Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In light of the recent illnesses around the Dunedin area we have been reinforcing the practice of good habits when toileting/ hand washing/ coughing or sneezing etc. and the importance of good general/personal hygiene at school and home also. It has been timely for us to remind our children of the measures they can take to minimise the chances of being affected by viruses or infections that are a natural part of life.

It is also a very good time to ensure children have warm uniform options. Our winter/summer uniforms are displayed on our school webpage and a number of polar fleeces can be found in our lost property box if they are missing from home. You are welcome to come and have a look at school anytime suitable to you.

Ka kite ano

Richard Duffa

Working Bee Saturday June 7

We would really appreciate as much help as possible for a working bee starting at 1pm on Saturday June 7.

If anyone was able to bring a trailer to move green waste material to the dump, that would be wonderful. We would also greatly appreciate a water blaster to clean away some green moss growing in some shaded areas on the court.

Other jobs to do:
- Woodchipping of playground.
- Cutting macrocarpa hedge.
- Concrete work on driveway.

St Mary’s Kaikorai is ‘Dunedin’s best kept secret!’
Dates for your Diaries

PTFA Meeting
First Friday Mass
Working Bee
Assembly
All Blacks Sausage Sizzle
First Friday Mass
Assembly
Last day of term 2
First day of term 3
Sausage Sizzle @Mitre10 Mega

Thursday 5 June straight after school
Friday 6 June @ 9:20 am
Saturday 7 June
Friday 13 June @ 2:30 pm
Saturday 14 June
Friday 14 July @ 9:30 am
Friday 14 July @ 2:30 am
Friday 14 July
Monday 21 July
Saturday 12 October

Alter Servers
7 June
14 June
21 June
28 June

Combined Mass at St Joseph’s Brockville
Emila Makasini and Sam Al Balushi
David and Atu Makasini
Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin

Sickness/Illness
We have had a number of children away with illness over the last couple of weeks. Just a reminder: if your child has vomited or been vomiting or had diarrhoea, it is advised by the Health Department that they stay away from school for 24 hours. If they have been unfortunate enough to have had both (vomiting & diarrhoea) at the same time the 48 hours away from school is the recommendation.

Playground Update
A playground development subcommittee has been formed at BoT level and they will be meeting over the next couple of weeks to finalise some plans. The viewpoints of our children will be accounted for in these plans.

Garage Sale
Wakari Kindergarten – 136 Lynn Street Wakari
Saturday 7th June, 9-12 noon
Toys, Books, Clothes, Furniture and MORE!!! Eftpos available
Sausage Sizzle
We would greatly accept any donations of goods at kindergarten.

WANTED!!! NEEDED!!!!
Keep collecting those coloured plastic lids from milk, cream, juice bottles. We appreciate them all. The container is in Jacquie’s office.
We are intending to create some pieces of art to brighten up our playground. We need lots!!!!

Parent/Teacher/Friends Association Meeting
Tomorrow straight after school - we are organising the All Black’s Sausage Sizzle, and we have things to discuss!!

Helpers NEEDED! We need 6 people to work the BBQ on June 14th please circle one or more and return to school signed. A small prize will be given for the child/parent who return their form by Thursday 5/6/14! TOMORROW!!!

Name ______________________________ can help 5:30-8:00 8:00-9:30/10 Sorry can’t help
(Please circle one)

Sausage sizzle/Hot Milo Order Form

Name ______________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________ Hot Milo 50 cents ____________
Religious Education & Special Character

This week in our RE classes, children will be learning about the Ascension and Pentecost stories. Ask your child to retell them to you!

Pentecost - this Sunday

Pentecost is the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus returned to his father, the disciples were given the responsibility to continue the work Jesus had started. They were frightened and felt they couldn’t do it alone. One day while praying together they received the Holy Spirit. This gave the disciples the strength to publicly live their faith and to speak up about Jesus. This is where the Church began, and why Pentecost is called the Church’s Birthday.

You are very welcome to attend the combined parishes Pentecost Mass at St Joseph’s Brockville this Sunday 8th June at 11am.
(There will be no mass this Saturday at St Mary’s.)

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please keep Xavier, Dakoda, April, Janivah, Chloe, Aayliah and Victoria in your prayers as they begin to prepare for Confirmation. Thank you to Estelle Peyroux for preparing these children.

Please note that there will be no Confirmation lesson this Saturday (7th June) as there is no mass at St Mary’s.

Sports Draw

Hockey

The Year 5&6 Strikers played against Warrington Orange. They played well but lost 3-0.
Player of the day was Chloe Deenness

The Year 3&4 Storm played against Red Lions. Another great game, and they drew 2-2. The player of the day was Sienna (St Brigid’s).

Draw for Wednesday 4 June (today)
Year 3&4 Storm v St Clair 1 - 5.20pm at Queens High School, Ground 1
Year 5&6 Strikers v BVA Stick’s - 3.40pm at Balme, Ground 1

Miniball:

Draw for this week St Mary’s Magic vrs Balclava Red Court 2; 3:40 pm
Player of the day was Alyssa Gamo for all round awesome playing!

Dear Parents of all mini ball players.
Children need to be at the game 15 mins BEFORE we start, arriving after the game has start isn’t fair on the other players in the team.

Coach Panz and Haley
What’s happening in Room 2

We had been noticing the leaves changing colour and falling from the trees in our playground. During Discovery Time we made these autumn leaf ‘stained glass’ windows. They shine beautiful colours on our desks!

We also wrote stories about what we saw during autumn.

On a cold rainy day I went for a walk and I heard the trees shake. All of the colourful leaves came off. I was jumping into the flaming leaves and all of them changed colour. I was scraping all of the rainbow leaves off the grass and into a pile. By Launga

When I ran to the tree I fell in a bunch of leaves. They were wet and orange. We played hide and seek. The day was getting colder and the nights were too. By Vili

Every night I hear leaves blowing about. When I wake up I see lots of leaves on the ground. I get out of bed and play with the leaves. I found different leaves, they were yellow, red and brown. They are dry and crunchy. By Lily M

Room 3 Newsdesk — Reporter Aayliah

We are podcasting with Mr Duffy about the weather, stay tune for Room 3 weather reports. Today it’s extremely cold with the sun out.

Crosswords are the order of the week for our reading and they are testing our ability of how well we read a passage to get the answers! Very tricky if you skim read.

We’ve been learning soccer, as our big ball skills, which has been challenging because it was too cold to run around outside last week — my I remind you SNOW and ICE!!!