



Our Mission: STM school community will develop the gifts and talents of each individual for the good of all through the transforming power of God's word.

E te whānau, tēnā koutou katoa,



Welcome to Dominic and Sarah D'Ath who have joined us from Whanganui!

Lost property

Please check your child's uniform to make sure they are wearing theirs – with swimming there have been lots of misplaced items particularly polar fleeces! There is a large black bag in lost property full of socks and un-named shoes if you are missing shoes please go and check! Mrs Duncan very kindly returned all named uniforms to their owners earlier this week.

Message from the Parish

Baptism - A Gift of Faith

Is your child ready to begin a journey of faith that lasts a lifetime?

Are you ready to share and support them on their journey?

There will be a preparation for Baptism course for children of 8 years and upwards who have not yet been Baptised into the Catholic faith held on the last two Wednesdays in May at 4pm. Baptism is the first Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. The children will then be able to join in the Sacramental programme starting in June to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion later in the year.

If you would like to find out more about this course or register your interest please phone Margaret 575 4807 ext.7

All Saints by the Sea Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation programme.

Registrations are now being taken for the Confirmation and First Holy Communion programme. The sessions for preparing to receive these Sacraments will begin on June 7th with a parents' only evening. This will be in the St. Thomas More Church Complex starting at 7pm. If you have attended the 2 baptism meetings and want your children baptised in preparation for Reconciliation + First holy Communion you are welcome to make arrangements with Margaret or Heidi, our pastoral team. If your children have already been baptised in the Catholic Church and are in Year 4 or above then we gladly invite you to be part of the programme. Please contact the parish office Mon-Fri 9-1:00pm Ph. 575 4807 with your child's name and your contact details or email the Parish Secretary -

thomasmoreparish@mtmaunganuicatholic.org.nz. The children will receive these sacraments on the Sunday, **29th October**.



Congratulations to Mrs Duncan and Mrs Lees on their graduation from Te Ara Reo Maori at the Wananga last Friday afternoon. We have five members of staff who have undertaken the 36 week course- night classes- and we highly recommend that Mums and Dads consider enrolling next year. Hopefully we will have two more teachers joining next year too. It is



very interesting being a student and being taught...I think most of us have forgotten what that is like. In the Te Ara Reo Maori courses everyone is supported, there are lots of group activities and we go at the speed of the slowest not the fastest...it's a great way to learn and builds really strong friendships in lightning speed. Many of the strategies we learnt as students can be used in our classrooms at STM. Thank you Sylvia and Kerry for being so willing and committed to supporting our students.

School will be closed on Friday 2nd June.

We apologise for the short notice Mums and Dads. Our teachers are going to be fully involved in professional development on Friday 2nd June, the Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend. For parents of Aquinas College students this will mean that your whole family will be off school that day. We haven't had a teachers only day for three years because we know how disruptive this can be for working parents however our teachers have completed two days in the holiday break this year and the only time we can finish the professional development course is by nominating one day in the term (when the course directors are available). We will make sure that the school will be open for an extra day at the end of Term 4 to make up for this change. Thanks again for your understanding- please spread the word as there are usually seven or eight children who don't get the news (especially on mufti days).

Tomorrow our Year 5 and 6 students are going to Buggy Malone at Baycourt! (Aquinas show)

Kids can ride for Year 5 and 6.

We have finished swimming and survival this week and the Year 5 and 6 students start their Kids can ride programme next week. More information will be sent home by the Paua teachers on Monday for you all.



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My name is Salve Basile and I am a first generation Italian born in Island Bay, Wellington. I grew up watching my mother cook lots of yummy Italian foods from pasta dishes, mozzarella cheese and wonderful sweet desserts. I moved to Papamoa with my wife Janice & children, Caprice, year 8 at Aquinas, Miguel, year 5 at St Thomas More and Domenico, 2 at the beginning of 2015.

The Real Italian Doughnuts recipe comes from my parents' village in Southern Italy called Massa Lubrense. This is where many wonderful Italian recipes come from. Over the last 15 years I have grown a real passion for cooking Italian food. I believe it is very important these wonderful recipes are not lost.

My mother made these amazing doughnuts for special occasions as they took a long time to make, they were well worth the long wait as they are so delicious. The doughnut has always been a favourite of mine and this is my take on my mother's recipe. I am really looking forward to being able to share these wonderful doughnuts with my family and friends and doughnut lovers everywhere.

The Italian name for these delicious doughnuts is Zeppole Di Patate. Zeppole is an exquisite result of a yeast base dough that is made with flour and potatoes, which makes them a soft, light and airy doughnut. Surprising to most people is that they are VERY low in sugar – having only 2.6gm/100gm when ready to eat!

We launched our food trailer in Tauranga in February 2015. This brightly coloured trailer stands out in a crowd and portrays images of Southern Italy (Massa Lubrense) to add to the ambience of your experience.

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