Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Yesterday morning we had members of our church parish come into classrooms and sat alongside our children who read to and with them and also shared some of their own personal writing at school and some of the different reading activities they do in class. We followed this with a morning tea including pikelets made by Deanne and one or two of our Year 6 girls. There were parents, grandparents and as well as parish members and in some cases ex pupils of our school. It was a lovely experience for us as a school and we hope to do it again sometime. Many thanks to Mrs Deenness for organising this.

As part of our school playground upgrade project, today (weather allowing) we are off to different playgrounds around the area to see (and play on) some of the play equipment at these playgrounds. Thank you to parents for helping with transporting us and Holly for a lot of the organisation.

Be shama (Arabic farewell)

Richard Duffy

St Mary's Kaikorai is 'Dunedin's best kept secret!'

Wednesday 9 April 2014
Dates for your Diaries

Palm Sunday
Holy Week
Last day of term
Good Friday
Easter Monday
ANZAC Day
First Day of term 2
Sunday 13 Apr
Monday 14 - Thursday 17 Apr
Thursday 17 Apr
Friday 18 Apr
Monday 22 Apr
Friday 25 Apr
Monday 5 May
Enjoy your holidays
During School Holidays
During School Holidays
During School Holidays

Important Dates for All
Making Cheese Rolls
Saturday 17 May
Sausage Sizzle for All Blacks
Saturday 14 June
Sausage Sizzle @Mitre10 Mega
Saturday 12 October
@Balmac—many hands make light work

Alter Servers
13 April -
20 April -
27 April -
Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
Emila Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi
Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin

Sports Notices - Touch
St Mary’s Maroon vs Bathgate Park; Field 5@4:15 pm

Drinking Water at School
Sometime over the past week or two the outlet of our water fountain has been blocked with some object. In the past we have spent a considerable amount of money repairing the drinking fountain at times when some type of vandalism has been done to it. Currently we are asking children to bring a water bottle to school for drinking as we have a water filter tap in the corridor by Room 2 where bottles can be filled.

Parking and Dropping Off at School/Friendly Reminder
We feel it timely with mornings (and evenings) about to get darker to remind parents of our school rules aimed at ensuring the safety of our children. Could you please ensure that you park either in the car-de-sac or one of the park's close by school when dropping off or collecting your child/ren and not stopping over the driveway entrance. This has potential to lead to some type of accident with children walking on the drive way area and other cars pulling out from behind.

We also appreciate parents walking their child/ren down the drive in the morning or simply dropping them at the gate from 8:20 (or thereabouts depending on other commitments). In the past there have been one or two potential accidents with children running down the drive toward school and a vehicle coming out. We thank you for your understanding around this matter.

School policy is that there is no alcohol, no drugs or smoking on the premises.

Term 2/3 Sports Options
We still have one or two children who are saying they are interested in playing sport for the school in terms 2 & 3. Please fill in this form and send it back to school ASAP.

Name ___________________________
Parent/caregiver signature ___________________________

I would like to play
Junior Hockey
Senior Hockey
Miniball
Netball

Sausage sizzle/Ice Block Order Form
Name ___________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _________
Ice Block $1 each _________ (only 1 per child)
Religious Education & Special Character
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to Aayliah, Chloe, Dakoda, April, Janivah, Xavier and Victoria on receiving reconciliation for the first time last week.
A big thank you to Father Hercus for making the children feel so comfortable.

Palm Sunday
Holy Week is the last week of Lent. The first day of Holy Week is Palm Sunday (this weekend).

Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Crowds met him cheering and waving palms. They hailed him as their new king and wanted him to be their leader.

You can read this story in the bible with your child (Matthew 21:1-11)

You are very welcome to attend mass to celebrate Palm Sunday -this Saturday 6pm at St Mary’s Church.

Cheese Rolls
Orders Forms were sent home yesterday.
If you didn’t get one please see Jacquie in the office.
Orders and Money due in Wednesday 7th May
What's happening in Room 2

As part of Discovery Time the last couple of weeks we have had some stations to recognise Lent.

*We made Jesus' cross in many ways, his crown of thorns and a dove.*

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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.

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Fancy Dress Day TOMORROW

Come along in Fancy Dress

There will be a treasure hunt, a catwalk parade

Lots of fun

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Room 3 News.

In writing we have been writing on the topic of pets and we call it Pet Week. We chose a pet or animal you like and research and write about how you care for that pet and things about it. In Maths our main learning now is on how to use different strategies to solve big number problems.

Our context for the term has been Mass and we have been looking at what we thought might happen with certain things we wanted to learn and now we are coming up with reasons why certain things did actually happen.

By Victoria & Janivah
Our Vision and Values

Our school would like to review and possibly update our school vision and values because we want these overarching statements to reflect the feelings of our current school families.

Our current vision and values are now 5 years old and may not be relevant to today’s school families. The wider variety of feedback we get will help us more accurately resemble who we are as a school community.

Please fill in the following questionnaire anonymously and return to the office.

We would like to create a motif for our school. A symbol that represents our school, that could possibly used for future clothing, promotion, certificate and newsletters. Please record any ideas. (Keywords, drawings, computer graphics etc...)

Our current school vision reads “Together we strive to become confident, creative life long learners who follow Christ”.
Please record key characteristics you wish your child to display and uphold when they leave our school as a Year 6 pupil.

Our current school values are Helping, Respect and Honesty.
Please record a set of values that are important to your family and that you would like to see at your school.

Thank you for your time and thoughts.

St Mary’s Staff