Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 17 September 2014

We thoroughly enjoyed our performance at Polyfest last evening and are extremely proud of our performers. All of our children were very keen to be involved and we were most impressed by this.

The experience of preparing for the event over a number of weeks and then dressing back stage and moving into the arena to perform was a wonderful learning opportunity for our children. They produced an energetic performance on stage and represented our school wonderfully. We were moved by the rousing haka performed to us by Andrew Nuasika and one or two other Kavanagh students at the end of our performance. Again full recognition must go to Neomai for her efforts and calm encouraging manner with our children.

Most schools have a group of children who represent their school in these types of events but for us to have nearly our entire school there makes us feel very special. Our staff have all worked in larger schools over the years but being small makes us very close and makes these types of performances very significant and quite moving.

We’re looking forward to our school disco this Friday evening in the parish hall. The doors open at 7pm and our last dance will be just before 9pm. As we have said all children can bring one friend from out of school if they wish. For children 6 and under we would appreciate if a parent stays with them for the evening, however all parents are welcome to stay if they wish. Could parents not attending be back by 9pm to collect children. We have a 50 cents entry fee at the door and there will be drinks and lolly bags to buy on the night as well as some competitions.

We are excited about our Open Night on Tuesday evening here at school to give the public the chance to see what we offer our children. Starting with a complimentary BBQ at 5 pm, followed by a celebration of what our children have been learning in class, from about 5:30 pm. Pippity-pop a balloonologist will be preforming her magic of creating the most amazing balloon creations. We would love for all our families to come and join this wonderful community evening. So I encourage you to get out and promote it, flyers, word of mouth, sharing the facebook notice.

Richard Duffy

We work together to aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ
Dates for your Diaries

- **Numeracy Information**
- **School Disco**
- **Skills to Swim**
- **End of Term 3**
- **Sausage Sizzle @ Nitre 10 Mega**

**Dates for your Diaries**

- **Wednesday 17 September**—2:15 pm
- **Friday 19 September**—7:00 pm
- **Monday 22 – Friday 26 September**
- **Friday 26 September**
- **Saturday 12 October**

**Alter Servers**

- **20 September**
  - Emila Nakasini and Sam Al-Balushi
- **27 September**
  - David and Atu Nakasini
- **4 October**
  - Emila Nakasini and Summer Paulin
- **11 October**
  - Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
- **19 October**
  - Jean-Luc and Angelique Peyroux

**Playground Project.**

A huge thank you to Nick Sorensen, Mike Nullins and Richard Duffy for their time and efforts last Saturday in erecting our school sandpit. They did a fantastic job. In the short term we are looking to construct a tyre climbing frame and have been contacting local tyre retailers to see if they have any old front tractor tyre casings that we need for this project. We are also looking for different colours of old enamel paint to coat the tyres prior to building the frame. If you have any old enamel paint that you no longer require we would be most appreciative of it. Please let any of our playground subcommittee (Holly, Nick, Mike, Rachael or Richard) know if you have access to any old tractor tyres or paint. Thank you.

**Sports Notices**: Thank you to all of those parents who returned sports options slips to school. We are pleased to be enrolling our tee ball and touch school teams in the term 4 Dunedin schools competition. Many thanks to Pania who once more will coach our tee ball team. Richard will be coaching the Touch team this year and is happy for any parents who may be interested to get involved also.

**TBall Tigers**: From Coach Panz,

Thank you so much to all those returning players and the new junior players that have signed up for their first season. We are excited to have you with us. Because there are more players than we need for one team, but not enough to make 2 teams, we will be doing what we did last season. Senior players will be expected to play most games (except those you can’t when away or sick) and the new junior players will go on a roster for term 4 and in term 1 when our senior players are too old for the team the junior players will step up into their shoes!!

**Nitre 10 Sausage Sizzle**

WE need you!!!

**Saturday 12 October** — 10 am - 4 pm.

We need 3 hands on deck at any one time.
Please fill your name on the sign up sheet in the office, or phone Jacquie and let her know what time you would like.

**Sausage Sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form** — Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _____________ Ice blocks $1.00 ________
Religious Education & Special Character

Social Justice Week

This week is Social Justice Week, the theme this year is the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). The aim of this week is to grow awareness and inspire people to apply CST principles in their lives.

SOLIDARITY - Walking together.
Recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good.

SUBSIDARITY - Empowering communities.
Ensuring decision-making happens at the most appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute.

STEWARDSHIP - Being responsible guardians.
Caring for the gifts that God has given to us, including the environment, our own personal talents and other resources.

COMMON GOOD - The good of each and all.
Working for the good of all.

PARTICIPATION - Everyone has a part to play.
Recognising that we each have something unique and important to contribute to society.

PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE -
Protecting those in need.
Compels us to think first of the needs of those who are most vulnerable.

HUMAN DIGNITY - Made in God’s image.
Each of us is made in God’s image. Every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away.

Feedback on Community Consultation.

Early this term we sent home a questionnaire asking for your feedback on the content of our school curriculum. We were most impressed with the response from our parents and value the interest you obviously take in what happens in school. Two broadly phrased questions related to our overall curriculum and we will use this information in the near future to help shape aspects of our learning.

Two questions were linked specifically to the area of health & Physical Education. Your responses form the basis of our Health & PE programme in the future. They are displayed below with examples beside each topic:

- Physical Growth & Development (balance in life, personal hygiene, uniqueness)
- Relationships (friendships, peer pressure strategies, recognition of others, communication, appropriate behaviours)
- Finding Your Passion (celebrating our talents, healthy past times, knowing yourself, monitoring own learning)
- Resilience (dealing with success & failure, understanding emotions, facing up to challenges & new experiences)
- Self Worth (Being self sufficient, growing confidence, knowing our strengths & weaknesses, God’s love, Knowing your culture)
- Safety (alcohol & drugs, recognising unsafe situations, road safety, keeping ourselves safe, First Aid & safety drills)
- Eating (nutrition, healthy diet & lifestyle)
What’s happening in Room 2?

Room 2 are really excited about our new school sandpit!

Dear Mr Sorensen
Thank you for the awesome sandpit, it is wonderful. We love it!
I like digging in it,
I can dig to the bottom.
Love from Christian

Dear Mr Mullens
Thank you for our sandpit.
I like to roll in it and make sandcastles.
Love from Bronny

Dear Mr Duffy
Thank you for the sandpit.
I like making donuts. They have holes in them.
Love from Emilie

Year 6 Exec Presents
School Disco

Friday 19 September 7 pm– 9 pm

School Hall (on Taieri Rd)

50 cents Entry Fee

Bring a friend

Drinks and Lollies will be on sale

All children aged 6 and under need to have adult/parent supervision.

Parents are most welcome to stay.