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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

5 March 2013

As mentioned, from yesterday Mrs Michelle Tili began with us at St Mary's Kaikorai teaching afternoons in Room 2. We warmly welcome Michelle to our school community and look forward to benefiting from the many skills she will bring to us.

In farewelling Mrs Barnett on Friday afternoon she commented on the warm family atmosphere we have at our school. We should all feel very proud of this perception of our school community. It has been nice to see new children (and some siblings of ex pupils) attending our Room 2 Discovery programme with Mrs Deerness, Linda and Deanne on Friday mornings. They incorporate some really stimulating activities in these sessions. Please feel free to mention this programme to any pre-school families you may know, there is no obligation to attend our school but we like to give people the opportunity to experience our school.

Again, thank you on behalf of the staff to those parents who support us in various ways, whether it involve fundraising events, helping with transport, sports teams or Friday lunches etc, we really value what you do.

Tofa soifua

Richard Duffy

Above All, by Michael W Smith

*Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here, before the world began*

*Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what you're worth*

*Crucified, laid behind a stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all*



School Production

We mentioned last week that we are looking for some ex Catholic primary school uniforms from the late 1950's to 1970's for our school production coming up late this month (Tuesday March 26 and Wednesday March 27).

We are looking for around 6 gym frocks (as they were known) which were worn from around the late 1950's to 1970's). They were black pinafore style with box pleats and a white shirt was worn underneath. We're also looking for around 6 ties. The colour of these was a black and white intertwined. If you are able to help in any way with these items, could you please let Jacqui Hammer or Richard Duffy know.

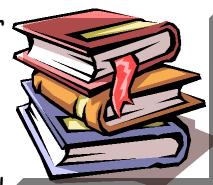


TBall

Our team won by default, but we still played on and won 24-22. Player of the day was Will Marsh. Great fielding efforts from the whole team, awesome. We have 3 more games till the season ends.

Library

Children have Library day on Fridays. Parents please help your children to remember to bring their library books back, so they can get new ones!! Thank you for your support in this.



Lost Property

The lost property is kept in the staff toilet, opposite the staffroom. 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. Next week these items will be washed, and donated to charity.

Dates for your Diaries

Walk and Wheel Week	Monday 4 March - Friday 8 March - Walking day is tomorrow, please everyone to walk or wheel some of the way to school, if you possibly can.
Vision/Hearing	Monday 11 March - 10 am
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

As a going away present Mrs Barnett brought all the children iceblocks last Friday. So those children that order 1 last week, their orders will be credited to this week.

Sausage Sizzle Order

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

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



In class have just finished our Caritas lessons which ran alongside our Lent programme.



Lent is a period of preparation for Easter—a time of prayer, fasting and donating money to the poor. Thank you to our community for supporting Wheels Day, we raised just on \$30. A marvellous effort!! During this season we remember that Christ calls us as members of a worldwide community.

The focus for the schools programme this year are 2 Caritas partnerships in Oceania – Tonga and Papua New Guinea. Through the lessons children will be encouraged to understand how they can play their part to build and strengthen communities outside New Zealand.

Room 3 News

We have been picking stories and looking at characters actions from a reading list we have with our learning being on how characters relate to each other.

In writing we have been developing our vocabulary skills to use better verbs and adjectives when writing. In Maths we have been focussing on basic facts, and developing ways to learn these and different ways to involve parents help at home.

Our goal setting interviews were good because we could talk to our parents about our goals for the term at school and how they may be able to help us at home

We are putting time into preparing for our production now and are learning a dance and beginning to work on our acting and singing parts. It's getting quite busy

Room 2 Descriptive Sentences

My cake was round, it had a delicious chocolate icing on top. It was yummy!

Launga Muasika

My cake was green. The icing was green as well. It was yummy, so yummy that I forgot to do my homework! It smelled so yummy.

Jayden van der Hilst

When I walked in the door I smelled the cake. I was surprised! It looked like Ben 10.

Zachary Clinch

My cake was special because it was green with a dinosaur on top!

Caitlin Braithwaite



PTFA News

We met on Thursday for the first committee meeting of the year and came up with some pretty good ideas for fundraisers and social events. Keep a look out in the newsletter for those.

Remember: All funds that we raise go back to the school to benefit all of our children. We need, and appreciate the support of all our families.

Weetbix Triathlon

Thank you to the families who provided baked goods for the Weetbix Triathlon last weekend. A huge thanks also to Estelle Peyroux, Holly Wilson and Sara Paulin who between the three of them (and their families J) managed to distribute morning teas to 120 marshals. Thanks heaps!

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.

Week beginning	4 March:	Grocery item – packets, cans, cleaning product, health & beauty...
Week beginning	11 March:	Bottle- sauce, marinade, wine, non- alcoholic drink ...
Week beginning	18 March:	Sweets – Easter eggs, chocolate, boiled sweets, biscuits ...



Raffle cards have gone home with the eldest child in each family today. 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

We have had an outbreak of Scabies in our school, so please check your children closely.

The Public Health Nurse for our School is: LAURIE MAHONEY

Contact details are: Laurie.Mahoney@southernhb.govt.nz

Scabies

Description

Scabies is a parasitic disease of the skin caused by mites. The mites burrow into the skin and lay their eggs. The burrowing causes lesions on the skin.

Signs and symptoms

The scabies lesions are commonly found between the fingers and on the front of wrists and elbows. They may also be found in the skin folds of the armpits, waist, thighs and buttocks. In infants they may be found on the head, neck, the palms of the hands and soles of the feet, but this area is usually spared in adults.

It can be difficult to diagnose scabies because the skin lesions caused by the burrowing mite can vary. They may appear as raised lumps with or without fluid in them, or sometimes as 'tracks' 10 mm long. Scratching may make the skin appear to have a reddened rash. Itching is intense, especially at night.

Time between exposure and sickness

The onset of itching will take 2-6 weeks in people who have not been infected before, but only 1-4 days in people who have been infected previously.

Infectious period

Scabies remains infectious until the mites and eggs are destroyed by treatment.

Source of infection

The mites are spread by direct prolonged skin to skin contact with an infected person, i.e. holding hands, or other intimate contact. Transmission from clothing and bedclothes is rare and only occurs if these have been contaminated by an infected person immediately beforehand.

Parents' or caregivers' responsibilities

- Take your child to the doctor.
- Keep your child at home until their treatment is finished.
- Inform the child's teacher/caregiver.
- If an animal has mites (mange) it is important for the vet to diagnose the type to ensure it is not sarcoptes (the mite that causes scabies in humans). The mite that causes mange in animals can live on humans but does not reproduce on them.

Treatment

Your doctor will confirm the disease and prescribe an insecticidal solution to kill the mites and eggs. The doctor can also prescribe an ointment to reduce the itching, which can be slow to stop. It usually takes about three weeks.

Home treatment

- Treat all family members and other close contacts, i.e., people who have had skin to skin contact, at the same time.
- Follow the instructions on the prescribed lotion carefully.
- Wash all clothes, towels and bed linen in hot water after the treatment.