



St Mary's Kaikorai School

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

13 August 2013

At the end of Term 2 schools do some comparisons using data from testing and observations from children's learning to gauge progress of individual learners. When we establish learning goals for our children each term we look at their whole learning and growth, so social goals are very important as well. Looking at our children and their learning it is very satisfying for the staff to look at mid year progress and see the extent of growth in all of our children. One of the real benefits of our lower numbers is that children get a lot more specialised one on one learning and this is one of the main reasons that development in their learning is occurring.

Children during Transition have been germinating seeds with Linda recently and last Friday Room 3 planted sweet peas and did some tidying up around our Sacred Space and school grounds. We have been so lucky with the weather recently (but you never know what may be around the corner!)

Kind Regards

Richard Duffy

FEAR NOT

—for I am with you—

BE NOT DISMAYED

—for I am—

YOUR GOD

—I will—

STRENGTHEN YOU

—I will—

HELP YOU

—I will—

UPHOLD YOU

—with my righteous—

RIGHT HAND

Isaiah 41:10

Sports News

Miniball:- No game this week.

Hockey:

St Mary's Strikers had another close game against St Leonards last week. It was a 5 all draw.

Player of the day was Guin Wilson

Tomorrows game : is at **Queens Turf, Surrey St**, 4:30 pm on QHS 1 Kiwi against Arthur Street



Firewood for Sale

We still have 6 bags of bone dry firewood downstairs for sale. 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.

School Cross Country this Thursday from 1:30.



Parents are welcome to bring some lunch and join us prior to this. As we have Mass at St Francis Xavier in the morning, we want children to come in school uniform and bring their sports uniform to change into prior to running. We have made Friday afternoon a postponement day in case the weather prevents us from running on Thursday.

Dates for your Diaries

Assumption Mass
School Cross Country
Assembly lead by Room 2
Zone Cross Country
Fathers Day Mass

Thursday 15 August
Thursday 15 August 1:30 pm
Friday 16 August 2:30 pm
Tuesday 20 August
Saturday 31 August



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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:



Thank you to Mrs Nora Kelly from our parish who has kindly offered to lead our children through the Sacrament of Eucharist. Lessons will begin next Monday from 2.30-3.15pm in Room 1. A letter will go home later this week with more information.

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 this 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.**



There will be no Mass this Saturday night at St Mary's.

There is a combined Hills Suburb Mass at St Francis Xavier on Sunday at 9.30am.

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	12 August	Soaps, perfumes and other smellies
	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 have been learning about the Dunedin Chinese Gardens as part of our Gardens & Plants topic this term. Did you know that there are only 3 Chinese Gardens outside of China! Dunedin is very lucky to have one. The other 2 are in Sydney, Australia and California, USA.

We are looking forward to visiting the Dunedin Chinese Gardens late this term!

Room 3

Room 3 Camp Chocolate Fundraising

Anyone interested in selling Chocolate for fundraising which will go towards camp. Please see or phone, Asela Moata'ane 474-0116 or Jacquie in the school office.

*Here is some more of our writing, titled -
The Worst Dream I Ever Had ...*

1.2.3. Arg - a wolf! Help! Harry ran. No. I don't want to die. Ok. I was behind a tree. A big old wolf hid. Just eat my friend. I need to run because I'm to be next. The wolf had wet teeth, its eyes were red. I ran to a cliff. The wolf was behind me. I tripped and fell into the water. Next minute I was going to die.

I was in my bed but had grown ears...

By Harry

I was in a deep sleep. Suddenly, I was trapped in my dream.

I said, "Where am I?" I heard something I haven't heard before.

It was coming closer and closer. I was beginning to get scared. Then I saw something. It was zombies. I screamed HELP! They kidnapped me.

By Dylan

