







St Mary's Dio Parent Heads up

Term: 3 Week: 10 Commencing: *Monday 25 September 2017*

Details	
Monday	 <p style="text-align: right;">Winter Sport Uniforms to be returned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Washed, folded and returned in issued sport bag</i> ▪ <i>Please check uniform number matches the bag tag numbers.</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Bag to be placed in hallway outside Sport Coordinators Office.</i></p> 
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5pm – 7pm Whanau meetings – Meet the Mentors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Please remember to RSVP your intention to attend the Mentor Meetings.</i> • <i>4pm – 5pm Hostel Activities – gym</i>
Thursday	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Kapa Haka • After school dance sessions – 3.30pm – 4.30pm - • Gold coin entry
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Term 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boarding house closes at 5.30pm Friday 29 September and re-opens on Sunday 15 October at 4pm, for the start of term 4. • All students returning Sunday evening need to be on site by 8pm or have phoned the boarding house if they are going to be late. Students arriving before dinner time need to remember to bring their dinner with them. 



FEATURE PHOTOS:

The Nature of Science and inquiring minds

This year the Year 9 Science programme has been revamped and improved to focus on the Nature of Science and the Science Capabilities. In the first term the girls were discovering how to carry out an investigation thoroughly and considering the important variables they must include and then evaluating their results and method. For the last two terms their learning has been very self-directed and centred around investigations with the key to understanding the science behind the ideas. Girls are developing strong critical thinking and learning to work as part of a team with the common goal of presenting and discussing their findings with their peers and sharing their new found knowledge. While there is less emphasis on learning a large amount of content, the girls are given the opportunity to explore areas of science where they are passionate with practical focus.





Important Up-Coming Calendar Dates

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 4 Calendar will be finalised within the next week – watch this space for further information
<p>Sunday 15 October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 15 October at 4pm, for the start of term 4. • All students returning Sunday evening need to be on site by 8pm or have phoned the boarding house if they are going to be late. Students arriving before dinner time need to remember to bring their dinner with them
<p>Saturday 21 October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA Under the Mountain Arts and Crafts Fete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10am – 3pm ▪ Gold Coin Donation at Gate
<p>Friday 3 November – Sunday 5 November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXEAT WEEKEND Boarding house closes at 5.30pm Friday 3 November and re-opens on Sunday 5 November at 4pm. All students returning Sunday evening need to be on site by 8pm or have phoned the boarding house if they are going to be late. Students arriving before dinner time need to remember to bring their dinner with them.
<p>Thursday 9 November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCEA Examinations Begin: Year 11 - Year 13



ST MARY'S SCHOOL STRATFORD

Entry off Pembroke Road

LABOUR WEEKEND SATURDAY

(21st October) 10 am-3 pm

100 quality arts and crafts & food stalls Gold Coin Donation Gate Entry

4 weeks to go and over 60 stalls registered!

Our road side bill boards are going up around Taranaki this weekend.

The PTA will need helpers on the day – a big thanks to those who have already put their hands up to sell raffles, provide baking, be on the gates, and help on our food stall.

We would also appreciate help setting up in the morning and laying carpet tiles on the gym floor on Friday afternoon.

If you can't make it on the day and are wondering how to help out:

- We would very much appreciate donations of sausages for our barbecue
- Advertising posters are ready to go up now too.

Please let the school office know if you can assist by distributing posters. They can be sent home with your daughter before the holidays.

Thank you for your ongoing support – this is our big event for the year.

Regards,

St Mary's Diocesan PTA.