Dear Parents/Caregivers,  

19 March 2013

I think we’ve all enjoyed the rain and the benefits it has brought to our gardens. It’s not very often beautiful Dunedin browns off as much as it does.

One of our children had a relatively minor collision with a car backing out of a drive on the way home from school last week so we do stress the importance of reminding our children about vehicles and how we need to be wary of them when riding.

This child is a very safe and conscientious rider as well so it is timely that we have Senior Constable Jeanette Parcelle coming for a road safety sessions later this term.

Thursday of this week is International Race Relations Day and we will be having some discussions around what this means for our school. In terms of our school family we have a broad range of cultural identities and/or nationalities in our school which adds to the special flavour and character of our school community.

Happy International Race Relations Day for Thursday,

Richard Duffy
Bike/ Scooter Riding at School
Our Friday lunchtime bike and scooter riding was quite successful on Friday and we are happy to give our children the opportunity this week to partake in this again. One or two children were a bit disappointed that they didn't bring anything to ride but we were very impressed with the sharing that went on.

School Production Costumes
Our Production-“St Mary’s 100 Years on the Hill” is coming on nicely. Our Tuesday (next Tuesday) performance is at 10am. Depending on their role, most of our children have costumes provided but for those who are bringing clothing for their role we want to have a dress rehearsal this Thursday. If you have any concerns could you please let one of our staff know.

TBall
We played against Mornington on Saturday, and a fantastic team effort saw our kids make an awesome come back from being 6 runs behind to draw the game 26-26. Player of the day was Summer Paulin for good consistent play. Special mention to Vili for taking 4 brilliant catches in one innings!!! Well done St Mary’s Tigers.

Library
It is NZ Book Month. Children have been given $5 book vouchers that can be used for any book purchase of $10 or more - most book shops in NZ will accept the vouchers throughout March.

Dates for your Diaries
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 this Friday (22 March at 9.30am)

Please join us for a Friday Mass followed Reconciliation led by Father David. Everyone is welcome to receive Reconciliation.

100 years on the Hill
Kaikorai Presbyterian Hall
Tuesday 26 March at 10 am & Wednesday 27 March at 6 pm
Gold coin entry

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 …

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.
Room 3 News

We have been very busy preparing for our production. Our singing is sounding great as we’ve been practicing most days with Room 2. Today we are going down to the hall to practice on the stage which is very exciting.

We are so proud of Victoria who competed in the National Marching championships held at Forsyth Barr last week. She has achieved great results. Well done Victoria.

In RE we have been learning about covenants that God has made with Sarah and Abraham, and Moses. We also have covenants today, such as our school treaty.

We have started some watercolour Easter art work.

Victoria Fisk ... National Marching competitions

Victoria competed in the qualified day held on Friday the 15th March. Her team, Onyx Militars, got through to the Plate competition (for display work) and championships for plan work. Her results were amazing!!!!
For Display her team won the competition and for the Championship

Room 2 Report

In Room 2 on a Friday we have Discovery Time. We are lucky enough to be joined by transition friends; Lily, Bronwyn, Sophie, Ethan and Ratana. Lily is going to be joining our class very soon!

There are always lots of exciting activities and we get to choose when we want to do them. We are learning about “Relating to Others”, we show this by using our manners, sharing, taking turns, speaking kindly to each other and including everyone, especially the transition kids.