Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 5 March 2014

As this newsletter is being finalised, we are off to Little Sister’s of the Poor chapel at St Joseph’s in Brockville to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass with residents.

Ash Wednesday recognises 40 days prior to Easter and is the beginning of Lent where we make efforts to give up some of the every day things we enjoy in our lives to recognise the sacrifice of Jesus during his life on Earth.

We enjoy sharing with our children daily discussions about Jesus and examples he gave in his life of forgiveness of others; the dignity and love he showed for all, regardless of who they were or their circumstances in life. What a wonderful example for us to aspire to in our own lives.

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Richard Duffy

St Mary’s Kaikorai is ‘Dunedin’s best kept secret!’
Dates for your Diaries

Ash Wednesday Mass
Assembly
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 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
11:00 am@Little Sisters
Room 1@2:30 pm, all welcome
@Holy Cross
No 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

This week are: - Soni & Semisi Taungapeau

Sports Notices - Tee Ball Tigers

Draw: St Narys Tigers vs Big Rock Rockets on Diamond 4@10 am.

Touch
At time of publication our Touch draw has not been received, however our game time as usual will be 4:15pm

Lost Pendant
Regrettably one of our senior children has lost a greenstone pendant given to her as a special gift from her aunty. We are very keen to locate and return this item and have had quite an extensive search at school. Could parents please have a quick check at home also as it may have mistakenly ended up in someones bag. Thank you.

Big Thank you
The staff and children would like to say a big thank you to all of those parents who baked and supplied food for our PTFA to provide morning tea for marshalls at the Weetbix Triathlon on Sunday.
A special mention must go to Holly for organising our efforts and Cynde and Guin & Kiera) for joining me on Sunday morning at Memorial Park in Nosgul to deliver the morning tea around the course.

Richard

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 & Special Character

Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. In our RE classes we have been focussing on Lent, in particular....

YO-2 Identifying Lent as a season when Christians try to live more like Jesus lived.
Y3-4 Recognising Lent as a season for turning back to God.
Y5-6 Recognising Lent as a time of spiritual growth and renewal in the risen life of Christ both for individuals and the Church community.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday. The ashes we receive on our forehead in the shape of a cross serve as an outward sign of our sinfulness and need for penance. The ashes also symbolise our mortality, a reminder that one day we will die and our bodies will return to dust.

Almsgiving is a big part of Lent, so this Friday could each family please bring a packet of biscuits, to which we will pass on to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Sacramental Programme

Please pray for Aayliah, Victoria, Chloe, Janivah, Xavier, Dakoda and April as they begin their preparation to receive reconciliation for the first time.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place after First Friday Mass on 4th April at 9.30am. Father Hercus will celebrate the Mass, and everyone is welcome to join these 7 children for reconciliation.
Room 2 and 3 have been working together to make beautiful Lenten Prayer stones to take home this Lent.

Purple is the colour that represents the preparation period before Easter.
We painted our stones different shades of purple.

We drew a simple sketch of Jesus' cross on the hill and wrote this quote on the back, "Father, I put my life in your hands." Luke 23:46

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**WAIKOUAITI SCHOOL SILVER TUSSOCK Motorbike TRAIL RIDE**

Sunday 23rd March 2014 (All proceeds to Waikouaiti School)

WHERE: Mountain Track Waikouaiti.
Signposted from Ramrock Rd and McGrath Rd State Highway 1, Waikouaiti

TRAIL: 2 main loops with expert sections signposted off main track.

BIKES: No registration or WOF required but BIKES must be mechanically safe and sound there will be no scrutineering. It is up to the rider to ensure that their bike is in safe mechanical riding order with sound brakes and tyres.

HELMETS: Compulsory

CLOTHING: Sturdy boots and warm wet weather gear essential

FUEL: Bring your own fuel. Refuelling will be in the carpark

FOOD: BBQ lunch provided for riders who pre-enter Additional BBQ lunch and refreshments available for purchase. Served from 11:00 – 2:00pm approx.

ENQUIRIES: Neville McGuigan 0274 854 763 or email silvertussock@gmail.com