5 April 2011

Together we strive to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ

The Gathering

Friday was a wonderful Professional development time for all the staff, plus Father David and Marie Baker our Board Chairperson, in Gore.

We had the privilege of having Father Chris Skinner sing to us and we have some terrific new songs to include in our liturgies and Masses.

Each of us went to 3 different workshops and we have a lot of new ideas to bring back and help us with our teaching and learning in RE. Even the rugby world cup can be related to RE in such an exciting way that I looked on rugby in a totally different light.

Staff would like to thank the students for their positive behavior and self management on Friday and especially Room 3 for their leadership. All of these things helped Mr Begg and Mrs Robertson enjoy their teaching on Friday.

Thank you to Deanne and Jacquie for holding the fort while we took off to the metropolis of Gore!!

Reconciliation

Our Year 4’s received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time this morning - well done children.

A big thank you to Estelle Peyroux in leading their preparation, you have done a wonderful job. Thank you to those parents who came along today to support our reconciliation candidates as they celebrated their first Reconciliation. It was wonderful for the students to receive this sacrament with their friends and after having served their community by taking part in Tuesday Mass.

The students were very excited and nervous, but it was very special to see them respond to Gods call by preparing themselves before the season of Easter. Well done . We are very proud of you.

“Dear Lord, in my quest for success and accomplishment, help me to remember that to truly be successful, I need to develop the ability to learn from my mistakes, be a servant to others, and put my best efforts in to whatever I do.” Jenna Miller
Sacred Space Report - From Room3

Hi there!
We got the exciting job of being the newsletter reporters for our sacred space. It is our job to tell you where we are up to in creating our schools sacred space.

First of all we would like to say congratulations to the website updaters Ellery Campbell and Sofia Tuato’o, our minute secretaries Meg Jones and Caitlin Cadogan, and our photographers Victor Shaw and Jerico Bonus. Well done also to all the others who applied and better luck next time.

This past week we have re-sketch our group designs on top of faded photos of our 2 possible locations.

We had a great meeting with Rhys (our engineer) and Lynne (from FutureinTech). We showed him our designs again and he was impressed with them. He said our next step is to go to our locations and get actual measurements for our designs so that we can fit the whole school in and know how much material to buy.

Until next week . . .
Dominic and Tayla

Room 2 Reporter - Liana Rouvi

In transition we have seen some new children, I can’t wait till they start school and are with us every day.

In Maths we have been learning about telling the time, for example I am doing this at 5 minutes to 9 in the morning.

In RE we have been learning about the Maori creation story with Rangi and Papa, we have watched some of this amazing story on You tube.
Phys Ed and Sport

Winter Sports
Thank you to those parents who have offered to help out with managing or coaching our sports teams.
We have just enough for a Hockey team, this is being coached and managed by Larissa and Estelle Peyroux.
We have a Miniball team, being supported and managed by Asela Moata’ane and Graham Bulman.

Year 5 & 6 Cricket Competition Day
- Tuesday 12 April (next week)
- 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Edgar Sports Stadium
- Children need sports uniform, running shoes, water bottle, packed lunch, track pants and warm top.
- Thank you to our parent helpers.

PTA Notices
ZUMBA - 7.30pm at Halfway Bush Community Hall.
Fantastic Instructor. Great for the beginner.
Please support this fundraiser, we are going to try to keep this going all year, during term time, if there is the support. Attached with this newsletter is some flyer for you to put into letterboxes around your neighbourhood please.
We also need people to help collect money on the night. You would need to get to Halfway Bush Hall at 7.15pm to help set up the table and collect money.
Anyone able to help with this, even if you only wish to do it once, please contact Penny on 476 7179 or 021 1788 837

Next meeting 3.30pm Wednesday 18th May, all welcome, bring your ideas and enthusiasm. The more money we raise, the more can go to supporting the school.
Thanks to all those who are already coming along, we couldn't do this without you.

Events coming up this week and next
Assembly this Friday -Room 3 find out what they got up to on their visit to the stadium.
Final Liturgy for the term next Friday 2.30. Chance to wish Mrs Deerness well for her busy life ahead.

Nits are back, please check through your child's hair and treat accordingly.
The school has a rombi comb you are most welcome to borrow.
“Of Interest“

Here is something I found that is about practicing your maths at home. Read numbers 1 & 3 but try out number 2.
Does it work for you?
What about granddad?
Cousins?

There are several unusual things about the year 2011, and they happen in every 823 Years. According to Chinese Feng Shui, these particular years are known as Moneybags.

1. In 2011 we have experienced and are going to experience four unusual dates:
   1/1/11
   1/11/11
   11/1/11
   11/11/11

2. Take the last two digits of the year in which you were born. Then add the age you will be this year. The result will be 111 for everyone. (For example - Harry was born in 1957, and 57 + 54 = 111)

3. In October 2011, there will be 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays and 5 Saturdays. This happens only every 823 years.