Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to our final term, it certainly whizzes by. It was especially nice to see Dakoda back in such good health after being flown to Christchurch for an operation over the last week of term three. It is lovely to see so much colour in our gardens as the spring season brings out a number of flowers in full bloom.

We have our whole school swimming this term and are very proud of the commitment made to this in terms of offering our children 10 days of swimming instruction which is heavily subsidised for our swimmers.

Many thanks to Mike Mullens, David Hartstone, and my son Morgan for their help in preparing, painting and constructing our tyre climbing frame up on the bank area. We had a meeting with Alan Grant from Grant Engineering to finalise a few things before progressing to the next phase of our major playground project.

A huge thank you once more to Holly Wilson and those members of our school community who were able to assist with the sausage sizzle at Mitre 10 Mega on Sunday. The efforts of the PTFA help immensely with some of the programmes we offer in school.

The staff would like to extend heartfelt sympathies to Pania & Liana Paerata on the passing of Pania’s mother over the holiday period. Pania’s mother Ginny was someone who was often seen at school or school masses over the years and she was a bright and lovely lady. Our thoughts are with the whanau at this time.

Paalam (Phillipino farewell)

Richard Duffy

Together we aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ
Dates for your Diaries

BOT Meeting
Labour Day
Camp Week
First Eucharist
BOT Meeting
Graduation Mass
Last day of Term 4

Monday 20 Meeting
Monday 27 October (no school)
Monday 17 November - Friday 21 November
Saturday 29 November
Monday 1 December
Saturday 13 December
Monday 15 December

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School Photos
Order to be in by Friday 17 October!! THIS FRIDAY!!

Sports News ...
St Mary’s T Ball Tigers

Sorry folks we have the early 9 am game first up. Diamond 6 will be where we play for the season.
Players are to be at the park 15 minutes BEFORE please and in correct sports uniform—water bottles and
sunhats too please.
Thanks from Coach Panz

Touch: St Mary’s Maroon vs Brockville ??? Field 9, 4:15pm

Magic Show
On Saturday November 22 at 2:30pm in the Regent Theatre there is a magic show which
runs for 90 minutes. The Lions Club of Dunedin provide free tickets to this performance for school
families. If you and your family are interested in attending this performance, could you please let Richard
know by Friday October 24 so that we can arrange tickets.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

It’s coming quicker than what we think.
This is our big fundraiser for the end of the year.
We ask that all families please donate something each week.

- 1 Can and
- 1 bottle or jar and
- 1 packet

We ask that no plain/budget packs be donated please. Please place these in the
gold box in the school office.

More details about when and where we sell will be in next weeks newsletter.
Sacrament of First Eucharist
Please keep Dakoda, Aayliyah, Chloe, Xavier, Victoria, April and Janivah in your prayers as they begin to prepare to receive Eucharist for the first time.

Rosary Mufti Day (this Friday)
October is the month of the Rosary. Both classes are praying part of the rosary each morning looking at the different mysteries.

This Friday 17th October at 9am is “Worldwide Youth Rosary Day” organised by Missionz, where we all join together to pray the Rosary for peace and unity in the world.

We are participating in this and invite parents to join us in Room 1 at 9am. Children are welcome to wear mufti and bring a gold coin for Missionz.

Labour Weekend Mass at the Stadium
As part of the Kavanagh College Jubilee celebrations, there will be a combined Mass for all Dunedin Parishes at the Forsyth Barr Stadium on Sunday 26th October at 10am.
Our school has been asked to walk our school banner in, and to be involved in the offertory procession.
More information will be given next week.
What’s happening in Room 2?

Sophie and Chloe’s dad and some more cricket guys came to teach us some cricket games on the first day of school. We had lots of fun. I hit the ball really far! *Ethan Martin*

We have got a new puppet theatre in our room. We can change it into a bank, a shop and a café too. We have got some puppets with mouths that can move, and 2 Ronald MacDonald sock puppets! Room 3 like watching our puppet shows before school! *Bronny Wilson*

Room 3’s News Desk
Reporter - Sarah Al-Balushi

In writing with Mrs Cross we have been writing about some of the things we did during our holiday.

In Maths we have carried on with our work on decimals and fractions and looking into groups of tenths, hundredths and thousandths in decimal numbers.

Our group reading focus is on how characters participate and contribute to certain things that might be happening in stories.

This week we hope to go out if the weather is fine and work on our athletics looking at long jump, high jump and sprinting as the Zone Sports are coming up soon and we want to see who might qualify for these sports.

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**Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes**

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _________________ Ice blocks $1.00 ___________