



St Mary's Kaikorai School

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

21 May 2013



From Monday we welcome Alan Tutbury from the Education Review Office who will be conducting a review of our school. We look forward to Alan and the review team coming in to our school as we feel we can show them a number of approaches we have to the learning of your child/ren that provide them with meaningful and stimulating learning experiences, as well as a solid learning programme in the essential areas of Literacy and Mathematics.

It was nice to see the lovely photo of 5 of our children in role performing during our production last term in the Star mid weeker. They looked fantastic in costume and the photo probably illustrated the quality of the whole performance nicely.

We look forward tomorrow to celebrating national Catholic Schools day and having a small liturgy followed by a shared lunch together. We strive through our special character to create a caring, warm school environment and it is nice to recognise our special character throughout New Zealand once a year.

Richard Duffy

Working Bee



This Saturday from 1pm we are 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. If the weather prevents us from our outside jobs, we're hoping to have a bit of a tidy up down in the dungeon.

Dunedin Ice Skating

This Sunday from 10am until 2pm there is an open session at the Dunedin Ice Stadium on Victoria Rd. Admission is free and there will be demonstrations and give-aways.

Friday Bikes at School

We are happy for our children still to bring bikes and scooters to school on Friday's. It is essential for any children bringing a bike or scooter to be wearing a helmet.

Wood Raffle

Raffle cards were sent home yesterday, please get these sold and returned to school. There are more cards available in the office. Profits from this fundraiser will go towards the costs of camp.

Retirement Of Doreen Fraser.

The staff are saddened by Doreen Fraser's announcement that she is effectively retiring from her position with us from this Thursday. She has cited health issues as the overriding factor in her decision to retire.

Doreen began working with us in 1979 and has been an amazing employee in our school. Her dedication and commitment to maintaining a very high standard of presentation and cleanliness in our school buildings has been exceptional and reflects the type of person that she is.

We are hoping that Doreen may be able to join us at times for different events in school and that she may even help with our Discovery programme at times.

We will be holding a farewell for Doreen sometime shortly when convenient to her and we all wish her well in the future.

Dates for your Diaries

Working Bee

Queen's Birthday

Wood Raffle Tickets and Money Back

Wine and Cheese evening

BOT Meeting

Cheese Roll making

Saturday 25 May

Monday 3 June (no school)

Tuesday 4 June (Drawn Friday 7 June)

Thursday 20 June 7 pm \$30@Rubarb

Monday 24 June

Sunday 30 June



Sausage sizzle/Milo's



Sausage Sizzle Order

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

Milo, with marshmallows \$1 each _____ (only 1 per child.)

Special Character & Religious Education

Catholic Schools Day (Tomorrow - 22 May)

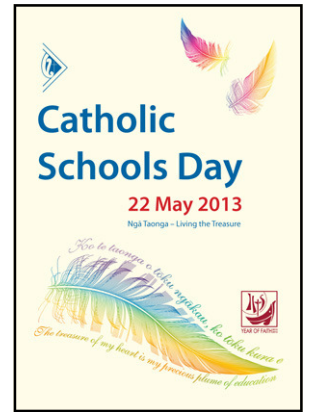
We are going to celebrate being part of the Catholic community this Wednesday.

Part of this will include a shared prayer at 12.15pm

followed by a shared lunch from 12.30-1.30pm.

All families are very welcome! We would love our parent and parish community to join us.

A reminder for all children to please bring a plate to school tomorrow. Thank you.



St Marys Kaikorai School Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare: Asela Moata'ane, Pania Paerata, Ian Paulin, Nick Sorensen, Holly Wilson duly elected.

Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare: Rachael Deerness duly elected:

Signed JE Tetlow, Returning Officer



A round of applause ...

to those parents stepping down from the BOT. Hilary Henderson who has been on the BOT for 2 and half terms, she has been the financial brain behind the team. She continued on after her son Carl went to Kavanagh 4 years ago. Mary Spiers who has been on the BOT for 2 terms her daughter Grace and Meg are both now at Kavanagh Mary was our health and safety lady, that has make our school responsible for sensible and healthy eating and keeping us safe at play. We also say goodbye and a huge thank you to Tracey Corbett, she was a wealth of information in the areas of education and promotion of the school. Tracey was co-opted when we had a parent vacancy and was then elected for a term on the BOT.

We are excited to have 3 new faces joining the BOT and look forward to see what the future holds. Our next BOT meeting is the Monday 24th June at 7:30 pm in the Staffroom.

Situations Vacant

With the retirement of our beloved cleaner, we are looking for someone special to fill her shoes.

It involves cleaning toilets and the day to day of keeping the school clean and tidy.

It would involve approximately 7 hours of work a week. If this sounds like something you could do, please send in your CV with a covering letter to Office Administrator by Thursday 30 May.



Room 2 - Our Learning this Week

Read our writing about Pentecost!



There was a big wind in the room. It was the Holy Spirit.
Sophie Deerness

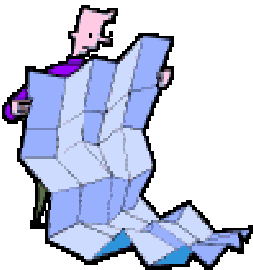
The people were gathered in one room. A big strong wind raced into the room. They were all scared because there were flames above their heads. They knew that the Holy Spirit had come. Now they were happy.

Xavier Peyroux

The disciples were gathered in a small room. Suddenly a gust of wind raced through the windows. The red flames were on their heads. It was the Holy Spirit.

Zachary Clinch

Room 3 News



In Maths we have been looking following directions and how to read maps. For our topic of Chemical Reactions we all carried out small experiments on Friday to show a chemical reaction. We are now planning how we might be able to create something that might move or is used every day from chemical reactions.

Miss McCardy from College is with us and will be teaching us for the next two days. She has been teaching us some good skills in miniball and is going to do some chemistry with us so we are looking forward to working with her.

By Dylan Preston

Healthy Snippet - A Reminder of when to keep your Child at Home

If you child: Is complaining of or appears to have a sore tummy, throat or ears, Has signs of being unwell i.e. grizzly, unsettled or tired, Has a high temperature or feels very hot, Has a continuous cough, Has an acute gastro illness i.e. diarrhoea **and** vomiting within the last 48 hours, Has weeping, red eyes and/or a yellow discharge around the eyes, Has skin sores that are open and weeping, Has become ill with an infectious disease e.g. measles, chickenpox.

This keeps everyone safe. It's is unfair to pass on bugs and germs to others when you know your child is not well.

Please inform thew school if your child is going to be kept home due to illness.



In the words of Pope Francis...

Crossing the threshold of faith leads us to beg for each one of us the "mind... which was in Jesus Christ" (Phil 2:5), so that we may experience a new way of thinking, of communicating, of being in the family, of planning the future, of living out

PTFA Report



Wine and Cheese evening at Rhubarb, Thursday 20 June at 7pm

Tickets are now on sale at \$30 a ticket. Lucky prize draw on the night to win a \$30 voucher from Rhubarb. This is a great opportunity for parents, caregivers and staff to get together socially. Feel free to ask friends along too.

If you would like tickets, please complete the slip and return with payment in an envelope addressed to **Holly Wilson**. Feel free to see Holly if you have any queries.

Cheese Rolls

Forms for these will be sent home next Tuesday. Cheese Rolls will be made on Sunday 30 June at Balmacewen Intermediate school. Please keep this date free at some time during the day. We would like to set up a roster of parents throughout the day. There's lots of free parking; and plenty of space for the children to play. *Many hands make light work* ☺



Why fundraise?

You may wonder 'why all the fundraising'. A medium to long-term goal of the PTFA is to raise funds towards upgrading the senior playground. This will involve consultation with staff and children and playground designers over a period of time. We are hoping that if we can fundraise a certain amount, we will be able to apply for a community grant to cover the rest.

We will always have short-term goals each year as well, which will normally depend on staff 'wish lists'.

Donations back to school

We are very proud to tell you all that we will soon be donating \$7,500 back to the school. This is on top of a further amount of \$1664 already earmarked this year towards:

- the recent purchase of ipod and speakers
- installation of automatic door closers, and
- a contribution towards colour advertisement in STAR at the start of 2013.

Last year the PTFA contributed just under \$1,850 towards school purchases and activities including:

- junior winter camp week
- shortfall for senior ski camp
- library books
- new school camera
- Sacred Space bench and plaque
- plants for redeveloped bank area
- plants and garden necessities
- Moana Pool fun day

This means, over the past year 12 months alone, we have been able to contribute \$11,000 back to the school. We are a very small group of parents and friends, and rely on the help of all parents so that our fundraising endeavours are successful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rhubarb Wine and Cheese Evening

I would like to buy _____ tickets to the Wine and Cheese evening at Rhubarb.

Please find enclosed \$ _____

Name _____



Complete cut-off slip and put in envelope with payment, addressed to Holly Wilson