600 metres

Please remember that **ALL TIMES AND DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE.**

Your child will need:

- Appropriate running gear in house colours (Year 3-6 please wear school sports' shorts with a coloured shirt)
- running shoes (optional for the race)
- lunch

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- plenty to drink
- a warm jacket

To help us keep track of everyone, please make sure that your child stays on the tarpaulin with their house rather than coming and sitting with you. Lunchtime is the exception to this of course.

We know that it is exciting to see your children run but please stay off the **asphalt area** where the children are sitting, **before** and **after** lunch. It makes it very difficult for the marshals, and the children running, when there are adults and buggies everywhere. **We would really appreciate your co-operation with this.** We will not be starting the races until this area is clear. The best place to view the races or take photos is from the stand or from the grass by the drive, not up the hill.

If you wish, you may take your child home straight from the park. Please inform their teacher (or a nominated teacher if their teacher is otherwise engaged) before you leave so as your child's name can be marked off. There will be a bus returning to school at the conclusion of the last race. The children will be supervised there until 2.50pm. Please fill in the attached form to indicate what your child will be doing at the conclusion of the races.

This year we will also be needing some parents to marshal for us. Please fill in the form if you are able to help. If you have any questions please email me at maree@stmary.school.nz

Looking forward to seeing you all there! There is plenty of parking in the grounds.

Kind regards
Maree Flashman

St Mary's School Cross Country.

Child's Name: _____ Room _____

- Will be taken home from Liston Park
- Will travel back to school on the bus

I am able to be a marshal on Wednesday 16th August (and Friday 18th if needed)–

- in the morning
- in the afternoon
- both sessions

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____