



# 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,**

**4 June 2013**

We hope you enjoyed Queen's Birthday weekend and managed to spend some family time together. I don't believe anyone in our school community was recognised in the Queen's honours list but that doesn't mean we don't do a lot in our own lives to help others around us!

We welcome back Miss McHardy today who recently completed a teaching posting with us from Dunedin University of Otago/College of Education. Room 3 really enjoyed Miss McHardy's presence in class and I extend an apology to her for misspelling her surname in a previous newsletter.

Today we have Peter Clinch joining us to share his knowledge of chemicals and how he uses chemicals in his day to day business. Peter has a degree in chemistry so his knowledge of chemicals will be very thorough. We thank him for giving up his time to share his knowledge with us.



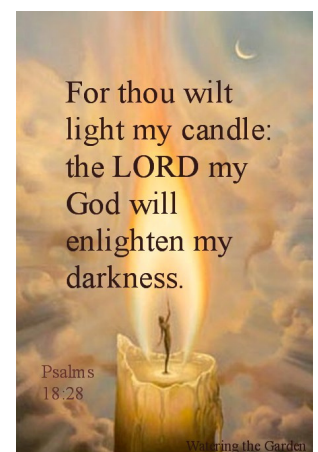
We extend a very warm welcome to Ratana Kahukura, his parents and younger brother to our school family. Ratana joined us last Wednesday. We enjoy welcoming new families into our school and wish Ratana happy school days with us.

As you are probably aware The Education Review Office completed a review of our school last week and a draft report will be submitted to the school in about 4 weeks. Discussions with the reviewers indicated that they were quite impressed with how the school was operating. Prior to that the Catholic Education reviewers completed their triennial review of our school. They were very impressed and Paul Ferris (lead reviewer) stated that St Mary's is "one of Dunedin's best kept secrets". Once the final copy of this review is available we will make it accessible through our webpage or in hard copy at school.

Everyone from our staff, Board of Trustees, PTFA, and parent community should feel very proud with how the Catholic review team praised the special character, tone and atmosphere of our school. Keeping secrets is quite a responsible thing to do in certain situations but in the interests of growing our school, we want to let it be known that we are a school that delivers high quality learning opportunities for our children and encourage our parents to share this information as well.

Tofaloa (Samoan farewell)

*Richard Duffy*





### Cheese Rolls

Cheese Rolls will be made on Sunday 30 June at Balmacewen Intermediate school. Please keep this date free at some time during the day. We would like to set up a roster of parents throughout the day. There's lots of free parking; and plenty of space for the children to play. *Many hands make light work.*

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



### Wood Raffle

Please return all money and cards ASAP. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, so all cards must be returned. Remember what is raised goes towards Room 3 camp at the end of the year.

### Dates for your Diaries

Wood Raffle Tickets and Money Back  
Museum Trip  
First Friday Mass  
Wine and Cheese evening  
BOT Meeting  
Cheese Roll making

Tuesday 4 June (Drawn Friday 7 June)  
Wednesday 5 June  
Friday 7 June  
Thursday 20 June 7 pm \$30@Rubarb  
Monday 24 June  
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,)



### Wine and Cheese evening at Rhubarb, Thursday 20 June at 7pm

Tickets are now on sale at \$30 a ticket. Lucky prize draw on the night to win a \$30 voucher from Rhubarb. This is a great opportunity for parents, caregivers and staff to get together socially. Feel free to ask friends along too.

If you would like tickets, please complete the slip and return with payment in an envelope addressed to **Holly Wilson**. Feel free to see Holly if you have any queries.

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**

# Special Character & Religious Education

## Prayer Module

This week in our Religious Education classes we are learning about Traditional and Devotional Prayer.

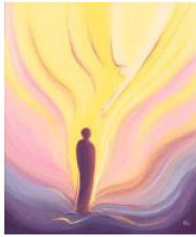
Year 1-2: Prayers and blessing handed down, including Hail Mary.

Year 3-4: Prayers, devotions, graces and blessings that have been handed down, including Benediction.

Year 5-6: Prayers in the Eucharist, praying before the Crucifix, and prayer gifts.



## Sacramental Programme



Please keep Kata, Liana, Alyssa, Guinevere and Sarah in your prayers as they begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please also keep Dakoda, Aayliah-Paige and Victoria in your prayers as they being to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

## Bags for Firewood

Last week we mentioned having bone dry manuka firewood for sale. We need old coal bags or large bags to put this firewood in, so that it can be sold to raise money for our end of year camp to Tautuku. If you have any bags of this size and do not need them, could you please bring them to school.

## Museum Trip.

Thanks to Mrs Tili for organising a visit to the Otago museum tomorrow as part of our chemical reactions context study.

As stated last in last weeks newsletter Room 3 will be leaving school at 9:10 am and leaving the museum to return to school by 11:15 am. Room 2 will leave school at 11:10 am and leave the museum at 1pm to return to school.

We are looking forward to our sessions at the museum being involved in the programme titled "Lotions and Potions".



# Room 2 - Our Learning this Week

We have been writing about all this rain we have been experiencing!

As the rain shimmered down on the roof it went drip, drop, drip, drop. I felt cold because the rain was like ice.

*Emily Buckingham*

The rain is spitting on the window. It is dripping down onto the ground. My car is getting wet too. We were warm inside!

*Dakoda Sorensen*

I woke up to a splash on the roof. I climbed out of bed and went to the back door. Just as I walked out, the cold, wet rain hit my face. Wet, watery raindrops made puddles when they hit the concrete ground. I felt cold but excited. I wanted to dance in the rain.

*Chloe Deerness*



## Room 3 News

**Room 3 have had a busy week. We have begun an addition and subtraction unit. We are learning efficient ways to solve equations. Last Wednesday we wrote about the breath taking snow.**

**In RE this week we begin a prayer module on traditional and devotional prayer.**

**With Mr Daffy we have been continuing to work on chemical reactions**

What I saw took my breath away ...

It was a snowy morning and it was pitch black. "I can't see anything", I said. When I opened the colourful curtains, it was all white. There was a tiny blizzard. It was breath taking and eye catching. It was amazing.

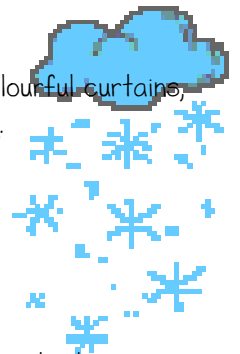
I zoomed to my Mum's room and jumped up and down waking my Mum up and yelling "It's snowing!"

My Mum was super surprised. She walked slowly to our huge living room and looked out the window. I ran to my room and took my enormous jacket and raced outside.

I threw snow balls at our window. In the afternoon Evelyn came over and asked if we wanted to go outside. We built three snowmen. That were dressed as a soldier. We also sled down the huge hill. It was getting freezing so we decide to go back inside.

It was a super duper winter.

*Alyssa Gamao*



In the words of Pope Francis...

**Crossing the threshold of faith** implies keeping our sense of wonder and a heart that has not lazily settled into a routine, but is capable of recognizing that every time a woman brings a child into this world she is logically betting on life and on the future, that when we protect the innocence of children we guarantee the truth of a tomorrow, and when we act as caregivers for an elderly person we perform an act of justice and cherish our roots.