Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have had 3 days of our 10 days school swimming instruction and have applied to Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation to hopefully help to fund some of this cost, and the rest is covered by the generous donation from the PTFA (that we have already received - thank you). Thank you must go to our own Jacquie who puts this grant application together each year.

We’d also like to extend a big thanks to Miss (Deanna) Randall and Miss (Dee) Brockie for their efforts with us over the past three weeks. Their time with us ends this Friday, and for Miss Randall tomorrow as she has an exam on Friday. These teachers have worked extremely hard during their time with us and we appreciate all of their efforts.

We would like to extend our sympathies to Kelly, Chris and Emilie Keach and extended family upon the recent passing of Kelly’s Grandfather. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Congratulations to Chloe Deerness and Janivah Moata’anee for representing our school yesterday at the Zone Sports Athletics. Janivah has made it to the Otago champs in Long Jump—well done, we are so proud of you both.

Take some time to enjoy the rest of your week.

Richard Duffy

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

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

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

Altar Servers

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Sports News …

St Mary’s T Ball Tigers
Well done to Sophie Deerness, our player of the day on Saturday for fantastic fielding and great attitude. Thanks again to our fantastic supporters and cheerleaders.
Oh by the way we won too!
Coach Panz.

Draw: St Mary’s Tigers vs St Mary’s Flyers on Diamond 7 at 10 am.
NOTE: Change of Diamond

Touch: St Mary’s Maroon vs St Brigid’s Rockets Field 7 at 4:15 pm.

School Swimming Walkers
We would be most grateful for help next week walking to and from Wakari Pool. We require 2–3 parents each day. We will leave school at 12:40 pm and return before 3 pm.
If you can help please let Jacque know. It’s a good opportunity to see your children swimming.

Saturday Morning Music Classic Open Morning – November 15th

George St Normal 9:15:30 am (follow the signs)
Bathgate Park School 9:30:30 am (in the school foyer)
Elmgrove School 3:30:30 pm (Wednesday 12th November)

Further enquiries to George St co-ordinator 477-2296 or Bathgate/Elmgrove Co-ordinator 477-1214.

Kiwi Rugby League
The Kiwi Rugby League team will be at Kaikorai Valley College this Thursday from 11 am–12 noon, should anyone wish to take their child/ren along. There will be an opportunity for children to meet with some of the players and get autographs.

Chicken Pox
We have been alerted to the fact that a family in our community has chicken pox. The signs to look out for are:
- High temperature (fever)
- Aches and headaches
- Spots (rash) Spots appear in crops. They start looking like red spots, then blister and then scab over. They gradually fade, but may take up to two weeks to disappear completely.
- Loss of appetite or feeding problems.

For more information: www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/chickenpox
**Conservation Week**

This week is national conservation week and it is timely for us to all think about the importance of conservation and how we can conserve or work to protect the natural resources we have around us in our country. We have such a wonderful school environment and it is also a good time to consider this and what we can do to maintain the lovely space we have at school.

**Policy Review**

You may be aware that all school’s operate to National Administrative Guidelines (NAGs) set down by the Ministry of Education. There are 6 main policy areas that we operate under.

Each school reviews these policies and how they are carried out in the school over a 3 year period. We have just completed a review of a policy that relates to Student Progress and Achievement. This policy is now displayed in the office over the next two weeks for all parents to look at and comment on should they wish.

**Ski Camp Fundraising Meeting**

This Thursday 7 pm in Room 3 we are having a ski camp fundraising meeting for parents of children who will be in year 4-6 next year. We will be discussing some fundraising options and possible dates for running them.

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**Religious Education & Special Character**

**Up-coming School Masses**

**Sacrament of First Eucharist**

Week 7 - Saturday 29th November 6pm
This is where Dakoda, Aayliyah, Chloe, Xavier, Victoria, April and Janivah will receive the Eucharist for the first time.

**Immaculate Conception of Mary**

Week 8 - Friday 5th December 9.30am
This is where we celebrate the Patron Saint of our school and church. This year we will be joined by the children and staff of Sacred Heart School.

**Family Mass - Graduation Mass**

Week 9 - Saturday 13 December 6pm
This is where we celebrate our school year and farewell our Year 6 friends.
Room 3’s News Desk,  
Reporter - Guin Wilson

In Reading some of us have been practising plays to show in assembly.

For writing we are in the process of making a Room 3 book of All About Me. Yesterday we were doing free choice writing.

For PE we are now in the middle of our whole school swimming lessons at Wakari Pool.

With Miss Brockie we have been looking at Egypt and the types of pets they had way back in ancient Egypt. The main pets they had were monkeys, dogs and crocodiles. On Friday we brought our old teddy bears to school and mummified them with toilet paper because in ancient Egypt most pets were mummified when they died. We also mummified Chloe with toilet paper but she is no longer mummified now.

What’s happening in Room 2?

We had lots of fun at Discovery Time last week. Miss Randell taught us how to make REALLY big and long bubbles. We planted some sunflower seeds to take home. We made some yummy fruit milkshakes. We made some cool creatures with boxes and managed to build some sandcastles before the rain came down!

Room 2 would like to thank Miss Randell for being part of our class and for all the exciting things she has taught us. We are looking forward to our shared lunch for her tomorrow on her last day.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _________________ Ice blocks $1.00 ___________
Car Boot Sale

Sunday November 16th   9 am-1 pm
St Marys School Playground

Gather up your unwanted items and sell them
Come along and score a bargain
There will also be a sausage sizzle, cake stall, raffle tickets to the Christmas Hamper and plants.

Come one, Come all. Rain Hail or Shine!!

We will need a few volunteers to help out on the day
Baking would be greatly appreciated.

$10 per car for non school family/Free for school families (1 car)

Sign up at school desk or contact
Holly Wilson on 022-640-9929/ holly@wilsons.org.nz

Christmas Hamper Raffle

This popular Hamper is Back.
Thank you for all of the donations already made. If you haven’t already done so we still need more items to make this hamper look fantastic.

• 1 Can and
• 1 bottle or jar and
• 1 packet

We need all donations in by November 13th please. The hamper will be put together and tickets will be sold at the Car Boot Sale.

Raffle cards will be coming home soon and are to be back at school please by December 4th.

This will be drawn after our end of year Christmas Carols and Prizegiving on Wednesday 10th December.