



# 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,

7 May 2013

We extend a warm welcome to our families for Term 2. It is always nice to see our children returning after a break and hearing of their holidays and often in some cases birthday celebrations. This coming Monday we will warmly welcome Mr Paul Ferris to our school who will be conducting a review of how our school delivers Special Character education in our school. We are looking forward to Paul meeting with our children, staff, Board of Trustees and hopefully parents while conducting this review. Paul is the former principal of Kavanagh College and has a vast knowledge of education in Catholic schools.

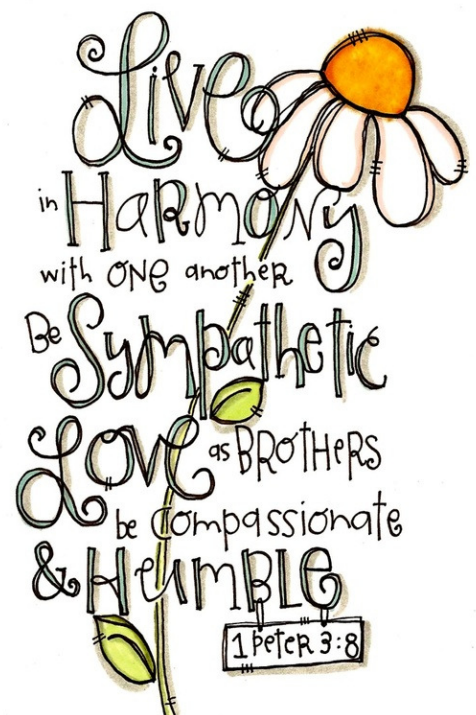
We are focussing on a learning context of Chemical Reactions this term and are beginning to look at definition of what chemical reactions actually are and how chemical reactions help us in our every day lives.

It's prudent to remind you at this stage about postponements and cancellations of school. School closures are made by a member of the Otago Primary Principal's Association in conjunction with the Dunedin Police. These are broadcast usually from 6:30 am on most local Dunedin radio stations eg. Classic Hits 89.4 fm or More FM 97.4. The same decisions can be made for late starts due to weather however on occasions individual schools can make the decision for a late start. If (or when) this type of thing happens we intend to post this information on the Homepage of our school website.

We look forward to our family Parish Mass this Saturday where the Ascension and Mother's Day will be celebrated during this Mass. We are hoping all of our families are able to attend and warmly invite you to join us and other members of our parish for supper in Room 1 following Mass.

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*Richard Duffy*



## Contextual Learning/Room 3 Camp Meeting

On Tuesday May 14 there will be a combined meeting in Room 3 from 7pm. The first focus of the meeting will be on presenting ideas around what contextual learning is, how we want it to operate in our learning programme and what we hope our children will learn from this type of approach. We feel this is a great opportunity for our parents to get some deeper understanding of the learning opportunities we're hoping to give our children. We invite all parents to this part of the meeting. Following this, there will be a brief camp meeting looking at possible fundraising options for our camp to Tautuku in Term 4. It is important that our Room 3 parents make every effort to attend this meeting so they have some input to fundraising ideas and timelines. We hope (with the weather in mind) that we will be finished these meetings in around an hour.

## Parent Tutoring

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

## Dates for your Diaries

Mothers Day Mass	Saturday 11 May
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
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. We have relied on the same 4 or 5 parents each term who have done a fantastic job in this role. 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.

If you are able to assist with this, could you please fill out the slip below and return to Jacque or myself.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Special Character & Religious Education



## Sacramental Journey

Thank you to Jacqui Hammer for volunteering to prepare a group of our children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Lessons will begin after Queen's Birthday Weekend.



I will be preparing another group of our children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Again these lessons will begin after Queen's Birthday Weekend.

## Family Mass (this Saturday)

Our Family/Parish mass to celebrate Mother's Day & The Ascension of Our Lord is this Saturday at 6pm. A reminder that children are to wear their uniform, and if they have a role in the Mass could they please be there by 5.45pm.

- Could each child **please bring a photo of themselves and their mother to school this week** please. All originals will be returned. We are happy to print them off if you have them on a pen-drive or email them to [secretary@st-marys.school.nz](mailto:secretary@st-marys.school.nz)

## Parent Friends/Teachers Association

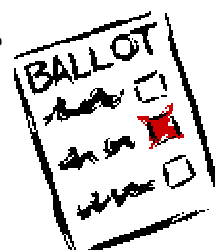
Next meeting Wednesday 8 May 2013 at 3:30pm

## 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

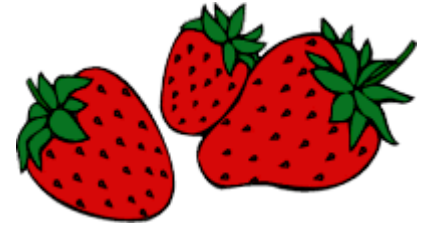


# Room 2 - Our Learning this Week

We are continuing to use descriptive language in our writing. Yesterday we wrote about our favourite foods.

My strawberry is red with black spots. It tastes like sugar. The shape of my strawberry is a love heart.

*Emily Buckingham*



My tummy was growling. I was hungry for food, I wanted some ice-cream. A big scoop of vanilla in a crunchy cone. I put chocolate sprinkles on top. I tried it, I bit into it, I felt shivery.

*April Gamao*

## Room 3 News

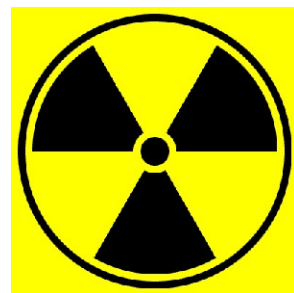


*It is good to be back and getting started for Term 2. In Maths yesterday it was quite interesting doing an exercise where you had to make decisions on time estimates. We would read a time estimate like "Laura spends 7 minutes a week getting dressed" and we had to decide if this was a reasonable time to spend getting dressed.*

*We have been writing a review of our production which we are going to publish and display. We were given photos of practising and then performing and had to write comments on the different types of skills we learnt during our production.*

*We are looking forward to learning about chemical reactions.*

*By Harry Jaquieru*



In the words of Pope Francis...



Crossing the threshold of faith challenges us to discover that although it seems today that death reigns in its various forms and that history is ruled by the law of the most powerful or the most cunning, and although hatred and ambition operate as driving forces of so many human struggles, nevertheless we are absolutely and decisively convinced that this sad reality can change and must change, because "if God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31, 37).