Dear Parents/Caregivers,

11 June 2013

Our term is whizzing by as we noticed at our staff meeting last night when we had a look at the term noticeboard and some of the events and learning activities coming up. It has been a very busy term and now that we are getting to the short end of the year (in terms of length of days) we are aware of the colds, fever and general influenza that we all can come down with. We are very thankful for our door closers which make sure that we are able to keep the heat in our classrooms (only problem is at the moment we are having the odd problem at times getting our classrooms warm enough!!).

I have mentioned our Catholic Special Character report which we are all very proud of and are including an observation of Paul Ferris and Father Aiden Cunningham as I feel it reflects the atmosphere of our school community beautifully.

“This is a well cared for school with countless examples of art and student work that reflect the Catholic life lived in the school. The school is to be congratulated on the richness of this work. Relationships are warm, assuring and respectful. This is a "family" rather than an institution. There is a culture of inclusion. Staff and students genuinely value each other.

The reviewers were mindful of the work of the long serving cleaner who has served the school so well for many years. As her health deteriorates she has seen this work as important and special. Her commitment and care of the school is recognised as a gift to the community.”

It was nice of them to recognise the work of Doreen Fraser in our school over the years and her commitment to St Mary's Kaikorai School.

We encourage you to view the whole report is available on our webpage and can be located on our home page. We also have a hard copy at school for your reference.

Warm Regards to you all

Richard Duffy
Name: _____________________ I would like to buy ________ tickets to the Wine and Cheese evening at Rhubarb.

Please find enclosed $ ______________________

Complete cut-off slip and put in envelope with payment, addressed to Holly Wilson

Cheese Rolls
Orders with payment are due in on Friday 14 June. Cheese Rolls will be made on Sunday 30 June at Balmacewen Intermediate school. Please keep this date free at some time during the day - someone from the PTFA will call you early next week to see if you are available to help on the day. There's lots of free parking; and plenty of space for the children to play. Many hands make light work :-)

Kids Jam Family Music Session
This, Sunday 16th June from 11am - 12.30 on the 4th floor Central Dunedin Library, there is an event named "Kids Jam". This is an acoustic library concert/workshop featuring 3 well-known, professional songwriting duos. It's aimed at young families, offering the opportunity to relax and enjoy the performances, make some new friends and bring instruments to jam along in mentored groups. A gold coin donation is asked for on entry.

St John's Parish (373 Highgate) Mini Fair
Saturday 29 June at 2 pm

Dates for your Diaries
Wine and Cheese evening Thursday 20 June 7 pm $30@Rubarb
BOT Meeting Monday 24 June
Cheese Roll making Sunday 30 June

Sausage sizzle/Milo's

Sausage Sizzle Order
Name _____________________________
Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _________________
Milo, with marshmallows $1 each ___________ (only 1 per child,)
Jesus Strand
This week in our Religious Education classes we begin our lessons about Jesus.
The focus for each class is:
Year 1-2: Jesus - My Friend
Year 3-4: Jesus gives himself in the Eucharist.
Year 5-6: The life of Jesus through the Scriptures

Sacramental Programme
Please also keep Dakoda, Aayliah-Paige and Victoria in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.
Sacrament of Baptism - Friday 5th July at 9.30am

Please keep Kata, Liana, Alyssa, Guinevere and Sarah in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday 6th July at 6pm.

Bags for Firewood
We have 7 bags of manuka bone dry wood and 3 bags of awesome quality kindling to sell. A few bits of kindling still have nails in them. They are $15 per bag (coal sized bag) and we are selling them for a fundraiser for our Tautuku camp.
Thanks, Summer & Angelique, Yr 6 Exec

Museum Trip
A big thank you to those parents who assisted us in transport to the museum for our hands on chemistry sessions last Wednesday.
We really enjoyed experimenting with different everyday chemicals and seeing what types of effects they had when mixed together.

Kavanagh College Year 5/6 Sports Morning at Edgar Centre – Transport Request
This Friday morning from 9am until around 12pm, our Year 5 & 6 children have the opportunity to attend a Catholic Sports morning at the Edgar Centre. This morning is run by Kavanagh College and is a great opportunity for our Year 5 & 6 children to meet with other senior primary children from other Catholic schools around Dunedin. Children need to be there at 8:50am and should be finished by 12pm.

If anyone is able to help with transport on this day that would be greatly appreciated. It is simply a case of dropping the children off and being there to collect them at 12. If you can help us on Friday, could you please let Jacque or myself know.

Miniball Draw
St Mary’s Magic vrs Opoho Magic; Court 3; 4:15pm

Water at School
We encourage our children to drink water at school. Younger children especially are having some difficulty manipulating the tap on the water fountain outside when they need a drink at times. We have a water filter in our corridor outside Room 2 and children have been using this for drinking directly from which is unhygienic and a health issue when they are wrapping their mouths directly around the spout.
We recommend that children have a water bottle at school for personal use. A pump type transparent bottle is suitable along with other water bottles from home.
I saw the white snow. I made a small snowball.
Sage made a big snowball!
*Ratana Kahukura*

I was asleep, then suddenly my Mum came to wake me up. I got a big fright! She said to me that the white snow is here and it is freezing outside. I jumped out of bed and looked out the window. I saw white snowflakes falling from the grey sky. I put on warm clothes and gumboots and raced outside to the freezing cold snow in the front yard.
*Janivah Moata’ane*

One early morning my sister woke me up because it was snowing. I slowly got out of bed and put on my pink puffy jacket with my pink boots, thick socks and a sweater. I stepped out into the cold and saw a fallen tree. It felt like I was in the freezer. I was shivering!
*April Gamao*

**News from Room 3**

We have been working hard on ways to solve addition and subtraction problems. We are learning how to rename numbers using tens and ones.
In writing we are continuing work on our writing goals. Some of us are working on writing in paragraphs, others are continuing on using strong verbs, correct punctuation and grammar. All this is helping us produce the best piece of writing we can do.

Last Wednesday we went on a trip...

**The Bottle**

I could feel the delicate soft sand as I entered the surface of the magic beach. As I heard the crashing waves in the magical distance. That amazing moment I saw a bottle fling out of the sparkling wave. I walked slowly to the bottle. I just looked at the bottle until a tiny piece of paper appeared in the distance of the bottle.

*Evelyn*

In the words of Pope Francis...

**Crossing the threshold of faith** is work performed with dignity and a vocation of service, with the self-denial of someone who in either case goes back to daily life to begin again without slackening, as though all that had already been done were just one step in the journey toward the kingdom, the fullness of life. It is the silent hope after the daily sowing, contemplating the fruit gathered and thanking the Lord because He is good and asking him not to abandon the work of his hands (Ps 138).