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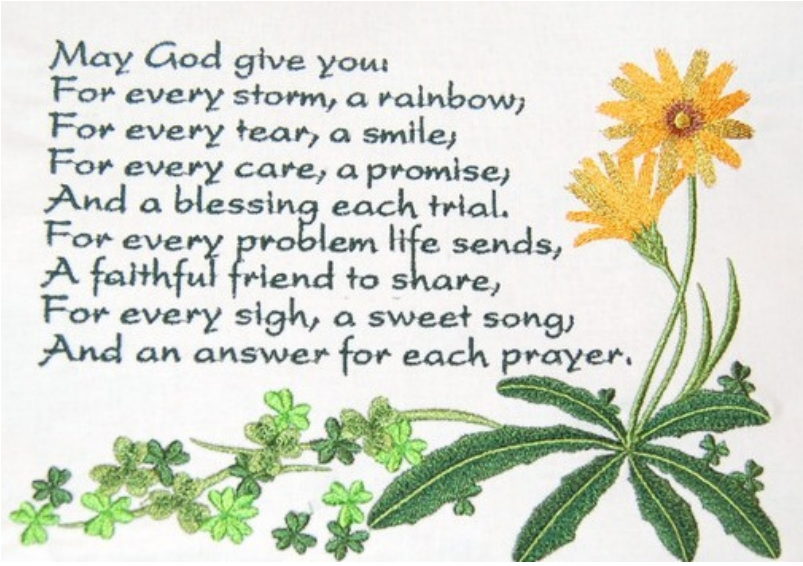
Dear Parents/Caregivers, **12 November 2013**

We have been very busy over the past two weeks with our swimming at the Wakari School pool. Thank you to parents who have assisted us with walking. If you are able to assist for the remainder of the week please let Jacquie or myself know. Parents are also welcome to come to the pool to see their child/ren swim. We are in the water daily from 1:15pm for the rest of this week.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines currently in light of the devastation caused by the typhoon recently. We extend our thoughts also to Mercelle Gamao and Alquen Duran and hope that family they have are not too tragically affected by this terrible natural disaster.

Talofa

Richard Duffy



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Prayers for the Philippines

Please keep in your prayers all those who have been effected by the devastating typhoon Hiyan, especially those who have lost their lives.

Please also keep in your prayers the Gamao family who have extended family and friends in the Philippines.

We are looking into holding a fundraiser to raise money to help those in need.

Combined Hills Suburbs Pastoral Area Mass

It is the turn of St Mary's Kaikorai to host the combined Mass on the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday 24th November 2013 at 10am. There will be no vigil Mass at St Mary's on the Saturday night or a Sunday morning Mass at St Francis Xavier. There will be a BBQ/cuppa in the hall after Mass. Please bring a plate. Sausages etc will be provided.

Alter Servers for Mass

17 Nov	Emila Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi
24 Nov	Combined Parish Mass
1 Dec	Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin
8 Dec	Davi and Atu Makasini
15 Dec	School Graduation Mass

The Teddy Bear's Promise" Book Launch

Room 2 are going to attend the book launch of "The Teddy Bear's Picnic" by Kyle Mewburn at the University Bookshop this Friday, 15 November at 9.45am.
Children are invited to bring their favourite teddy bear with them!
There will be a book reading, a teddy bear to make and take home, some tiny teddy snacks, and a real live teddy bear for hugs and photos!

We have enough transport, but **those children needing car/booster seats (all 5 and 6 yr olds) will need them left at the school office on Friday morning.**
Unfortunately, if they are not left at school they wont be able to come with us on the trip. Please let Rachael know if this is going to be a problem.

No Discovery Time again this week due to book launch and the earlier time we are swimming this week.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks

Sausage Sizzle Order

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _____

Ice Blocks $1.00 _____ (only 1 per child,)

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school for a day, could you please ensure that you phone the school office to inform us. All messages left are checked after 9 am and it is important that you ring us and let us know. It is part of our legislative requirements as well as a Health and Safety requirement that we are aware of where our children are when they are absent from school and we need your help in ensuring we comply with this. School phone is 476-4277.

Kids Can Santa Run

On Wednesday December 4 from 6:30pm the KidsCan Santa Run is being held. It consists of a 2-3km fun run to raise money for KidsCan. More information is available on the website at www.santarun.co.nz

Dates for your Diaries

Swimming	Monday 4 Nov—Friday 15 Nov
Combined Mass	Sunday 24 November at St Mary's
Camp	Monday 2 Dec—Friday 6 Dec
Nativity/Prizegiving	Wednesday
Graduation Mass	Saturday 14 December
Last Day of Term/Year	Monday 16 December

Sports News: Futsal

Draw: St Mary's Celtics vrs Grants Braes Comets Court 13@5:30 pm

Beach Education Day

On Friday November 22 both classes are attending a Beach Education day at St Clair Surf Club. Beach Education involves learning safe practices around water and programme. We feel the timing of our involvement in this programme is very good with our school summer holiday break to follow.

Children are to bring lunch, a drink bottle of water, school sunhat, towel and togs or a wetsuit (as we may be entering the water depending on the weather). We recommend that warm clothing be taken or worn as the weather can change very quickly and if we do enter the water children are often very cold after doing so. We will provide sunblock.

We will be leaving school at 9:10 am and should be finished at the surf club by 2:30pm. We require assistance with transport for the day. Parents are welcome to stay for the whole day, parts of the day or drop and run. We greatly appreciate the assistance we get with transport. If you are able to assist could you please return the form below to Jacquie or myself as soon as possible.

Name _____

I can do either Drop off/Pick up (please cross off what you can't do)

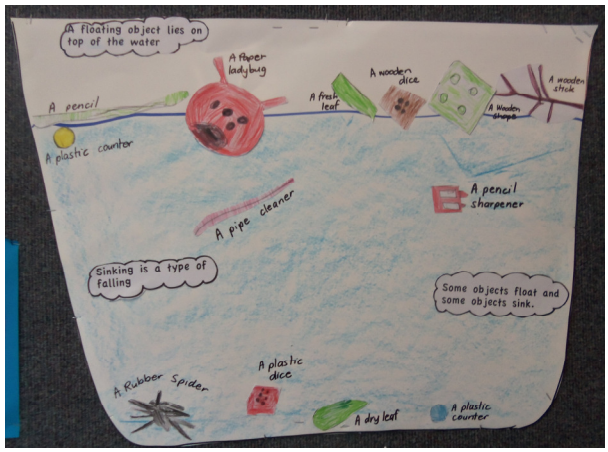
Number of children in your car _____ Do you have an air bag in front yes/no

Reminder that ALL children under 7 must be in a booster seat, so parents please remember to drop these off to the school office.

Please return this form to the school no later than FRIDAY this week.

Room 2 - Our learning this week

We have been learning about floating and sinking with Mrs Tili as part of our Water Topic.
Here are some things we have discovered...



- A floating object lies on top of the water.
- Sinking is a type of falling.
- Usually an object with air trapped inside it will float.
- An object sinks unless something holds it up.
- An object floats when it is held up by water.
- An object that is light for its size compared with water will float in the water
- When we put an object into water, it pushes water out of the way, we call this "displacement"
- We can make a sinking object float by changing its shape to increase its volume. Eg. If we trap air with it and lesson the overall density.

From the Room 3 News Desk - Reporter, Sarah

Most of this last week we have been swimming at the Wakari Pool. In our group we have been learning the techniques for backstroke and freestyle swimming. We have also been learning about diving and the importance of having the right technique so that you can breathe well. Angelique and I used a computer programme to show how an "S" bend pipe works in a toilet. The programme works but flowing water onto the screen and what you do on the screen affects how the water moves and you can control it using different drawings on the screen.

Night Shelter Donation

The sun may have been in our eyes but we were very happy to donate non perishable food items to the night shelter last Thursday from money raised from our disco.