Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Yesterday we had a brief powhiri and liturgy to welcome Mr Paul Ferris and Father Aiden Cunningham to our school. As mentioned last week we are carrying out a review of how Special Character education is delivered in our school.

With our Special Character education being the foundation learning of our school we are interested to see how Paul and Father Aiden feel it is being integrated into our programme at school. I am confident in stating that our staff are passionate about and experienced in the teaching of Catholic character education. We strive to incorporate Christian values into all we do both in class and around our playground environments.

As part of any review we recognise there will be recommendations we can consider to further improve what we do, but are confident that our current practices give our children a sound recognition of God and a basis for their own spiritual journey in life.

Our mini ball team began its last Thursday at the Edgar Centre and we wish our hockey team well for their first game this Wednesday. Thanks to Estelle Peyroux for her commitment to the coaching of this team.

Tofa

Richard Duffy
Contextual Learning/Room 3 Camp Meeting  TONIGHT!!
Tonight ideas around our contextual learning will be presented to parents with an opportunity to ask any questions about how it is hoped this type of learning programme will work and what it will hopefully achieve. All parents are invited to this part of the meeting.

This will be followed by a brief camp meeting looking at possible fundraising options for our camp to Tautuku. We hope all parents of Room 3 children can attend this meeting so that we can make some decisions on fundraising for camp.

Parent Tutoring
Are you able to spare an hour a week on a Tuesday to hear children read?
If so please contact Jacqui Hammer

Working Bee
On Saturday May 25 from 1pm we're having a working bee here at school to deal with a few wee tidy up projects. If you are able to come along for an hour or two that would be most helpful. If you have a wheel barrow and could bring that along it would be great.
Remember … "Many hands make light work"

Dates for your Diaries
Catholic Special Character Review team Monday 13 May—Wednesday 15 May
BOT Nominations close Thursday 16 May
BOT meeting Monday 20 May
BOT voting starts Tuesday 21 May
Working Bee Saturday 25 May
Education Review Team Monday 27 May—Wednesday 29 May
BOT voting closes Thursday 30 May
Queen's Birthday Monday 3 June (no school)

Sausage Sizzle/Milo’s

Sausage Sizzle Order
Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _________________

Milo, with marshmallows $1 each ___________ (only 1 per child,)

Sausage Sizzle Roster.
Our Friday lunch option has been a real success and is well supported by our parent community. We again require parents of our school to assist with the cooking of sausages. If you are able to carry out the cooking one Friday this term it would be most appreciated. The cooking needs to begin around 12:10 and it is usually completed by 12:45.

I am able to assist with the cooking of sausages this term

Name: ______________________________
Family/Parish Mass
Thank you to those children and families who joined us in celebrating Mothers Day last Saturday. Our singing, once again, was praised by parishioners.
A reminder that these Family/Parish Masses are once a term and are a special school event, if you are not able to attend in the future, could you please send a note to school with your child or ring the office in advance.

Pentecost Sunday (19th May)
This week in our RE lessons children will be learning about the Feast of Pentecost. We celebrate it as the birthday of the Church as this was the day that the Holy Spirit began to work among the community of the disciples.
Please join us for a liturgy this Friday at 2.45pm to celebrate Pentecost as a school.

A reminder that there is no Saturday night mass at St Mary’s or St Francis Xavier this week. There is a combined Pentecost mass at Brockville on Sunday at 11 am.

Parent Teachers/Friends Association
A big thanks to you all for supporting our Easter Raffle. We raised $698 from this fundraiser. We hope the winners were happy with their prizes:

1st Prize Moata’ane Family  
2nd Prize Evelyn Wilson  
3rd Prize Tracy Corbett

We are running two fundraisers this term:

A Wine and Cheese Evening at Rhubarb: We are hoping to book this for the 20th June to mark the shortest day of the year. Tickets will be $30 each from which the school will receive $15. This promises to be a great, social evening, so please mark it down in your diaries.

Cheese Rolls: These will be made on Sunday 30 June with a delivery date of 1 July.

More information on both these fundraisers next week.

St Marys Kaikorai School Board of Trustees Election
Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees. A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on Tuesday 16 May 2013 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate’s statement. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates’ names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. The poll closes at noon on 30 May 2013.

Signed JE Tetlow, Returning Officer

To date we only have 3 nominations for 5 vacancies, so please think about it and nominate someone today.
Room 3 News

In Room 3, we have welcomed Miss Lucy McHardy to our Class. She is with us for the next few weeks, We are sure she will enjoy her time with us.

Last week, we have been looking at what makes a ‘good’ sentence. We have written a piece of writing about autumn. Please come and read these in our class.

As I looked up at the big orange maple trees towering over me I heard the soft "tink" of the leaves slowly parachuting down to the soft green grass. Then, I walked on admiring the fiery Coloured leaves and staring at colourful but sad looking leaves in the slushy, wet gutters. It seemed to me that the evergreen trees looked jealous of the brighter maples and as I still walked on the brighter trees turned into stick figures.

Summer

I saw the brown leaves on the ground, they were as magnificent as sparkling water. The trees were swaying with the gentle wind. The leaves were flying in the air like birds. The wind blew on my face delicately. There were three colourful leaf piles just standing still, waiting for someone to jump on them. The colours amazed me so I went and jumped on them like a hippo jumping on water. It was an amazing autumn.

Alyssa

In the words of Pope Francis...

Crossing the threshold of faith means not being ashamed to have the heart of a child who, because he/she still believes in impossible things, can live in hope—the one thing that is capable of giving meaning and transforming history. To ask for it without ceasing, to pray without fainting and to adore so as be transfigured by what we contemplate.