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Together we strive to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

9 April 2013

We hope you all had an enjoyable family Easter period. My family and I attended Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30 am in our own St Mary's Kaikorai Church and enjoyed the experience on this highly significant day in our church year.

I have had a number of ex and current school community members commented on how much they enjoyed our school production "100 Years on the Hill". We recognised the efforts of Mrs Gardyne (Tess Braithwaite's Mum) and Mrs Linnell (an ex pupil) in preparing costumes for certain parts. I must mention the superb jobs Jacquie, Deanne, Jacqui, Rachael and Michelle did in shaping different parts and aspects of our production. Everybody's specific skills and abilities made this a real success and high quality of the performance is testimony to the skills we have in our staff and the superb efforts and attitudes of our children. We are hoping to produce dvd's of our production for purchase from our school office.

Tonight our school has been invited to attend an open night at Edu Kids child care centre on Kaikorai Valley Rd. We enjoy the opportunity to share with pre-school organisations information about our school and we appreciate our parents who promote us to people who they meet in different settings.

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 18:3

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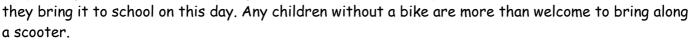


Winter Sports Teams

We have enrolled a mini ball team and a hockey team in their respective Dunedin schools competitions for terms 2 & 3. Hockey games will be played each Wednesday after school at the turf on Harbour Terrace and mini ball is played each Thursday at the Edgar Centre.

Road Safety Sessions

Senior Constable Jeanette Parcell is involved with us at this stage of the term focussing on road safety including safe walking and cycling. Children have the opportunity to bring their bikes to school for inspections and safe riding tips. On Wednesday April 17 she 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





TBall

Congratulations St Marys Tigers for finishing Runner up in our section!!!! Awesome, awesome team effort. Many thanks to all our supporters and parents for turning up every week to cheer our team on. A very special thanks to Zachary's mum Wendy Clinch for helping me on practise days.

Your Coach Pania!!

Dates for your Diaries

Assembly BOT Election Nominations open Last day of term one Start of term two Mothers Day Mass Catholic Special Character Review team BOT Nominations close BOT meeting BOT voting starts Education Review Team BOT voting closes Queen's Birthday Friday 12 April - 2:30 pm Monday 15 April Friday 19 April Monday 6 May Saturday 11 May Monday 13 May—Wednesday 15 May Thursday 16 May Monday 20 May Tuesday 21 May Monday 27 May—Wednesday 29 May Thursday 30 May Monday 3 June (no school)



THE SUSTAINABLE LIVING COURSE

Facilitated by Dr Maureen Howard, Water and Waste Services, Dunedin City Council. Tuesdays 7 - 9pm Starts 14th May, Mornington Presbyterian Church

These Adult Community courses are free but a donation will help us cover our costs (\$30 suggested). To register please contact Maureen Howard on 4739967 or email <u>mhoward@slingshot.co.nz</u>.

Otago Cricket School Holiday Programme Metro Indoor Sports

Skill development sessions on batting, bowling & fielding Fun Games and lots of Prizes to be won

Thursday 2nd& Friday 3rd May 2013

Open to boys and girls between the ages, Cost: \$50 for 2 Days 5-8 yrs (9 am - 12 pm), 9-12 yrs (1:pm - 4:pm)

To register, contact Carla at Otago Cricket Phone (03) 477-9056 or carla@otagocricket.co.nz





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.

The Holy Spirit

This week in our RE classes we are beginning the Holy Spirit Strand. Each class has a specific focus.

Year 1/2: Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life.

Year 3/4: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Year 5/6: Titles and Symbols of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God sent his Son, Jesus to save people from sin and death and the Holy Spirit is the spirit of Jesus who was sent by him to sanctify and give life to the Church and to all people.

The Holy Spirit is referred to by Jesus as the advocate and the source of wisdom and in several stories the spirit is identified as a dove. After Pentecost the stories about the Acts of the Apostles feature the work and actions of the spirit in the lives of the apostles. St Paul names the fruits of the Holy Spirit in his letter to the Galatians 5:22-25

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

Sausage sizzle/Ice Block



Sausage Sizzle Order Name ______ Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

Ice Block \$1 each _____ (only 1 per child)

Room 3 News

Room three have been working extremely hard., Most of us have finished off our Easter art, we have used water colour pencils and water. You are welcome to come and see them in our class and notice the different shape we have used.



We have enjoyed using our sacred space at prayer time. It really is a lovely quiet and peaceful place to pray at.

We are beginning to work on time and temperature. This is a unit that we need help with at home, especially if we can't tell the time and notice the patterns in the numbers of the analogue clock. We are expected to know facts like how many minutes in an hour, how many seconds in one minute, how many days in a week, how many weeks in a year (including a leap year), and also how many days in each month of the year. At home viewing and working out dates in a month and what day they are on (for example the 8th April was a Monday).

Also, we have worked on using an Easter image - either the death of Jesus on the cross or the scene at the tomb, to write about. We have had to imagine being one of the Characters in the picture and describing what we saw and what it was like for them. These pieces of writing will be on display later in the week, if you have time come and read them.

Room 2 Easter Writing

As Jesus was holding the bread and wine he gave it to the disciples. It was Good Friday when Jesus died for us. On Sunday Jesus rose from the dead. Emily Buckingham.



Jesus washed his friends feet. Then they nailed him to the cross. Mary was crying. The next day he rose from the dead. Mary was happy. **Viliami Moata'ane.**

At the last supper the disciples watched Jesus as he broke the bread and wine, then he washed everyone's feet. You could see tears racing down their faces like a waterfall. The next day Jesus got nailed to the cross. The disciples and Mary were so sad. That night Jesus was put in the tomb. Three days later Mary came to the tomb to pray, a young man came around the corner, it was Jesus. Mary cried tears of joy. **Chloe Deerness.**

To giveaway to the first 2 people - \$15 voucher off physio treatment! See Jacquie in the office