



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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

22 October 2013

Believe it or not we're approaching the time of year when the sun is potentially at its most harmful in terms of radiation and we have been reminding our children of the requirement to be wearing their sunhats on these days. Some senior children in particular are telling us that they have forgotten (and seem to continue to forget) to bring their sunhat to school. Could you please help remind them of the need to have their sunhat here at school.

Our Year 6 children went to Countdown and purchased 50 cans of Watties baked beans and spaghetti with the profit from our school disco last term. We are now organising a time that will suit the Night Shelter to receive these items.

We are looking forward to our performance at the Catholic School Choral festival tomorrow evening at the Regent Theatre. Our singers are superb and we hope they get on stage and let the beautiful tuneful singing pour out of them.

Sadly we are announcing that Mrs Jacqui Hammer will be leaving us at the end of this year to take up another teaching position locally. Jacqui has been with us since 2007 and has been a devoted and committed staff member who always had the best interests of the children at heart and continually strove to develop their all-round learning.

We also bid farewell to Mrs Michelle Tili at the end of this year who was appointed on a fixed term basis for the duration of this year. Michelle has done a wonderful job in our junior class and we wish her very well in the future and extend a blessing to her and her family as they move closer toward the arrival of a new baby in their family.



He konira
Richard Duffy

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

Catholic Education Review Team 2013

Catholic Schools Music Festival

As you are probably aware, our Year 3-6 children have been preparing for the Catholic Schools Music Festival which is to be held at the Regent Theatre on Wednesday October 23, tomorrow night. The performance begins at 7pm, and it is very important that children are at the Regent by 6:30pm. The show is expected to end at around 9:15pm.



Children can be left and collected after the show but parents wanting to attend can purchase tickets from the Regent after September 30 and the tickets are \$7 per ticket. If you have any queries, please ask Richard at school.

CHEESE!



School Photos

Please check through the class list to make sure your child's spelling is correct. Due date for these to be back at school is Wednesday 30th October.

Dates for your Diaries

Catholic Music Festival practice/performance
Labour Weekend - no school
Camp Meeting
First Friday Mass

Wednesday 23 Oct
Monday 28 Oct
Thursday 31 Oct@7pm
Friday 1 Nov



Sports News:

Futsal

Draw: St Mary's Celtics vrs Tainui Court 10, 5:30 pm

Tee Ball Tigers

GREAT start to our season with a big win against St Leonards
Score was 22 - 12. With only one practise under our belts the whole team were great on the day.

Player of the day was Bronwyn Wilson, Wonderful effort Brony in your first game.

Thank you to all the parents who came along Practise Wednesday if not raining,

Thanks from Panz (Coach/Manager)



Destitute Gourmet

Sacred Heart School Thursday 31 October 7 -9:30 pm

Ticket \$30 (pre-booking essential)

Phone School office 473-8362

Light Party

Dunedin Forsyth Bar Stadium - Thursday 31 October 6:30-8:30 pm

A positive alternative to Halloween, Pre-school—year 8 lots of fun exciting things,

Dress up as your favourite character, but no scary costumes please. Gold coin entry



Camp Meeting

Friendly reminder about the Room 3 camp meeting in Room 3 on Thursday Oct 31 at 7pm.

From the Room 3 News Desk ...

We have been focussing on preparing for the Catholic Schools music festival on Wednesday evening. We are singing two songs as part of our own school item as well as a number of other songs with the massed choir made up of all the other schools. We understand that we need to sing in tune and have been learning about the importance of how we appear on stage in the way we stand and use our mouths when singing. A big challenge when we sing Prince of Peace is keeping our harmony when we split to sing different parts of the verse, but we are putting a lot of effort in and are looking forward to the night.



Swimming at Wakari

During the weeks of Monday 4 November—Friday 15 November we are having swimming lesson at Wakari school pool. We'll be leaving daily at 12:40 and Room 2 will need some help with changing children after swimming. If you can help with this please let Michelle or Richard know please.



Health Consultation Form.



Every two years schools are required to consult with their community on their Health programme in school. Last week we sent out a questionnaire for feedback on the content of our health programme over the last 2 years so that we can plan our delivery of the Health curriculum into the future. We would appreciate if these forms could be returned tomorrow please.

Junior Reading Books

With our final term now in full swing we would be most appreciative if you could look around those funny little places at home that might hide school reading books. We are unable to locate quite a number of junior reading texts at certain levels and would be most grateful if you (and your child/ren) could have a hunt for any of these types of books.



Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks



Sausage Sizzle Order

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

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

Transportation Feedback Needed!

As you are probably aware, new law changes come into place on the 1st of November 2013 regarding the use of booster seats for children up until their 7th birthday.

With this in mind, our Board of Trustees are reviewing their policy on transporting children to events off the school site. This raises another important issue around transporting children in the front passenger seat.

We would greatly appreciate everyone's feedback so that our BOT can write an informed policy, and the staff can seat children the safest way possible when travelling outside of school.

Please fill in the form below by filling in your child's name and circling and your preferred option. **Return to Jacquie in the office.**



We would like 1 filled in for each child

Chids Name _____		
My child is 5 or 6 yrs old. I understand that I will need to drop a booster seat at school when my child goes on a school trip.	My child uses a seat belt only. I would prefer them to sit in the back seat.	My child uses a seat belt only. I don't mind if they sit in the front passenger seat at times.

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