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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

20 August 2013

What a superb turn out of parents, grandparents and people from our school community at our school cross country last Thursday. I know the children enjoy having family there to watch them run and it created a nice atmosphere on the day. - Many thanks for your support.

We trust you received a letter outlining the views of two review offices of our (and your) school yesterday. We know that we make these reports accessible in hard copy and through our website but we were keen to highlight to our parent community first hand what St Mary's Kaikorai School offers your child in terms of quality learning opportunities in a safe and positive learning environment. We also wanted to outline some of the other experiences we provide in school. Our staff greatly appreciate all of the support our parent community give us and in the interest of the further development of our school hope that you may let other families know of our school and what we can offer.

Aurevior, Richard Duffy

**We forget that forgiveness is greater than revenge.
People make mistakes.
We are allowed to make mistakes.
But
The Actions we take while in a rage
will haunt us forever.
Pause and ponder.
Think before you act.
Be patient. Forgive & forget.
Love one and all.
If you judge people,
you have no time to love them.
-Mother Teresa-**



Sports News

Miniball:- St Mary's Magic vrs Mornington 3:40pm Court 3

Hockey: St Mary's Strikers played Arthur Street last week. Only 3 of their players turned up so some of our team played for them. We had an exciting win with lots of goals.

The final score was 12-1.

Players of the day were Dylan and Nicholas.

Tomorrows game is at 4.30pm at **Queen's High School, Surrey**

St against Maori Hill.



Firewood for Sale

The firewood mentioned last week is still available but with the weather turning a bit cooler may go pretty quickly! The money is going toward camp this year. They are priced at \$15 per bag. There are 3 bags of kindling and 3 bags of manuka.

Toilet paper

The PTA still has toilet paper for sale at \$20 per bag. A bag contains 45 rolls of toilet paper. Let Holly or Bernadette know if you are interested.

Zone Cross Country

We wish our children who are participating in the Zone Cross Country today the best of luck (by the time this newsletter is home they would have completed the run . Angelique, Kata, Victoria and Harry are involved today. We thank Jos for transporting and carrying our school first aid kit along to the venue.



Transport Help Needed

Tuesday to St Brigid for Catholic Music Festival practice and Wednesday to the Chinese Gardens please see Michelle if you can help with this.

Dates for your Diaries

Zone Cross Country

Keeping Dunedin Beautiful

Catholic Music Festival Practice

Chinese Gardens visit

Fathers Day Mass

Life Education

Tuesday 20 August

Monday 26 August

Tuesday 27 August (Transport help needed please)

Wednesday 28 August (Transport help needed please)

Saturday 31 August

Monday 2 September



Sausage sizzle/Milo's



Sausage Sizzle Order

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

Milo, with marshmallows 50 cents _____ (only 1 per child,)

Special Character & Religious Education



Family Mass

Our school/parish mass this term is next Saturday, 31st August at 6pm.
We will be celebrating Fathers Day.
Please send a photo of your child and their dad to school this week.

PTFA Quiz Night

A night has been confirmed for our quiz night - *Wednesday 25 September* (last week of term 3).
This has historically been an annual event, but was not held last year due to our Centennial Gala.

Teams can be made up of 4-5 people, and the cost is \$5.00 per person
(or \$20-\$25 per team)

As usual, we will be selling raffles on the night, and we would really appreciate if families could donate items during the following weeks leading up to this evening as we did for the Easter Raffle earlier in the year.



Week beginning	19 August	Bottle of wine, beer, sauces, or fruit juice etc
	26 August	Nic Nacs, photo frames, kids items, stocking fillers
	2 September	Manchester (tea-towels, hand-towels etc)
	9 September	Exotic foods items for mini food hampers
	16 September	Homemade baking, jams, pickles, lollies

We also have some items left over from the gala, and the Wilson family has kindly donated a \$100 voucher to the Lonestar Restaurant.

Beer Tasting at Rhubarb - 30 October 2013

The recent wine tasting evening was a huge success, and so we have decided to hold another social night at Rhubarb - this time a beer tasting (Octobafest).

We have listened to parents who have passed on that the cost was a major factor in not coming along to the wine tasting and so we have cut the ticket cost down to \$20. It costs Rhubarb \$15 per head to run this evening, so only \$5 will be coming back to the school. We hope to see as many parents and staff there as possible, because the last evening really was a lot of fun!



Room 2 - Our learning this week

We are fantastic readers in Room 2!
This is what some of our groups have been working on.



We are learning to point to each word when we are reading.

We are learning to read lots of new words.



We are learning to read like we are talking.

We are learning to understand our stories and answer questions about it.



Room 3

In our Reading groups we have been looking at different types of plants. Here are two reports on plants ...

A Report on a Mangrove Tree

A mangrove tree is the only tree that can grow in salt water. Mangrove trees like to be planted in muddy places and quiet places. Mangrove seeds get put in water and the roots of the tree have 2 different roles. One root pushes up through the water to get air and the other root attaches the tree to the ground under water.

Different types of fish such as eel, snapper, flounder and oysters live close by the mangrove and feed off worms and things that live under the roots.

Maori people used to use mangrove leaves for their meat when cooking because it helps to keep the meat tender.

By Kata



A Report on Ongaonga

The Ongaonga is a native New Zealand plant and is also known as tree nettle and fierce nettle.

The Ongaonga's needles are 6 millimetres long, the poison from five of its long stinging needles is powerful enough to kill a person.

The Ongaonga is found in the far south as Otago and the West Coast.

If you rub against it there is a known natural cure: crush some leaves from the Kawakawa tree.

Rub them on the area that was stung.

The best treatment is medical help. Humans would have to have a large area of their body pricked by the Ongaonga to be seriously injured.

This deadly plant has already killed several dogs and horses.

The Ongaonga is also very rare and maybe extinct north of Auckland.

By Alyssa

