Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We extend a very warm welcome to Miss Deanna Randell and Miss Dee Brockie who are second year teachers from the Otago University/College of Education completing a three week teaching experience with us. We are looking forward to having them in our school during this time and in bringing the skills they have into our classrooms and school.

Our summer code sports teams began their games last week and we thank parents and coaches for the time they devote to helping with coaching and transport. It is always a lot of fun watching your children participate in team sports. We are mindful of the manner in which our children conduct themselves when representing the school or even playing for club teams and know that our parents are very supportive of having our children act in a really positive way on the field.

The staff would like to extend their sympathies to Adrian and Susan Kubala, Estelle & Roman and families on the recent death of Adrian’s brother and sister in law. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Finally we extend a very warm welcome to Stanislav Cherkun (Jen’s younger brother) and wish him happy times at school, Mrs Cross and Mrs Deerness were commenting on what a well organised boy he has been over the last three days.

Manuia! (Samoan farewell)

Richard Duffy

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

- Labour Day
- School Swimming 2 weeks
- Camp Week
- BOT Meeting
- First Eucharist
- BOT Meeting
- Graduation Mass
- Last day of Term 4

Monday 27 October (no school)
Monday 3 November - Friday 14 November
Monday 17 November - Friday 21 November
Monday 24 November
Saturday 29 November
Monday 8 December
Saturday 13 December
Monday 15 December

Alter Servers
- 18 October: Jean-Luc and Angelique Peyroux
- 25 October: Emila Nakasini and Sam Al-Balushi
- 8 November: Jean-Luc and Angelique Peyroux
- 1 November: David and Atu Nakasini

Great Proof Reading
I left a mistake on purpose to see who reads the school newsletter - well done, Victoria Fisk! Read through and see what mistake is in this one.

Sports News ...
St Nary’s T Ball Tigers
Great first game on Saturday with a win first up. Wonderful effort from everyone! Player of the day was Ethan Martin-Shaw well done! No game this week, so lie in and enjoy!! Practise as usual on Wednesdays at 3:15 pm till about 4 pmish. Many thanks to our awesome cheerleaders and supporters.

Thanks from Coach Panz

Road Crossing
It is worth reminding parents about collecting and dropping children at school. Many thanks to all of you for not driving into the school grounds before or after school as our driveway is technically a path for our children as well as a staff car park.

We also appreciate the way parents are parking in the correct areas to drop and collect children. Each day we have a staff member who is on duty at the entrance to the school. We just want to remind you that at times this staff member might be held up directly after school and not be there as your child is leaving.

A senior student will leave before the final bell at 3pm wearing a fluoro vest to ensure children leave the school grounds in a safe and appropriate fashion. On these occasions children understand that parents who are waiting will walk around and collect them.

We are encouraging our children to walk around the cul-de-sac at all times and not across the road and hope our parents will model this also.

School Swimming
Coming up starting on Monday 3 November, we need walkers to help with this for 2 weeks. We will leave school at 1:10 pm. If you can help please let Jacquie know.
Religious Education & Special Character

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Please keep Dakoda, Aayliyah, Chloe, Xavier, Victoria, April and Janievah in your prayers as they prepare to receive Eucharist for the first time.

Rosary Mufti Day

We participated in ‘World Rosary Day’ last Friday and the children prayed the entire Rosary beautifully. Thank you to our school families for their donations towards Missionz, we raised $35.

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 this Sunday 26th October at 10am.

Children from our school have volunteered to walk our school banner in and be part of the offertory.

Can these children please meet Mr Duffy at Gate B by 9:30am in their school uniform.

We are meeting with the organiser and other schools, so please don’t be late.

We would love to see you all there!

Christmas Hamper Raffle

It’s coming quicker than we think. (9 Weeks!!!)

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.

We will draw it after our end of year carols singing. Last time there were 3 draws and we are hoping that again this year we may be able to have at least one draw. We have had superb hampers in previous years and hope that we can all support it.

Raffle cards will be sent home on Monday November 3 and are to be back at school please by Thursday November 27.
What’s happening in Room 2?

Room 3’s News Desk
Reporter - Liana Paerata

In maths my group has been learning about how to change fractions to percentages which is good to be able to do so you can compare them. In Reading my group is reading an article about a boy and his dad who went on Outward Bound which is a camp at the top of the South island. In sport we’re focusing on athletics with high jump and long jump at the moment and people are seeing if they can qualify for the zone sports. So far Janivah has qualified for long jump.

We have got a new teacher in our room this week. Her name is Miss Randell, she is really nice. She read us 2 stories yesterday while we had our milk on the mat. She is going to be teaching us all day tomorrow!
By Lily M

It was Stani’s birthday in the weekend and he turned 5. He joined St Mary’s on Monday and we are enjoying having him in our class. He has been doing super work already! He is Jen’s little brother.
By Lily M

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By Sophie

Stride, Ride & Slide ~ 30 November 2014

Stride along to the University Oval Logan Park, Sunday 30 November for our mini triathlon event for 2 - 6 year olds.
Ride your trike around the bends, run past the crowd, and splash onto the Slip and Slide, past the fire truck, to the finish line!
Slide on your running shoes and sports gear, bring your water bottle and get ready for a fun day out!
When: Sunday 30 November 2014, Where: University Oval Rugby Field 4 & 5 at Logan Park
(Please note that while the event is at Logan Park it is on the field opposite the Forsyth Barr Stadium
Race times: 10.00am to 12.30pm, Ages: 2 - 6 year olds
Fun activities: Face painting, parachute games, obstacle courses, and visits from some fun friends.
Every mini triathlete will receive their own personalised certificate of completion.
It is just $2.00 to enter, that’s cheaper than the cost of an ice-cream!
Same day activities: If you’re a cricket fan, SBS Bank Otago Volts vs. Hell Wellington Firebirds Twenty20 game, being played adjacent to the Stride, Ride & Slide event at 2pm. A great day down at Logan Park for all!
Please visit www.sportotago.co.nz to register your child(ren). For further enquiries, please contact us via email:

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ________________  Ice blocks $1.00 __________