Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We warmly welcome our children and families back to school 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.

We begin this term with a Health learning topic on Kia Kaha. The main concept of this programme is about empowering children to overcome or deal with conflict situations in their lives. Often the more self-assured children feel within themselves, the more positively they can deal with social issues that may emerge from time to time. Senior Constable Jeannette Parcell will be involved in delivering this programme as well as staff.

Our thoughts are with our own Mrs Deerness who had her appendix removed during the holidays. She was readmitted to hospital last week with a post operation infection and is now recovering at home.

We look forward to our family Parish Mass this Saturday where we will celebrate Mother’s Day 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 following Mass.

Richard Duffy

Wednesday 7 May 2014

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Proverbs 31:28-29

Wall of Fame

Nercel Gamao and Alquen Duran of
Manila Grill - Filipino and Japanese Cuisine 8 Hanover St 477 6335

First day back after the holidays these beautiful people supplied the WHOLE school with an awesome meal. The staff loved it, as did the children. What a wonderful surprise! Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

St Mary’s Kaikorai is ‘Dunedin’s best kept secret!’

Catholic Education Review Team 2013
**Dates for your Diaries**

- **PTFR AGM Movie/Meeting**: Thursday 8 May
- **Mother’s Day Mass**: Saturday 10 May
- **Making Cheese Rolls**: Saturday 17 May
- **BOT meeting**: Monday 19 May
- **Sausage Sizzle for All Blacks**: Saturday 14 June
- **Sausage Sizzle @Mitre10 Mega**: Saturday 12 October

**Alter Servers**

- 10 May
- 17 May
- 24 May
- 30 May
- 7 June
- 14 June
- 21 June
- 28 June

**School**
- David and Atu Makasini
- Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
- Jean Luc and Angelique Peyroux
- Combined Mass at St Joseph’s Brockville
- Emila Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi
- David and Atu Makasini
- Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin

**Cheese Rolls**

Orders and Money due in Wednesday 7th May TODAY!!!!!!
If you have forgotten, tomorrow is fine!!

Making Cheese Rolls on Saturday 17th May.
Remember many hands make light work!!!

**Sausage sizzle/Hot Milo Order Form**

Our sausage sizzle lunch option starts again this term.
During Term’s 2 & 3 we will be offering hot milo as a winter alternative to an ice block.
We will be using the FREE milk and the milo has been donated, so the Hot Milo is FREE, however we still need numbers.

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _________________
Hot Milo FREE ___________ (only 1 per child)
Religious Education & Special Character

Family Mass – Mothers Day Mass

This Saturday 10th May at 6pm.

This is our school/parish mass for the term and we would love everyone to be present to celebrate our wonderful mothers.

Could those children who have specific parts in the Mass please be at the church by 5.45pm. A reminder also for children to be dressed in their school uniform.

If you cannot make it, please send a note to school with your child. Thank you.

School Playground Development

Following our visits to playgrounds, we are now at the stage of making some decisions on what type of equipment we want to develop in our playground. We will be having some input from our children on this before discussing it more at Board level.

School Weather Postponements

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. 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 Facebook and the Homepage of our school website.

Values Questionnaire

Last term we sent home a questionnaire to our families that related to values that you felt were really important for us as a school to promote in our daily dealings with one another. We are really keen to get all of these back as we value your viewpoints on our school. So far, we have had 1 returned!!

Drinking Water At School

As mentioned previously we have an issue with the water fountain outside the toilet block area and it is in need of repair. We are not sure if it is viable to invest more money in it as it is damaged from time to time. At our next Board meeting decisions will be made around the future of our water fountain.
What’s been happening

We had really good holidays.

On Easter Sunday Lily had yummy pancakes with ambrosia. They had friends over for a sleep over which included lots of chocolate treats. Ethan went to Tunnel beach and took photos with his camera. Then did lots of awesome fun things with Auntie Carol and friends.

We have joined with Room 3 this week, because Mrs Deerness had her insides taken out. It was really her appendix, we made her a lovely card and have missed her lots. We need her to rest up and come back to us soon.

By Lily McCormick and Ethan Martin

Hockey - Mini Sticks/Kiwi Sticks

We are very excited to have 2 hockey teams this year with the help of some children from St Brigids & Musselburgh

The teams for this week are:

St Marys/Brigids Storm
- Guin
- Chloe
- Xavier
- April
- Sophie
- Bronwyn
- Sophia (St Brigids)
- Sienna (St Brigids)

St Marys/Brigids Strikers
- Dylan
- Evelyn
- Nick (St Brigids)
- Robert (St Brigids)
- Beth (St Brigids)
- 2 children from Musselburgh

Draw for Wednesday 7th May (today)
Storm v Bradford - 4.30pm at Queens High School, Ground 2
Strikers v Arthur St Blue - 4.30pm at the McMillan Turf, Far 1
This week is a chance for teams to come along and have a practice at the venue and get to know the turf and team mates.

WANTED!!!

Coloured plastic lids from milk, cream, juice bottles. We are intending to create some pieces of art to brighten up our playground. We need lots!!!! There will be a container in the office to collect them in. Thank you.