Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our term is whizzing along and you can sure tell with the mornings being a bit darker when the alarm goes off.

With help from Linda and David, Mrs Deerness and Room 2 have been adding some bulbs and plants to our Sacred Space. It is such a lovely tranquil area in our school grounds and it’s great to know that we all care about this important space in our school.

It’s also been really nice having some parents stay for morning prayer in our classes recently. Please feel free at any time to join us in the morning for prayer which usually runs for about 15 - 20 minutes from 9am.

Bis Spatter (German for see you later)
Richard Duffy

Wednesday 12 March 2014

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

Ephesians 5:2

Big thank you to Marist rugby
Last week Father Gerard Ainsley came to school and presented us with a vast selection of sports equipment. This equipment was donated to Catholic schools in the area by Marist rugby to support and encourage active past times. We greatly appreciate this very kind gesture by Marist rugby.

St Mary’s Kaikorai is ‘Dunedin’s best kept secret!’

Catholic Education Review Team 2013
Dates for your Diaries

Catholic Schools Gathering
Otago Anniversary Day
BOT meeting
First Friday Mass
Daylight Savings Ends
Palm Sunday
Holy Week
Last day of term
Good Friday
Easter Monday
ANZAC Day

Friday 21 Mar
Monday 24 Mar
Monday 31 Mar
Friday 4 Apr
Saturday/Sunday 5/6 Apr
Sunday 13 Apr
Monday 14 – Thursday 17 Apr
Thursday 17 Apr
Friday 18 Apr
Monday 22 Apr
Friday 25 Apr

@Holy Cross
No School - Enjoy the long weekend
7:00 pm@school in staffroom
9:30 am@church - all welcome
Turn your clocks back

Enjoy your holidays
During School Holidays
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Alter Servers
16 Mar.: Emilia Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi
23 Mar.: Emilia Makasini and Summer Paulin
30 Mar.: David and Ato Makasini

Sports Notices - Touch
St Mary’s Maroon vrs St Francis Xavier Rockets; Field 4@4:15 pm

Tee Ball Tigers
Draw: St Marys Tigers vs Abbots Green Gliders on Diamond 4@10 am.
Epic game on Saturday, our kids went to 4 innings. We had 2 players of the day this week. Christian for awesome effort each week and Vili for some fantastic fielding. Our little kids are getting better and better and more confident since they started. Well done my awesome little team - Coach Panz

PS: A parent from Big Rock School complimented me on what a great team our school has! Thanks to everyone

Headlice
Our little friends are back!!! Please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly.
On a side note of this, the school had a nit comb that we loaned to families – it’s been loaned to a family and not returned. If it could be returned ASAP that would be most appreciated.

Lost Pendant
The lost greenstone pendant mentioned in last week's newsletter has been recovered, so we are very pleased about that. We don’t encourage children to wear jewellery to school however pendants (in special circumstances) are allowed. If your child is wearing some type of pendant on a special occasion and wishes to remove it for some reason, could you please let them know that they need to give it to a staff member to look after.

Trading??
There have been some incidents of trading of rubbers and other small items at school lately. Our children are aware that we strongly discourage this. Could you please also reinforce this at home.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Block Order Form

Name ______________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________

Ice Block $1 each ____________ (only 1 per child)
Lent is the season when we walk closely with Jesus, trying to get to know him and to be more like him. It is a time when we get ready to walk with him on his journey to death on a cross, and then to rejoice in his raising from death at the Resurrection.

The season of Lent has a quiet mood as we wait and prepare for sad memories of the Holy Week events.

40 days is a long time to wait and prepare. We are invited to use this time to become closer to God. *We can do this through*....

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Sacramental Programme

*Please continue to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers. This week they are learning about making good choices, just as Jesus did.*

(Homework this week - choices worksheet and page 15 in workbook)

St Patrick’s Day

This coming Monday (17th March) is St Patrick’s Day. To celebrate this all children are invited to come dressed in green clothes, and are challenged to create a green lunch! There may be some small prizes for thought and effort.

*Please note that there will be no Discovery Time this Friday (14th March) as both classes will have a St Patrick inspired Discovery Time on the Monday from 11am-12.30pm.*
Room 2 children were waiting for some sunny weather to do some gardening in our Sacred Space. It finally came! A very big thank you to Linda and David for digging a narrow garden around the inside of the hedge. Lots of time and hard work has gone into it and we really appreciate it.

We planted lavender, pansies and some spring bulbs. It is a work in progress, we will keep at it during Discovery Time. We can't wait to see all the beautiful colours pop up during Spring, it will be a lovely area to pray and reflect in.

Reporters of Room 3 Evelyn and Alyssa

In Room 3 we have been quite busy lately. Our Reading and topic have been about building positive relationships with others and we have just finished publishing information about this topic.

We are starting learning on a context of Mass and have been doing some researching on different things about Mass.

In writing Mrs Cross has been working on helping us to improve the language we use when we write.

Check out our 'Swim for Life' Photos—these are just a few, our classroom has more 😊