



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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

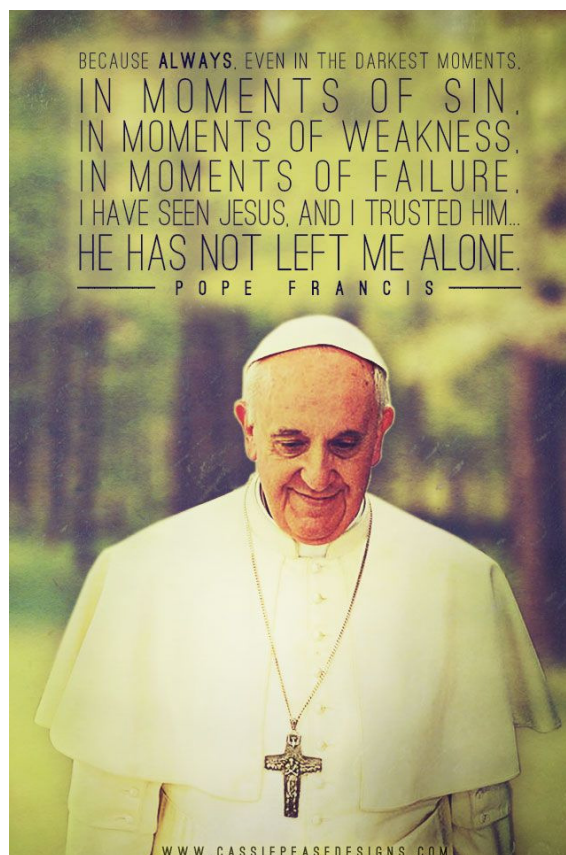
Wednesday 19 February 2014

As we are at week 4 of our term now we are all starting to settle into our routines in class and around school. Part of the process of a new school year is creating a positive classroom culture and setting up expectations around how we treat each other and how we want to be treated at school.

We have sent home a code of conduct for children participating in sports teams.

Next week we will send home with our newsletter a copy of our school rules, showing the behaviours we promote.

He Koni Ra *Richard Duffy*



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

Catholic Education Review Team 2013



Dates for your Diaries

Survival Water Skills Week
 Burning of the Palms Liturgy
 Ash Wednesday Mass
 First Friday Mass
 Catholic Schools Gathering
 Otago Anniversary Day
 BOT meeting
 First Friday Mass
 Daylight Savings Ends
 Palm Sunday
 Holy Week
 Last day of term
 Good Friday
 Easter Monday
 ANZAC Day

Wednesday 19 - Tuesday 25 Feb
 Tuesday 4 Mar
 Wednesday 5 Mar
 Friday 7 Mar
 Friday 21 Mar
 Monday 24 Mar
 Monday 31 Mar
 Friday 4 Apr
 Saturday/Sunday 5/6 Apr
 Sunday 13 Apr
 Monday 14 - Thursday 17 Apr
 Thursday 17 Apr
 Friday 18 Apr
 Monday 22 Apr
 Friday 25 Apr

1:30 - 2:30 pm@Wakari Pool,
 @School
 11:00 am@Little Sisters
 9:30 am@church - all welcome
 @Holy Cross
 Mo School - Enjoy the long weekend
 7:00 pm@school in staffroom
 9:30 am@church - all welcome
 Turn your clocks back

Enjoy your holidays
 During School Holidays
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Alter Servers

Please check with the Parish Bulletin this week to see if you are on.

Help Please

Due to computer gremlins and technical difficulty I have lost all contacts and past emails. So if you would like to receive a copy of our newsletter each week, please email me secretary@st-marys.school.nz and I can add you to the list. Also if you have emailed me anything since the start of the year, would you be so kind and resend it if it was important - Thanks Jacquie



Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to Thelma Collis who is joining us in the role of Cleaner at school. We are very pleased to have Thelma working with us and part of our team.

Tutor Reading.

The school runs a tutor reading programme to support the development of reading for some of the children in our school. We have a slot open on Tuesday for a member of our school community to come along at some time during the day that suits them and hear children read as well as using a few prompts to aid their progress. If you may be interested could you please contact a staff member for more information.



Bereavement Notice

We extend our condolences to Judy Sorensen and family upon the recent death of Judy's father. Our prayers and thoughts are with Judy, Mick, Dakota and their wider family at this time.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Block

Sausage Sizzle Order

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

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



Religious Education



This week in our RE classes we are beginning the 'Jesus Strand'.

Year 0-2 "Jesus - His only Son, our Lord."

This strand is about how Jesus showed love and respect for people in different ways, and also how the Bible is the Church's special book.

Year 3-4 "Jesus came to show people how to live and lead them to God."

This strand is about how Jesus invites us all to share in his life and to carry on his mission of creating the Kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven.

Year 5-6 "Jesus - The fullness of God's revelation."

This strand is about how Jesus is the Son of God and how he invites us all to turn away from sin and lead a life filled with faith, hope and love.

During the term there will be home activities to be shared with you, and completed. We kindly ask that books be returned to school promptly as they are needed for classwork also. Thank you.

Sports Notices - Tee Ball Tigers

What a wet start to our first game this year, it was eventually rained off.

Thanks to all our supporters for staying with us in the rain.

Well done to our 3 new players—Christian, Kiera and La Charna for a great first game. La Charna was named player of the day - well done

Practice as usual is on Wednesdays after school - kids to save a snack to have before practice starts.

Have a great week everyone, *Coach Panz*



Touch

We have enrolled a Year 4-6 Touch team in the Dunedin School's Junior Touch competition held at the Princess St Oval and a Year 2-4 cricket team in a Dunedin school's competition. Touch begins tomorrow night. Draw St Mary's Maroon vs. Abbots 4 Field 9@4:15 pm

Code of Conduct

We have created a code of conduct for children representing our school in sports this year. We want our children to represent our school with pride and act in a manner that we will all feel proud of and promote the concept of fair play. Could you please take time to discuss the guidelines of this code of conduct with your child/ren before having them (and yourself) sign it and return to school. We have sent copies with each of our children as they will all more than likely represent school in a sport at some stage during the year

Swimming at Wakari Pool

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, this week (and starting today and ending next Tuesday for 5 sessions) we are involved in survival skills/ water safety sessions at Wakari Pool each day from 1:30 till 2:30pm. We leave school daily at 1:10pm and welcome parents to join us at any stage during the remainder of the week. Apologies for the miscommunication between Wakari School and ourselves over what days we were swimming.



What's happening in Room 2?



We did some wonderful writing about the heavy rain we had last week.

The rain was slippery. There were grey clouds in the sky.

By Ethan

We are splashing in the puddles, and the raindrops are splashing on my uniform.

By Lily H

I had my umbrella. The rain was loud. It felt like a wave. The court was wet and it was slippery.

By Bronwyn

Today I drove to school in the rain. I had an umbrella. The clouds were grey. The umbrella was protecting me. The class was warm. At morning tea the rain stopped. The sun came out, but it was still a bit windy.

By Christian.

Earthcare Promotion

As part of a promotion aimed at looking after our environment our Room 2 children created a poster outlining everyday things we can all do to help protect our environment. In response to this ABC Tissue Products NZ Ltd who manufacture Earthcare environmentally friendly tissues donated 96 boxes of tissues made from recyclable paper; there will be no excuses for runny noses around our school this year.



Goal setting interviews

On Tuesday February 27 (next Thursday) from 3pm we are holding goal setting interviews at school. Children will bring home individual goal sheets outlining learning goals for the term and if you wish to meet with us at school to discuss aspects of these goals please fill in and return the slip below by Friday.

Name

Child/ren's name/s

Time that suits

We will do our best to get you the time or as close to it as we can.