



# St Mary's Kaikorai School

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

**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

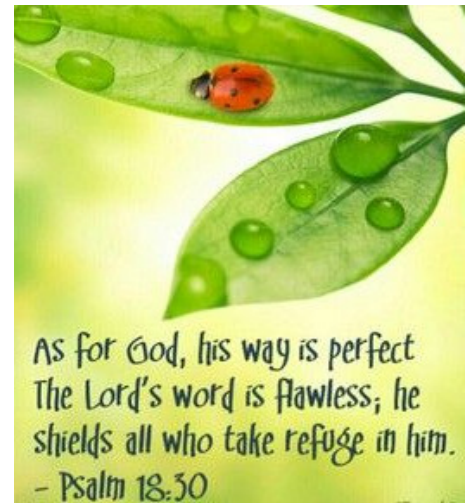
**17 September 2013**

What an enjoyable night Friday night turned out to be for the many of us who attended the Year 6 Exec disco. The venue proved to be superb (albeit a little cold but that upped the tempo of the dancing). We had a great response to the costume competition plus the other small events the Year 6 children had organised. Not that it was an intention, we also returned a small profit of \$30 which will go towards buying some non perishable food items for the night shelter.

We are looking forward to our Celebration Night/Open Night on Thursday evening here at school from 5pm. There is a really nice feel when all of our school community comes together and we are looking forward to showcasing our school on Thursday .

We also look forward to the celebration of Holy Communion for 4 of our children this Saturday at Mass.

Haere Ra, *Richard Duffy*



## **Celebration Night/Open Night**

As I outlined in a note home recently, our celebration night that is being held this Thursday at school has been promoted more widely in the community. This year and possibly in future years we might use this as an open night also to give other families the opportunity to come and look at aspects of learning in our school.

As you well know our children showcase our school wonderfully and our expectation is that all of our children will be attending on Thursday in school uniform from 5pm.

You may be aware that we start with a complimentary sausage from 5, move around the classes between around 5:30 until 6:15 and then conclude with a small magic show presented by Jonathan Usher while the parents can have a chat in Room 1.

Again, thank you for the support you give us. We recognise Thursday night as an important promotional experience for our school community and hope all of our children are at school with us on this night.

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

*Catholic Education Review Team 2013*



# PTFA Quiz Night - Wednesday 25 September

We need at least 15 teams to make this night happen!

Please let the school office know (476-4277 or secretary@st-marys.school.nz)

if you are intending on entering a team or prepare to come along and help make up a team.

## We need to know numbers by Wednesday 18th Sept.

Teams can be made up of 4-6 people, \$5.00 per person (or \$20-\$30 per team)

We will be selling raffles on the night, and we would really appreciate if families could donate items during the next few weeks leading up to this

To be brought in this week

Anything goes!!

Next week

Homemade baking, jams, pickles, lollies

NEXT meeting is THIS WEDNESDAY 18th September, normal place, normal time.

## Catholic Schools Music Festival

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 (which is week 2 of next term). We will be participating in massed singing with the other Catholic schools and performing two songs independently. The performance starts at 7pm with children needing to be there by 6:30pm. 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 cost \$7 per ticket. More detailed information will come in week one of next term. If you have any queries, please ask Richard at school.



## Dates for your Diaries

Skills to Swim Room 3  
PTFA Meeting  
Celebration Night  
First Communion Mass  
School Photos

Monday 16 Sept- Friday 20 Sept  
Wednesday 18 Sept  
Thursday 19 Sept@5:30 pm  
Saturday 21 Sept  
Wednesday 25 Sept in the morning

If you would like a family group one, please let Jacquie know, by Monday morning, these start about 8:30 am

Wednesday 25 Sept  
Friday 27 Sept  
Friday 27 Sept



PTA Quiz Night  
Assembly led by Room 2  
Last day of term 3

## St Mary's Tigers TEE-Ball

Hello everyone and welcome to a new season! We have a new look team as sadly 3 of our players have had to retire due to being too "old" at the age of 10. I would like to acknowledge Summer, Aayliah and Kata as the "retired" 3 and thank them for all their efforts with the team!!

Welcome to Guin, Bronwyn, Caitlin, Lily and Ratana.

Team Practice will once again be on Wednesday after school, the children can bring some extra snack to have before practise if they wish. Parents/Carers are most welcome to come along and even join in if you want.

First Practice will be this Wednesday for whoever can make it. I would like to get the new players used to the routine before competition starts in October.

Many thanks from Coach Panz



# Special Character & Religious Education



## Sacrament of First Eucharist

Please keep Kata, Liana, Alyssa, and Sarah in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time this



**Saturday 21 September at 6pm.**

This is a school celebration in which we are supporting and celebrating these 4 children

**If you are not able to attend mass, please bring a note to school**

Please join us in room 1 after the Mass for a special supper.

## Room 2 - Our learning this week

We have been writing about Spring.  
Come and see the spring flowers blooming in our classroom!

My nana's daffodils are popping out of the dirt.

**By Ethan**

The daffodils were in the garden. I can smell the yellow petals. The sun came out in the sky.

**By Caitlin**

In spring I pick flowers from my garden and give them to my mum. The sun comes out and it is warm, I like going to the beach. My dad and I were mowing the big, long grass. It went vrrrooom. It is lots of fun outside.

**By Launga**

In spring the sparkly sun shines on the roof and I can finally go on my tramp. On the farm I saw some piglets drinking from their mums and chasing each other.

**By Emily**

## Sausage sizzle/Milo's

### Sausage Sizzle Order



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each \_\_\_\_\_

Milo, with marshmallows 50 cents \_\_\_\_\_ (only 1 per child,)

Till supplies run out ... left over fizzy drink from Disco -  
with these proceeds going towards food items for the Dunedin night shelter)

Fizzy Drink \$1 \_\_\_\_\_ (only 1 per child)



# ROOM 3 NEWS AND WRITINGS

Another week has past and we only have two weeks of school until the holidays!

Last week, we had Suzie Bates take us for cricket skills. It was a brilliant session and it ended too quick!! We were fortunate to feature with Suzie in the Otago Daily Times.

We have continued to look at different language features which we can use in our writing if and when needed to enhance our work. We have been publishing our cross country writing too.

Thank you to the Year Six children for organising a great disco on Friday night. Well done and we are looking forward to the next one.

## *The Cross Country*

The Year 3's had just taken off. Just the thought of being next, made me feel like I was going to die! My feet were frozen to the ground. My heart was pumping like an out of control drum! As the year 4's and me nervously walked up to the starting point, my eyes filled with water. It was so nerve racking to take the last step to the starting point. "Bam!!" We all rocked off.



I felt like fainting but I pushed on. I ran up to Cromwell Street. I pushed on. I used all my energy to run up the hill. It was successful because I passed Evelyn and Dylan. I was exhausted.

My throat was burning. I didn't know if I could get in front of Guin. I could see the finish line. Guin got to the finish line but I was right behind her. I crossed the finish line! I was so proud because I came second.

*Sarah Al-Balushi*

## *The Amazing Race*



As I stepped into the Year 6 line, I was pretty sure my heart skipped a beat. A strong cold wind swept across my body and I started to shiver with my body wobbling to and fro. I quickly sat down to "prevent myself from fainting and watched as the year four race started and I covered my ears against the deafening screams of the crowd.

I sat bolt upright as I heard the words I had been dreading. "Would the year six's please step up to the start line to begin their race". With my legs shaking and my face red, I started to quietly walk across to the start of the race and did a couple of quick stretches

until my legs ached. Then prepared for the race. I could see the excitement in Mr Duffy's face as he called, "ready, set," and as the word "GO" echoed through my mind, I took off with the wind violently pushing against my body. While I was racing along thought also raced through my mind but one thought caught my eye and I realised: every step was one step closer to the finish line. I saw a blur of colour and I realised it was the colourful clothes of the crowd. As I was looking at the wild crowd that I was approaching, I lost my concentration and Sam shot past me. I bound towards the finish line but it was too late to pass him! So, puffing and panting like a dog, I crossed the bright finish line and with my aching legs, I gulped down some freezing water and it slowly settled in my stomach.

*Summer Paulin*