



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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

18 November 2013

We as a staff are very proud of the achievements our children make during their years with us at our school. Recently we have been carrying out some nationalised reading testing and are very pleased with the results compared to national expectations for progress and achievement. I firmly believe that examples like this illustrate the benefits for our children of having lower class numbers and the accelerated progress they can make over time due to this. Children get an excellent grounding in literacy in our junior class and the foundation is set for them to grow in their ability with literacy.

We extend love and pray for the multitude of people affected by the disaster in the Philippines as they try to deal day by day with the situation that faces them.

He koni Ra

Richard Duffy

10 Things
God wants you to remember

I will give you rest.
I will strengthen you.
I will answer you.
I believe in you.
I will bless you.
I am for you.
I will not fail you.
I will provide for you.
I will be with you
I love you.

St Mary's Kaikorai is 'Dunedin's best kept secret!'

Catholic Education Review Team 2013

Special Character & Religious Education

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 - **This 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.

This is a Parish Mass so children do not need to come in school uniform. We would like to see as many families as possible. Crowns will be given out to children to wear during Mass.



Collection for the Philippines through Caritas

Mark Mitchell, a New Zealand emergency response expert, is leading the international Caritas relief team which has been brought together to support Caritas Philippines. This is in response to the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Mark leads the humanitarian work programme of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand launched an appeal for the Philippines on Monday this week.

We realise that we have already had a Mufti Day this term, but as a school we feel we need to do our bit to help. We will be holding a Mufti Day next Friday (29th November), with a special prayer at assembly for those affected by this disaster.



Altar Servers for Mass

24 Nov	Combined Parish Mass
1 Dec	Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin
8 Dec	Davi and Atu Makasini
15 Dec	School Graduation Mass

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

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks

Sausage Sizzle Order



Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

Ice Blocks \$1.00 _____ (only 1 per child.)

Dates for your Diaries

Combined Mass
Helpers Morning Tea
Camp
Mary Day
Nativity/Prizegiving/Supper
Graduation Mass
Last Day of Term/Year

Sunday 24 November at St Mary's
Thursday 28 November 10:30
Monday 2 Dec—Friday 6 Dec
Monday 9 Dec
Wednesday 11 Wednesday 6:30 pm
Saturday 14 December 6:[,
Monday 16 December



Sports News:

Futsal

Draw: Last game for the year!! St Mary's Celtics vrs ?? Court 10 @5:30 pm
Week of 27th Nov there are no games as Edgar Centre is booked out and the following week we are away on camp which is the last week of games.

Tee Ball Tigers

Our team is making good progress we had another win on Saturday, with Vili named player of the day for awesome hitting. Practise on Wednesday if not raining.

Thank you to all our supporters as well.

The last game will be on Dec 14th.

Panz (Coach and Manager)

Sports Team Photos

Could children who have been involved in sports teams for the school some time during this year please bring their sports uniform to school this week so that team photos for the year can be taken.

Beach Education Day

This Friday both classes are attending a Beach Education day at St Clair Surf Club. Beach Education involves learning safe practices around water and programme. **Could parents of our 5 and 6 year old children ensure that they have their booster car seats at school for Friday's trip to the St Clair Surf Club.**



As stated in last week's newsletter, 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). Again 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. Sunblock will be provided.

We will be leaving school at 9:10 am and should be finished at the surf club by 2:30pm. We indicated last week that we require assistance with transport only, however after making direct contact with our local coordinator it has been outlined that should we enter the water, it is advisable for us to provide adults prepared to enter the water. We require 3 further adults to enter the water with us if possible please (of a depth to about the knee ☺).

We still need another couple of cars for transport - if you can help with this please let Richard know ASAP.

Room 2 - Our learning this week

Last Friday we were lucky enough to be invited to the opening of the Children's Room at the University Bookshop which included the book launch of "The Teddy Bears Promise". The author was Diana Noonan, and what was really special was that she was there to read it to us! The illustrator was Robyn Beltan, and she was there too, we watched as she drew characters from the book, she was amazing!



We all brought our favourite teddy bears with us, and got to meet a real teddy bear! Back at school we made our own teddy bears and ate teddy bear cookies! Mrs Paulin bought a copy of the book for our school and we got it especially signed by Diana and Robyn. Thank you Mrs Paulin!



The Children's Room at the University Bookshop runs a story time session every Friday and Saturday morning at 10.30am.



From the Desk of Mrs Hammer ...

Earlier in the term in the newsletter it was mentioned of my resignation.

I felt it is timely to inform you more as the children have been asking questions.

I have resigned from my permanent 0.4 position to take up a fulltime fixed term position for term 1, 2014 at St. Xavier School. For me, it is time to move on. I have appreciated the opportunities I have had at St. Mary's, including 10 months as Acting Principal. Thank you for your support.

Room 3 Tautuku Camp

Could parents please ensure that medical forms for camp are returned to school by Friday.