Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We extend a very warm welcome to Lily Hirt-Richardson who joined our school yesterday. Lily joins her big sister Aayliiah-Paige with us at school. Lily has been bouncing around our school with a big smile on her face for some time now and we are very happy to see her arrive now with Mum looking very smart in her school uniform.

You may have noticed in our coming events that we are being reviewed by the Catholic Review Office early next term and then closely after receiving a review visit from the Education Office. We are looking forward to the opportunity to share our school and showcase our wonderful learners with these visitors. We are hoping that there may be an opportunity for parents to discuss our school with these reviewers at some stage over this period.

As the term winds down I’d like to thank all of those parents who give their time to support our school; whether it be tutor reading involvement, transportation, fundraising ventures, coaching and supporting of teams and/or any other events or activities that we undertake. The staff and I really do appreciate it.

Enjoy the time with your children over the holiday break.

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Richard Duffy
Thank You
A big thank you to Tess Braithwaite who volunteered to clean our toilet block and has been doing so over the past week. Thanks also to those other parents who at different times offered to help with this while Mrs Fraser is unwell.

Anzac Day Poppies.
We have poppies at school from a local RSA which can be purchased for a silver or gold coin in remembrance of our country’s involvement in trying to bring peace to our world during times of conflict.

Road Safety Sessions.
Just a reminder, tomorrow morning Senior Constable Jeanette Parcell will be setting up a small cycle course at school for children to practise some of the learning they have gained around safe cycling. It would be beneficial if your child has a bike that they bring it to school tomorrow.

St Marys Kaikorai School Board of Trustees Election
Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees. A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on 16 May 2013 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate’s statement. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates’ names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. The poll closes at noon on 30 May 2013.

Signed JE Tetlow, Returning Officer

Dates for your Diaries
BOT Election Nominations open Monday 15 April
Last day of term one Friday 19 April
Start of term two Monday 6 May
Mothers Day Mass Saturday 11 May
Catholic Special Character Review team Monday 13 May—Wednesday 15 May
BOT Nominations close Thursday 16 May
BOT meeting Monday 20 May
BOT voting starts Tuesday 21 May
Education Review Team Monday 27 May—Wednesday 29 May
BOT voting closes Thursday 30 May
Queen’s Birthday Monday 3 June (no school)

Sausage sizzle/Ice Block

Sausage Sizzle Order
Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _________________

Ice Block $1 each ____________ (only 1 per child)
Sacramental Journey
This term we have 4 children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also have 3 children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are able to help out with either Sacrament, by leading the children through their preparation lessons (which are already prepared) please let Rachael know.

Family Mass - Term 2
Our family mass to celebrate Mother's Day will be the first weekend back at school next term (Saturday 11 May).
Could each child please bring a photo of themselves and their mother to school this week please. All originals will be returned. We are happy to print them off if you have them on a pen-drive or email them to secretary@st-marys.school.nz

End of Term Liturgy.
Please join us in the Sacred Space at 2.45pm on Friday for a short liturgy to celebrate and give thanks for our experiences this term and to pray for safe and happy holidays.

Parent Friends/Teachers Association
Next meeting Wednesday 8 May 2013 at 3:30pm

Possible PTFA Fundraiser

Beef Tasting Study at the Food Science Department, University of Otago
This study requires a group of people to sit on a beef tasting panel. It is a part of a large, nation-wide study evaluating beef eating characteristics in an effort to develop a taste-based grading system. The study is being funded by a company and the name of the company will be available at the completion of this study.

We require 22 people to sign up for a 1-hour beef tasting session for which we can earn $440. Participants must be between 18-72 years of age, eat beef at least once every two weeks and prefer beef cooked from medium/rare to medium/well done (preference for medium).

We can sign up for this as much as we like but participants must be different each time; so to participate twice, earning $880 we would need to provide 44 people etc.

Tasting dates available at this stage are between, 18 June – 11 July. The tasting times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, between 5.45pm-7.45pm - specific time to be confirmed.

If you are interested in taking part in this study; and at the same time raising funds for our school, please email Cara Duffy your details by Tuesday 30 April to duffy@kinect.co.nz

In your email, please provide: your name, contact phone number, the number of people you can bring along to the tasting.
Room 3 News
The end of term has come around very quickly. We are in the early stages of preparing an animated podcast of the process of developing our sacred space. This involves making props, preparing a background.

We have viewed websites about Temperature for our investigations. We have found different sites on the internet to record temperatures in different ways (F or °C).

Over the holidays, if we are able to, try out some FREE maths websites. We just have to Google FREE and different sites will come up.

Room 2 - Our Learning this Week
Look at our writing, we have been learning about using describing words. We did this on our own without any help from the teachers.

I was taking my dog for a walk to the beach.
*Caitlin Braithwaite.*

My dog is a German Shepherd. It is brown and fluffy. He is digging a hole in the grass.
*Dakoda Sorensen.*

Me and my dog were playing at my house. He is brown and he has big, big sharp teeth. He likes jumping on me.
*Launga Muasika.*

My big brown dog is fetching a brown tennis ball. After that we went into the house. Then I locked my dog out of the house, it started to pour down with rain.
*Janivah Moata'ane.*

We have been learning about time in the afternoons during Maths. We have even made our own clocks out of paper plates, and a big clock on the mat with a skipping rope.

We have also been getting to know our church better. We have been looking for different symbols of faith. Here are some that we found.