Dear Parents/Caregivers,  

7 August 2013

The weather has been so settled the last few weeks and it has been lovely for our children to be outside enjoying our school grounds.

Today we celebrated our annual combined school mass at Holy Name Church with the other two Dominican schools in Dunedin. St Dominic is the patron saint of our school and the anniversary of his death fell yesterday (August 6). Dominic lived during the twelfth and thirteenth century, came from a wealthy well educated family but gave all of this up to travel extensively spreading establishing convents and sharing the word of God. We also remember the Dominican sisters who devoted their lives to our school through teaching and devoting their lives toward the good of others.

I’d also like to acknowledge the support of Marie and Dave Smyth, grandparents of the school and also parents of Mrs Deerness. Regularly they help with transport and other events around our school and are hugely generous in their financial support in many ways toward us. Recently they purchased curtains for Rooms 2 and 3 to help shade out the sun for the use of our data projectors. Dave even fitted curtain rails for the curtains to be hung on. We greatly appreciate their kindness.

Finally we extend a very warm welcome to Ethan Martin and his family to our school. In some ways it’s a returning of one of our families as Ethan’s big sister Tayla finished with us at the end of 2011.

We wish Ethan very happy days at school and look forward to watching him learn and grow with us.

Congratulations to Angelique Peyroux who has been selected to play in the Otago Under 13 Development Hockey Team. Well done Angelique!

Heikonira

Richard Duffy
Sports News

Miniball: St Mary's Magic vrs Concord Cats 5:25pm Court 2

Hockey:
St Mary's Strikers had a very exciting and close game against Tainui tigers last week.
Unfortunately they lost 3-2.
Player of the day was Xavier Peyroux.
Todays game is at 4.30pm on Pav 1.  Good luck team!

Fun Sticks:
The Fun Sticks Hockey programme for those in Year's 1 & 2 will be held from Thursday 1st August for 12 weeks at 4pm - 5pm (with a break over the school holidays).
Please register by emailing your details to Carolyn Parker: admin@oha.org.nz
The price for the 12 weeks programme is $20 per person.
Numbers are capped so please be in quick.
For all queries about this programme please contact Scarlett Hagen hockey@sportotago.co.nz or on 03 474 6414.

Dates for your Diaries

PTA Meeting  Wednesday 7 August 7 pm
Ukulele Jam  Thursday 8 August 9:30 am
BOT meeting  Monday 12 August 7 pm
Assumption Mass  Thursday 15 August
School Cross Country  Thursday 15 August 1:30 pm
Assembly lead by Room 2  Friday 16 August 2:30 pm
Zone Cross Country  Tuesday 20 August
Fathers Day Mass  Saturday 31 August

Sausage Sizzle Roster
Thank you to the parents who have offered to cook our sausages on Fridays. If anyone else is able to assist could you please let Jacquie or Richard know.

Sausage sizzle/Milo’s

**Sausage Sizzle Order**

Name __________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _________________

Milo, with marshmallows 50 cents ___________ (only 1 per child,)
DOMINICAN MASS: This morning we celebrated our Dominican Charism by participating in a combined mass with the other Dominican schools in Otago. It was a lovely celebration of our faith. Well done to Liana who spoke beautifully in front of such a big crowd. Thank to Sam and Chloe for representing our school in the entrance procession.

SELF REVIEW SURVEY: A big ‘thank you’ to the people who have taken the time to complete the Sacramental Survey.
I really would appreciate more responses, even if you have to answer some of the questions with 'I don't know'. At least then we can see the areas for improvement and development.

More copies are available in the office or can be sent home with your child if you have misplaced it. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST: If you are interested in leading 5 children during their preparation lessons (5 x 30min lessons), please contact Rachael. All the lessons have been planned for you and are easy to follow. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: Because Mary was a very special woman and led a perfect life, she was taken body and soul to heaven. This is called the Assumption of Mary. It is a holy day of obligation, and this year we will be attending mass at St Francis Xavier (part of our Hills Suburbs Parish) at 9.30am on Thursday 15 August. Father Cipriano has organised for us to join St Francis Xavier School for morning tea afterwards. If you are able to help with transport on this day it would be greatly appreciated.

Healthy Snippet - Everyday Hygiene

Everyday hygiene is basically about washing your hands, covering your mouth when you cough and keeping clean. But there's also a social side to dealing with personal things like body odour, smelly feet and bad breath.

Good hygiene habits in childhood are a great foundation for good hygiene in the teenage years. And if you've got open, honest communication with your child, it'll make it easier to talk about the personal hygiene issues that come up in adolescence.

Keeping clean is an important part of staying healthy. For example, the simple act of washing hands before eating and after using the toilet is a proven and effective tool for fighting off germs and avoiding sickness.

You've got an important role to play in making sure your child knows about how her body and hygiene needs are going to change, and in getting her ready to manage the changes. The earlier you can start having these conversations, the better - ideally, before your child hits puberty.

You can be a role model for your child by demonstrating good hygiene habits. If your child sees you showering, cleaning your teeth and washing your hands regularly, and by gently reminding them to do this things, they'll learn that these habits are important.
The baby is little. He is cute. He loves playing in the pram. He is called Prince George.

By Sophie

The little baby boy was wrapped in a blue blanket. He likes sucking his bottle. After his bottle he went to bed. Prince George is his name.

By Emily

The little baby was wrapped in a teddy bear blanket. He is sleeping in his cot. When he woke up he had some yummy milk. His name is Prince George.

By Vili

The baby was born, he has sparkly blue eyes. A blue wrapped around him. The baby is sleeping in his mum’s arms. He is so cute. His name is Prince George.

By Xavier

Room 3 would like to thank David and Maree Smyth for the lovely curtains in their classrooms. Spelling words went home yesterday for us to learn. Mrs Hammer will test us on Monday. Here’s is some of our writing, titled - The Worst Dream I Ever Had ...

By Guinevere

I was going to bed. Then I started having a nightmare. I was getting murdered by Frankenstein! My heart started pondering. I got murdered!

I woke up in the gloomy dark. The curtains blew. I was scared and called for Mum and Dad! I tried not to wake the baby.

Once I got into Mum and Dad’s room. I was not scared any more. I slept the rest of the night in Mum and Dad’s room.

I never left the curtains open again.

By Sam

I was slouched on the couch watching T.V. I was home alone as usual Mum and Dad are always at work.

Suddenly, I get a knock on the door. I know I’m not allowed to open the door when I’m home alone but I couldn’t resist the urge to open it.

So, I open the door. All I can see is a big strong man coming at me. He had an old smelly rag and he tied that around my eyes. He also duck taped my mouth shut. I was as scared as a person getting attacked by a shark.

I didn’t know where he was taking me but he biffs me into his old grotty, disgusting truck. He starts driving me somewhere. So I give myself a pinch. I am so happy to find out that it was a terrible dream but even worse my T.V. program had finished!