Dear Parents/Caregivers, 5 November 2013

Welcome to La Charna Moata’ane, who starts school visits today. La Charna is the younger sister of Vili, Janivah and Kata.

We will be busy over the next two weeks (as of yesterday) due to our instructional swimming programme at Wakari Pool. It is very impressive that the school runs this programme over ten school days and the children learn vital skills toward being able to, or improve on their swimming skills. Most schools I have worked in run a week programme once a year.

We are most grateful to Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation for reducing the cost of the programme to our parents.

We thank parents who are volunteering their time to walk with us to the pool daily as well. I’d imagine our children will be quite tired as the week progresses.

We want to thank Miss Hayley Davidson for her efforts in Room 3 over the past 3 weeks and the lovely warm manner with which she has interacted with our children and staff during her time with us. We wish her very well in her future in the teaching profession.

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Richard Duffy

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

Catholic Education Review Team 2013
Missionz Fundraiser
Thank you for supporting our Mufti Day/Wheels Day fundraiser. We raised $37.20 for Missionz.

Also a big thank you to the Year 6 Exec for setting out the ‘Wheels Course” on the court.

New Reading Books!
We have purchased these lovely new junior readers (that can also be used with the seniors) that have a special character theme. So they integrate not only into our reading programme but also match beautifully with our Religious Education strands.

A big thank you to the Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation and our PTA for helping us to buy these.

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.

St Mary’s Parish Duty Roster
A new duty roster will be compiled early next year. We are looking for more volunteers, especially younger parishioners, for cleaning the church. Volunteers are rostered on for two weeks in a row and the cleaning takes an hour or so. If you are willing to do this duty, please phone Barbara 476 7287

Alter Servers for Mass
10 Nov  Jean-Luc and Angelique Peyroux
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
Swimming at Wakari
Thank you to those that have offered to help with walking and dressing. We continue with this next week finishing on Friday 15 November. If you can help next week please let Richard know, we are walking to Wakari School leaving daily at 12:40.

Transportation Forms
Thank you to the couple of families that returned these ASAP
It is important that we have a form for ALL children in the school.
We would appreciate if these forms could be returned tomorrow please. Another copy has been included with this newsletter for those that need one.

School Accounts
These will be posted out by the end of the week. We would appreciate all camp fees, being paid before the children go to camp. If you are finding this a struggle please talk to Richard. The school provides an automatic payment option, if you would like to do this, the please phone or email Jacquie in the office to get the bank account number.

School Uniforms/Lost Property
The lost property is overflowing. It has all been washed and sadly hardly any items are named. It would be so much easier to find the owner of things if things were NAMED.
Please go through this and take what you think is yours.

Dates for your Diaries
Swimming Monday 4 Nov—Friday 15 Nov
Combines Mass Sunday 24 November at St Mary’s
Camp Monday 2 Dec—Friday 6 Dec

Sports News:
Futsal
Draw: St Mary’s Celtics vrs Maori Hill Phoenix Court 13@5:30 pm

Tee Ball Tigers
Awesome win on Saturday for our team, we played East Taieri and the score was 23-16. Player of the day was Dakoda who took on an awesome catch - well done!!
See everyone on Wednesday at practice.
Thanks to all our supporters and parents for guiding our little players out in the field.

Thanks from Panz (Coach/Manager)

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks
Sausage Sizzle Order
Name _____________________________
Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _______________
Ice Blocks $1.00 ___________ (only 1 per child,)
Last Friday we said goodbye to Emily. We had a special party in Room 2. We made all the party food and decorations during Discovery Time. We were sad to say goodbye to Emily, but we know God will be looking over her at her new school.

Today is Guy Fawkes. We looked at some fireworks displays on You Tube and wrote about what we saw and heard.

The fireworks zoomed up in the sky. They looked like rockets. The colours were pretty.
*Caitlin Braithwaite*

The fireworks were popping up in the sky. I heard a bang and then I was frightened.
*Ethan Martin*

The fireworks zoomed up in the dark sky. They looked like sparkly glitter in the sky. It smelled like smoke. The loud noises gave me a fright.
*Dakoda Sorensen*

My Dad lit the fireworks, they boosted up into the black, dark clouds. They burst into different shapes. I held a sparkler in my hand and wrote my big sparkly name and it appeared. I thought I was magic! I looked up in the sky and I saw colourful fireworks up in the air. I heard a big crackling noise, they came back down slowly. I felt a little scared and afraid.
*Janivah Moata’ane.*

*From the Room 3 News Desk – Reporter, Aayliah*

In Reading lately we have been focussing on a novel study. We are reading 3 different novels in our reading groups and answering questions about things that happen in the novel. With our writing we are looking at paragraphs and how to use them.

For our topic we are learning about water and how people use water to make something move or work.

Over the next two weeks both classes are having swimming lessons at Wakari Pool.

In Maths my group which is Group 2 are learning how to use improper fractions.