



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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

26 November 2013

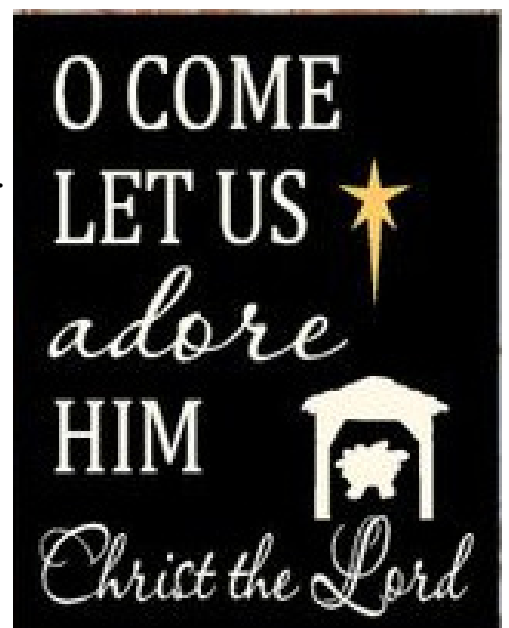
It is lovely looking out onto our bank area or up into our garden area by the playground at the moment to see all of the beautiful colour combinations of flowers we have at the moment. It makes us realise how lucky we are to work and learn in such a lovely environment.

It is also a very nice setting to show visitors to our school around in and we have enjoyed visits from two prospective families who may be joining our school in the new year.

We really enjoyed our experience at the St Clair Surf Club on Friday and thank our parents who gave of their time to be with us at different times throughout the day.

Have a lovely week.

Richard Duffy



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

A big thank you to those families who joined us for Mass on Sunday. It was a lovely Mass with a great catch up at the BBQ and cup of tea afterwards.

The parishioners and Father loved the crowns the children made and wore, it certainly made the church colourful!
Thank you again for your support.



Collection for the Philippines through Caritas

Caritas New Zealand has launched an appeal for the Philippines.

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 this Friday (29th November), with a special prayer at assembly for those affected by this disaster. Please bring a donation towards this appeal.

Mary Day - Our School Feast Day

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is our school's Feast Day. It falls on 8th December which is a Sunday this year. We will hold our annual 'Mary Day' on Monday 9th December (Monday after camp!). It will follow the usual timetable of:

- Liturgy in the morning
- Rotation of Mary activities from morning tea until lunch
- Sport in the afternoon - Parents v Children
- *All children to dress in blue!*
- *Parents invited to join us for lunch. (Sausage sizzle available)*



Advent is beginning!

This weekend is the beginning of Advent. This is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus our Saviour.

Next week we will have purple prayer clothes on our prayer tables and an advent wreath in each classroom.

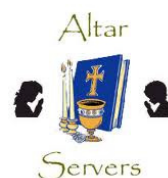
Year 3 & 4 have been learning about the Advent Wreath and what it symbolises.

- *The circular shape symbolises Gods eternal love for us.*
- *The evergreen leaves symbolise everlasting life with God in heaven.*
- *The purple ribbon symbolises waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus.*
- *The candles symbolise Jesus bringing light into our lives.*



Altar Servers for Mass

30 Nov Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin
7 Dec Davi and Atu Makasini
14 Dec School Graduation Mass



Nativity/Prizegiving/Supper

This is going to be a fun night. The children are working hard preparing for a fantastic Nativity play for everyone to enjoy. We will then celebrate with our award winners, following this we will be farewelling Mrs Hammer and Mrs Tili. So book in Wednesday 11 December at 6:30 pm as a night not to miss.

Annual PTFA Pool Party

This is on Thursday 12 December at 1:30 pm, more information next week.



Dates for your Diaries

Mufti Day for Philippines

Camp

Mary Day

Nativity/Prizegiving/Supper

Helpers Morning Tea

Graduation Mass

Last Day of Term/Year

Friday 29 November—Gold coin

Monday 2 Dec—Friday 6 Dec

Monday 9 Dec

Wednesday 11 Wednesday 6:30 pm

Thursday 12 December 10:30

Saturday 14 December 6:[,

Monday 16 December

Sports News:

Futsal

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 played well again on Saturday and had a win against East Taieri 23-16. Player of the day was Lily, well done. Our new players are all improving each week and our senior players have really stepped up with awesome fielding. Just a wee reminder (parents) that we need the team at the field 15 minutes before the game starts. The last game will be on Dec 14th.

Thanks, Panz (Coach and Manager)

Sports Team Photos

This Thursday, please remember your uniforms. So if you played TBall, Futsal, Hockey, or Miniball please be early on Thursday so we can do photos first thing.



DNA Detector Kit.

On Thursday afternoon Senior Constable Parcell and a lady from BNZ brought in a DNA property marking kit which allows equipment to be marked with a film which can reveal DNA coding on items if necessary. We would like to acknowledge and thank BNZ for their contribution to our (and other) schools. To the side - is one of our Year 6 children marking some of our laptops.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks



Sausage Sizzle Order

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

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

Room 2 - Our learning this week

Last Friday we went to St Clair Beach with Room 3 for a Beach Education Day. We learnt...

- about how to keep ourselves safe in the sun.
- about how to keep ourselves safe in the water.
- about different types of waves.
- what to do if we get into trouble in the water.



After lunch we went for a swim in the sea. It was cold but lots and lots of fun!



From the Room 3 Newsdesk



We have been very busy with learning our Nativity play for the end of year. Last week we got to try on costumes as well. Most of us need to bring in black (or dark coloured clothing) just like we did for the production earlier in the year. We have practices every day, first thing in the morning.

We all have the songs to learn – the words have been sent home for this as well. Please help us with this. Also, many of us have lines to learn- it would be great if we could get help with this as well. Summer already knows all her lines off by heart and she has heaps of them!!! Well done Summer!!

Next week we are away on school camp and we are excited about this.