



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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

11 February 2014

It's nice beginning some of our learning programmes now as we are getting through the setting up phases of the term.

All staff have commented on how nice it is to be working with our children again. In most aspects a lot of things are new with new children coming into our school and our Year 3 children moving into Room 3.

Thank you to all of our families who attended or made it possible for their children to attend our beginning of year school Mass. We understand that prior engagements and circumstances can make it difficult at times for families to attend a Parish School Mass but want to stress that we would really value as many families as possible making the effort once a term. In some circles attendance at these Masses is used to gauge the perceived success and culture of our school. I feel our school culture is very positive and hope we can show others through attendance at these Masses that this is the case.

Once more thank you to parents and our children for the manner in which they have begun the year in their presentation with their uniforms. Our children look very tidy and organised as a school.

He Koni Ra *Richard Duffy*



St Mary's Kaikorai is 'Dunedin's best kept secret!'

Catholic Education Review Team 2013



Dates for your Diaries

Movie Night (PTFA)	Thursday 13 Feb	5:30 pm@school—everyone welcome
Survival Water Skills Week	Monday 17 - Friday 21 Feb	1:30 - 2:30 pm@Wakari Pool,
Burning of the Palms Liturgy	Tuesday 4 Mar	@School
Ash Wednesday Mass	Wednesday 5 Mar	11:00 am@Little Sisters
First Friday Mass	Friday 7 Mar	9:30 am@church - all welcome
Catholic Schools Gathering	Friday 21 Mar	@Holy Cross
Otago Anniversary Day	Monday 24 Mar	No School - Enjoy the long weekend
BOT meeting	Monday 31 Mar	7:00 pm@school in staffroom
First Friday Mass	Friday 4 Apr	9:30 am@church - all welcome
Daylight Savings Ends	Saturday/Sunday 5/6 Apr	Turn your clocks back
Palm Sunday	Sunday 13 Apr	
Holy Week	Monday 14 - Thursday 17 Apr	Enjoy your holidays
Last day of term	Thursday 17 Apr	During School Holidays
Good Friday	Friday 18 Apr	During School Holidays
Easter Monday	Monday 22 Apr	During School Holidays
ANZAC Day	Friday 25 Apr	During School Holidays

Moving with the times



Please 'like' us on Facebook - we are using this for updated messages, events and happenings in and around school.

Our website is updated weekly with the newsletter and events and now even 'blogs'. The school now has a cellphone for text messages only!!! It's number is 021-028-53147.

Farewell Notice

We would like to extend best wishes to Tess Braithwaite who concludes her services as school cleaner with us from tomorrow. Tess came to our need on a voluntary basis during Doreen Fraser's illness and took the role on permanently soon after. We wish Tess and her family all the best in the future.



Sausage sizzle/Ice Block

Sausage Sizzle Order

Name _____

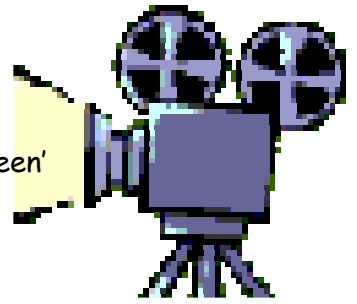
Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

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

MOVIE NIGHT - PTFA Thursday 13 Feb THIS THURSDAY NIGHT

BYO tea from 5:30 pm
Movie and Popcorn 6:00 pm in Room 1 on the 'Big Screen'
Approx finish time 7:30pm

Cup of tea and coffee for parents,
hope to see you all there for a fun evening



Sports Notices

Tee Ball in 2014



Coach Pania Paerata will be holding a team practice this Wednesday directly after school.

The first round of games is on Saturday February 15. Your Coach Panz will send out the draw via text.

Term 1 Sports Options

Last week we sent home a notice outlining sports options for Term 1. Children already involved in tee ball did not have to return this notice as we were already aware of their interests for this term. These notices were due back today and from the responses we are looking at what teams we can enter in certain competitions

Sports Uniforms

A number are still outstanding. The Sports teams will be issued with their uniforms this week - if they have one that hasn't been returned, they won't be sent home with one.

There is a hire fee charge of \$5 to your school account. If they get lost or ruined there will be a full replacement fee.

Swimming at Wakari Pool

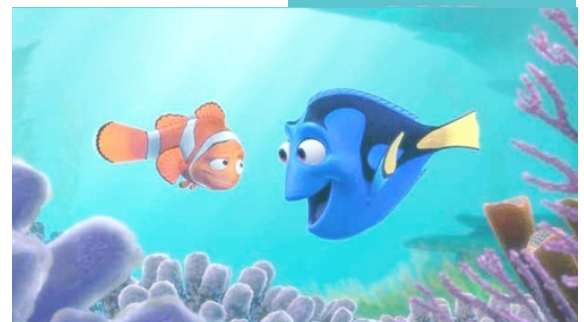
As part of our Term 1 Health & PE programme we have organised for some survival skills/ water safety sessions at Wakari Pool next week on a daily basis. We have the pool booked for an hour from 1:30 till 2:30 pm and intend to leave school daily by 1:10pm. We will be implementing water safety and survival skills from the Water Safety NZ manual

Walking to Wakari Pool

Please write your name and dates available to help with walking to, from and changing the children. And return to school by Thursday.

Name _____

I can help on _____ days



Update from Room 2!

We have created a 'Deed of the Day' tree for our wall. On the leaves we have written about ways we can protect our environment.

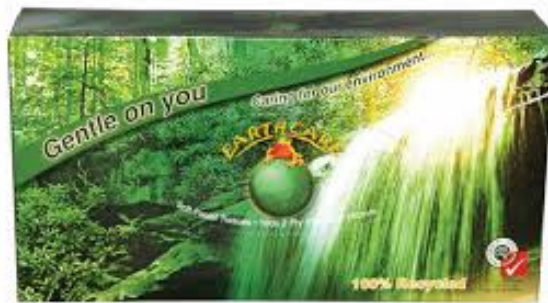
"Stop littering gladwrap because animals can die when they eat it, thinking it is food" by Vili

"We must stop littering. We have to keep our rivers clean." by Madison

By creating this tree and caring for our environment, the kind people at EARTHCARE are providing our school with 96 boxes of tissues every winter!



A big thank you from us all at St Mary's.



SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES For Primary School Children (www.smmcotago.com)

- A wide variety of instruments to choose from.
 - Approx one hour lessons.
 - \$80 for the entire year for most classes.
 - Instruments available for affordable hire.
 - Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2nd year players to advanced level.
- A variety class especially designed for young children: "Let's Make Music".

CENTRES

- George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).
- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school)
- Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)



ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2014

Saturday 8th February at George St Normal School Hall, or Bathgate Park School Foyer, 9:30am -11:00am. (Elmgrove School Wednesday, 12th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm) Late enrolments will be accepted throughout February.

Enquiries to Co-ordinator: phone 4772296