



*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 Rodeson Ferrer who has turned 5 and joined Pipi team.



Classes for the children preparing for Reconciliation before they begin the First Communion and Confirmation programme have started with a good crowd on Wednesday nights. It's wonderful to see our students taking the next steps in their faith journey. Margaret is the co-ordinator and she can be contacted through the parish office. There are seven Sacraments in the Catholic Church- each Sacrament gives children/adults a special gift of grace from God.

- Baptism
- Reconciliation ( which was called Confession)
- Holy Communion or Eucharist
- Confirmation
- Holy Orders ( becoming a priest or nun)
- Marriage
- Anointing of the Sick (or sometimes people know this as the Last rites)

The classes which children attend in the evenings are led by people who have particular knowledge of the Sacraments. When children start they have a very limited understanding of what they are doing and as time goes on they gain more and more from being involved. There is also a weekend camp in Rotorua for parents and children- it's always lots of fun.

### **We are preparing for School Mass on the 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr Mills has started his singing practices and you can see the first attempts on facebook. I'm sure next week we will hear the finished product. The St. Thomas More players have begun rehearsals. Let me introduce you to a few of the characters....



Scribe: Alana



Royal Messenger: Caitlin



Lady in waiting: Deaana



Bishop John Fisher: Tai, King Henry 8<sup>th</sup> : Jake and Thomas More: Jack.

Please ensure that everyone is at church early on Sunday morning 25<sup>th</sup> June. The band, prayer readers, offertory carriers, greeters, altar servers, actors, singers will all need to be ready to go by 9.15 a.m. Everyone will need to wear their uniforms and classes will get together in the parish lounge so that they can process into church together. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Dates for your diary

21 <sup>st</sup> June	Estuary Trip (science group from Paua)
21 <sup>st</sup> June	WBOP Cross Country
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	World Cup Miniball & Basketball (Year 5 & Year 6)
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	STM BOT Project Meeting @ 6pm
25 <sup>th</sup> June (Sunday)	Whole School Mass @ 9.30 am (Sunday)
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Round 2 - Go Kart Race @STM
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Funky Fun Day @ ASB Arena – Pipi Team
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Kina Trip to Rotorua
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Funky Fun Day @ ASB Arena – Kina Team
6 <sup>th</sup> July	World Cup Miniball & Basketball (Year 3 & Year 4)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Prizegiving and Auction of go karts at Arataki school
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
	Mufti mania for Catholic schools in the Solomons
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Start of Term 3
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 July	Kina & Paua Parent / Teacher Interviews

### Cross Country – Western Bay

Good luck to Sophie Plunkett and Maggie Glubb who are representing the school next Wednesday at Waipuna Park – go hard girls!

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