



St Mary's School Kaikorai

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

12 March 2013

We are very proud of our gardens at school. It is wonderful for our children to be involved in the process of growing vegetables and participate in maintaining our large school area of garden. As mentioned previously, we have completed development of our Sacred Space and have a push mower that the children are able to use to keep this special area very tidy.

Again we must recognise the efforts of our wonderful volunteer staff Linda and David Hartstonge who do an amazing amount of work in our gardens and have the children work alongside them in learning the skills of gardening. Recently they took it upon themselves to fit garden implement hangers and refit shelving down in our basement. This resulted in a very tidy, more spacious and safe area for storing tools and other gardening equipment in the gardening section of our basement.

Recognising volunteers, we must acknowledge the superb job Sara Paulin continues to do in our school library, and has done so for a number of years now. Our library is such a tidy, fresh area of our school and we all enjoy going there for some quiet reading time. Adding further to the theme of volunteers and linked to the library, we must thank Adrian Tetlow who rebuilt one of our computers to replace the old library computer. Without Adrian's time and efforts the school would have a fair amount of cost in replacing this computer.

During this time of Lent it is interesting for us that the effects of drought are starting to become more obvious to all of us. The effect this is having upon animals in the North Island particularly is quite concerning and this can be paralleled to the effects drought and lack of water has for people in parts of Eastern Africa on a daily basis where drought and lack of rain is a daily phenomenon for these people.

Wishing you all a nice week.

Richard Duffy



Bike/ Scooter Riding at School



Just a friendly reminder that bikes, scooters etc are not to be ridden on the school grounds before and after school. Children are encouraged to push their bikes up and down the drive if they are bringing them to school. We are concerned with the possibility, particularly after school that someone (especially pre-school age) will be hit by a rider on our court.

In light of this we have decided to allow children who bring bikes/scooters etc to school (providing they bring a helmet) to ride them on a coned off area of the court each Friday. We see the physical benefits of this, and realise how much our children enjoy their riding and understand how good our court area is for riding. We will review this at a later date to see how successful it is proving.

School Production Costumes

With our school production coming close we are busy sourcing costumes for our wonderful performers. We are looking for 2 Holy Communion dresses to fit two 7 year old girls. If you have a white communion dress that we could borrow, could you please let Jacqui H or Richard know.



TBall

We had a very good win against Wakari on Saturday 21-19. Player of the day was Janivah for awesome fielding and great attitude - Well done!! Our last game of the season will be on March 23rd!!

Lost Property

It's full to overflowing, and the staff are struggling to get into the room. Please parents look through and take what belongs to your child. If items were named it would make things easier to return. THIS week these items will be washed, and donated to charity, please check through the box. It is located now in Room 1

Dates for your Diaries

Assembly	Friday 15 March - 2:30 pm
BOT meeting	Monday 18 March - 7:30 pm
Friday Mass followed by Reconciliation	Friday 22 March—9:30 am
Anniversary Day	Monday 25 March (No School)
Holy Week Liturgy	Tuesday 26 March - 9:00 am
Production Matinee	Tuesday 26 March - 10:00 am (Kaikorai Presbyterian Hall)
Production	Wednesday 27 March - 6:00 pm (Kaikorai Presbyterian Hall)
Easter	Friday 29 March Good Friday—Tuesday 2 April (No School)
First Friday Mass	Friday 5 April - 9:30 am
Annunciation Liturgy	Monday 8 April - 9:00 am
Assembly	Friday 12 April - 2:30 pm
Last day of term one	Friday 19 April



Sausage sizzle/Ice Block



Sausage Sizzle Order

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

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

Alyssa, Liana, Kata, Will and Sarah
will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation
for the first time next Friday.

Please keep them in your prayers as
they prepare for this special occasion.



Room 3 News



In our class we have been very busy with getting ready for our production. Each day we have been joining with Room 2 to practice our singing. Today we are having auditions for some other singing parts.

We have been writing Easter poems. These are a diamante format. You are welcome to come and view these in our classroom .

In RE we have started the God strand and have been looking at covenants. We have explored the story in Genesis about Abraham and Sarah and the covenant that God made with them. We also have looked at how God called Mary to be Jesus mother.

Room 2's Descriptive Sentences

As the aeroplane raced down the long runway I got goosebumps. We were floating in the blue sparkly sky. I could see my Nana out of the window as we landed with a bump.

Chloe Deerness



The plane went speeding up to the sky. It was flying over the clouds. When it landed it was bumpy.

Vili Moata'ane

The shiny plane zoomed up the zippy runway. I saw the blazing sunset through the window. The plane zipped down runway again as we landed.

April Gamao

PTFA Easter Raffle

Our major fundraiser for this term will be our annual Easter Hamper raffle which will be drawn at the School Production on Wednesday 27 March.

We will be having three 'bringing weeks' and would appreciate a donation from every family in each of these weeks, or all three items can be brought into school at once.



Week beginning **4 March:** **Grocery item** – packets, cans, cleaning product, health & beauty ...

Week beginning **11 March:** **Bottle-** sauce, marinade, non- alcoholic drink ...

Week beginning **18 March:** **Sweets** – Easter eggs, chocolate, boiled sweets, biscuits ...

Raffle cards went home with the eldest child in each family last week. If you didn't receive yours, please contact Bernadette Rietveld or Cara Duffy. There are more cards in the office should you want them.

***Please return all cards and money in the plastic bags provided
by Thurs 21 March.***

Healthy Snippet

Bedtime and Sleep

Children need a good night's sleep so that they have enough energy for the next day's activities. Sleep is important for our brains as well as our bodies. Children cannot fight colds and viruses when they are tired.

Children may not be a good judge of how much sleep they need, as they may not recognise they are tired. Children of primary school age may require 11 or 12 hours sleep. Suggested bedtimes for 5 to 11 year olds are 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Generally 12 year olds need only 10 hours. A good bedtime routine will help.

Tips for Healthy Smile and Teeth

It's easy to protect your family's smile - enrol your child with The Community Oral Health Service from birth.

Brush teeth and gums twice a day with fluoride toothpaste (especially last thing at night before bed).

Encourage your child to spit the toothpaste out and not to rinse the mouth.

An adult should assist with brushing until they are eight or nine years old.

Choose healthy, tooth friendly drinks and snacks such as dairy products, unsalted popcorn, fruits and vegetables.

Give teeth a rest from sugary, sticky foods and soft drinks.

Drink milk and water.

Lift the lip every month and check your child's teeth and gums.

For Oral Health advice, contact a Registered Dental Therapist. Phone 0800 TALKTEETH (0800 825 583) or visit www.letstalkteeth.co.nz

The Public Health Nurse for our School is: LAURIE MAHONEY
Contact details are: Laurie.Mahoney@southerndhb.govt.nz

Hear Ye Hear Ye

Let it be known that in the year of our Lord 2013
St Mary's Kaikorai School will be
celebrating 100 years

To honour this auspicious occasion the children
have been preparing a production and would like to
invite the community to attend.

Tuesday 26 March 10 am or
Wednesday 27 March 6 pm

This will be held in the
Kaikorai Presbyterian Hall on Taieri Rd

Gold coin entry

Come One, Come All