Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 18 June 2014

We are completing mid year progress reports, for our Year 4—6 children, to parents at the moment and we are required to provide parents with a comment on how their child/ren are performing against the National Standards. It is very encouraging for us as a school to carry out this exercise as we see how well our children are progressing in their learning.

A major benefit of our smaller numbers is the clear evidence that our children’s development over their time with us is very pleasing. From a very well structured programme in our Junior room to time spent in specific skill based learning with Deanne and our programme in Room 3, we find that our children who are with us for the 6 years of their primary learning or even those who join us later are leaving here well prepared for the next learning phase of their lives. That is really satisfying for all of the staff here.

A huge thanks to Holly, Haley, Asela, Kit, Leanne, Pania and Sara (Paulin) for their efforts with the sausage sizzle outside the stadium (in the cold) on Saturday evening. It was extremely kind of you all and we appreciate your dedication.

E noo ake ra (Cook Island farewell)

Richard Duffy

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

Catholic Education Review Team 2013
**Dates for your Diaries**

- Board of Trustees Meeting: Monday 23 June @ 7:00 pm
- Wacky Hair Day: Friday 27 June
- First Friday Mass: Friday 4 July @ 9:30 am
- Assembly: Friday 4 July @ 2:30 pm
- Last day of term 2: Friday 4 July
- First day of term 3: Monday 21 July
- Sausage Sizzle @ Mitre 10 Mega: Saturday 12 October

**Alter Servers**

- 21 June: David and Atu Makasinis
- 28 June: Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin
- 5 July: Jean Luc and Angelique Peyroux

**Playground Update**

Our playground development subcommittee have drafted some plans and ideas for our playground upgrade. We have received one quotation from AJ Grant Engineering and are in the process of organising another quote before organising some funding applications.

**Sports Corner—Hockey**

**Last Week**

The Year 5&6 Strikers played against Opoho White. They had an exciting win.

Player of the day was Beth (St Brigids)

The Year 3&4 Storm played against St Leonards Supersticks. Although they didn't win, Will was super impressed with their positional play and gave the whole team ‘player of the day’!

**Draw for Wednesday 18 June (today)**

Year 3&4 Storm v Maori Hill Quickflix - 6pm at Queens High School, Ground 2
Year 5&6 Strikers v Taieri Combined- 4.30pm at McMillan Turf, Far 2

**Miniball**

**Draw for this week**

St Mary’s Magic vs George St Green
Court 7
4:50 pm

Player of the day last week was Dylan Preston

**Wacky Hair Day**

Next week on the 27th June which is Friday. The year 6 Exec are organising a Wacky Hair Day and will make some pikelets during the day to share for afternoon tea. We are organising some fun games in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30 pm.

If your children don’t want to do wacky hair they don’t have to but we would love it if they could. There is going to be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the wackiest hair and hope they will enjoy this fun day.

By Jen and Liana
Religious Education & Special Character

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please keep Xavier, Dakoda, April, Janivah, Chloe, Aayliyah and Victoria in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation.

Please remember that the next Confirmation lesson is this Saturday (21st June) during mass at St Mary’s Church. Bring your green workbooks please.

RE Lessons - The God Strand

We are focusing on God at the moment during our RE lessons.

Yr 0-2 are learning about God’s gifts of love and that his greatest gift to us is Jesus.

Yr 3-4 are learning about the Holy Trinity, respecting God’s gift of creation and understanding the commandments as a gift.

Yr 5-6 are learning about recognising images of God in the Bible and understanding that we come to know God through Jesus.

Cadbury Recyclia ‘Trash to Art’ Competition

This week in Discovery Time Room 2 are going to create pieces of art that children can enter in this competition if they wish.

Children can work in groups or individually. Using only material that is recyclable or reusable, participants create a piece of artwork that will be exhibited from 14 – 17 July 2014 in the Dunedin Public Library during the Dunedin Cadbury Chocolate Carnival.

If you have any recyclable or reusable materials at home that we could use, please send them to school by Friday. Thank you.

Sausage sizzle/Hot Milo Order Form

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _______________ Hot Milo 50 cents _________
What’s happening in Room 2

We have been writing about the different seasons. We wrote about winter and made glittery snowflakes. We wrote about autumn and made stained glass window leaves that shine through on us. Yesterday we wrote about summer and we are making shining suns with our handprints. Come and have a look at them on our windows!

My favourite is the winter window.

By Keira Mullens

Last week we were celebrating the All Blacks being in Dunedin by having a 'Black Out' day and rugby Discovery Time. We played Rippa Rugby, we painted our faces, we made All Blacks biscuits at Deanne’s station, and we made an All Blacks jersey with our name and number on it.

My favourite station was painting my face black and white.

By Launga Muasika

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Room 3 News Desk

Reporter: Alyssa

In maths group 2 has been learning about division with remainders. Also group 3 has been learning to multiply two digit by one digit numbers.

In reading we have been reading books that we’ve read before and taking a character out of it and thinking about what type of person this character is.

We have started podcasting and a couple of groups have finished taking their photos, we are looking forward to start using movie maker for podcasting!

Recently we have started a band and we decided on the song Army Of Two by Olly Murs. The instruments that the band are playing, Ukes, Xylophone, Harp, Glock and Guitar.