Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our Year 3-6 children enjoyed their involvement in the cricket festival afternoons late last week. Many thanks to Janean, Will and Cynde for their support with transport on the day and to Will for coming to school for a quick coaching session on Thursday morning.

As a school, it is a good time to look at our school-based vision and values. This was carried out in consultation with the community prior to my arrival at school and we feel that we should now go back to the school community to gain their insight into the values they believe are important for our school to be promoting. Staff are currently putting together a questionnaire to send home shortly.

Again, thank you to parents and our children for the ongoing high standard of presentation with our school uniforms. It is wonderful to see everyone daily in the correct uniform including shoes. (I have reminded one or two senior children at times about the correct socks to be wearing).

Ao ekaparo (Russian Farewell)

Richard Duffy

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**Wall of Fame**

Just why was Ethan and his Scarecrow Jack in the paper the other day? Is it true that Scarecrow Jack weeds gardens at night in secret?? Maybe Ethan’s grandma Roz can answer those questions.

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

Catholic Education Review Team 2013
PFTA Meeting
First Friday Mass/Reconciliation
Daylight Savings Ends
Palm Sunday
Holy Week
Last day of term
Good Friday
Easter Monday
ANZAC Day

Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 3 Apr
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

5:30 pm, starting with tea
9:30 am@church - all welcome
Turn your clock's back

Enjoy your holidays
During School Holidays
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Alter Servers
6 April - Angelique and Jean Luc Peyroux
13 April - Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
20 April - Emila Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi
27 April - Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin

PFTA Movie/Meeting Night
THIS THURSDAY NIGHT

PFTA meeting on April 3rd will be the same set up as the movies night we had on the 13th of February.

Details are: the bbq will be available to cook your own food or bring your own tea from 5:30.
The movie to start at 6pm in room one and a meeting in room 2.

Sports Notices - Touch
St Mary’s Maroon vs Wakari: Field 1 @ 4:15 pm

Tee Ball Tigers
A wee reminder to our team about prizegiving on Saturday 5th April.
11 am in the South Rugby Clubrooms on Bathgate Park.
Our team is expected to attend in their sports uniform please.

Afterwards whoever can make it we will be going to the Dinosaur park our end of season “Party”. Kids to bring something yummy to share please.

Please let me know if you won’t be at prizegiving.

Thanks Coach Panz

Hockey - Mini Sticks/Kiwi Sticks
We would love to enter a junior and a senior hockey team into the competition this year. Games are on
a Wednesday afternoon and begin 5th May until the 27th August.

Mini Sticks is for Year 3&4 children and they will play on 1/4 a hockey field.
Kiwi Sticks is for Year 5&6 children and they will play on 1/2 a hockey field.

The school have sticks and shin-pads that can be borrowed.

We would also like to offer Miniball and Netball for the winter season, Please let fill in the form below and return to school by Friday, please.

Name ____________________ Parent/caregiver signature ____________________
I would like to play  Junior Hockey ____________________
                       Senior Hockey ____________________
                       Miniball ____________________
                       Netball ____________________
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Aayliah, Victoria, Dakoda, Xavier, Chloe, April and Janivah are making their First Reconciliation this Friday, please keep them in your prayers.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place after First Friday Mass this week on 4th April at 9:30am. Children who have made reconciliation before are welcome to do so again at this time, as well as any parents.

School & Parish Storytime

We are hosting a ‘Storytime’ session on Tuesday 8th April at 10am. We have invited members of our parish, and we would love to see parents and friends of our school there too.

Our children would like to read to you, share their writing and maybe listen to a story from you.

We are also making a delicious morning tea for you!

Please come and join us!

Wanted!

Coloured plastic lids from milk, cream, juice bottles. We are intending to create some pieces of art to brighten up our playground. We need lots!!! There is be a container in the office to collect them in. Thank you.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Block Order Form

Name ______________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _____________

Ice Block $1 each ___________ (only 1 per child)
What’s happening in Room 2

Jacquie has got a new little puppy called Oscar. She brought him into our class and we all got to hold him and pat him. Oscar is soft and fluffy and he has got a really little bark.

By Sophie

Study Ladder

Our teachers set up Study Ladder for us. We can play maths games and reading games at home on the computer. We can earn coins. I like changing my room on Study Ladder.

By Ethan

Every child in the school now has their own Study Ladder username and password. This is a great way to support your child’s learning from home!

Fancy Dress Day
Thursday 10th April
Come along in Fancy Dress

There will be a treasure hunt, a catwalk parade
Lots of fun
Playground Visits

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We would like to involve all children in this and would be most grateful for support with transport to do so.

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