Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our school grounds always begin to look quite lovely this time of year during early spring. We have enjoyed the lovely weather of late and all children got out last Friday with Linda either planting potatoes or seed vegetables in our gardens. Thank you to those parents (and in Chloe and Sophie Deernees’ case) grandparents and staff who helped us with transport to both the Catholic Choral festival singing practice and visit to the Chinese gardens last week.

We try to avoid the use of a bus when involved in cultural and other learning experiences outside school as it is a cost we are very reluctant to pass on to parents. So we greatly appreciate your support and try to rotate around our parents to “spread the burden”. The fact that we have grandparents who regularly help us on these occasions is quite humbling.

We are also most thankful to Mrs Nora Kelly who is volunteering her time to prepare a group of our children for the sacrament of Eucharist later this term.

Gandang lingo  (Filipino for “have a nice week”)

Richard Duffy

May the blessings of God be yours this Father’s Day.

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7
Hockey:
Due to the very cold weather last week, St Mary’s Strikers were just about the only team on the turf! 2 children from Balaclava School turned up to play, so we had a friendly game. Players of the day were Nicholas and Chloe.

Last game of the season, everyone to meet at the turf at 3.45 with it finishing by 4.30

Crockery at School
We have a large amount of bowls and plates at school and are keen to have them returned to owners. Our Year 6 children are going to display these outside Room 3 over the next few days after school. Please have a look to see if any of this crockery may belong to you after shared lunches etc at school. On Friday we intend to pack up what is left and hand it over to St Vincent de Paul.

Lost Property
There is a large number of tops and various items of clothing, this will also be put out by the year 6 with the crockery. Anything not taken will be either donated into the uniform cupboard or to St Vincent de Paul.

PTFA Quiz Night - Wednesday 25 September
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

Week beginning 2 September Manchester (tea-towels, hand-towels etc)
9 September Exotic foods items for mini food hampers
16 September Homemade baking, jams, pickles, lollies

Beer Tasting at Rhubarb – 30 October 2013 - Tickets $20
Toilet paper
45 Rolls for $20 per bag. Available from the school office.

Dates for your Diaries
Yr3/4 Sports morning Thursday 5 Sept@Edgar, 9:30 am
First Friday Mass Friday 6 Sept@9:30 am
Assembly led by Room 3 Friday 6 Sept@2:30 pm
BOT meeting Monday 9 Sept@7:00 pm
School Disco Friday 13 Sept 5:30-7:30 pm
Skills to Swim Room 3 Monday 16 Sept- Friday 20 Sept
Celebration Night Monday 16 Sept @ 5:30 pm
First Communion Mass Thursday 19 Sept@5:30 pm
School Photos Saturday 21 Sept
PTA Quiz Night Wednesday 25 Sept
Assembly led by Room 2 Friday 27 Sept
Last day of term 3 Friday 27 Sept

Sausage Sizzle Order
Name ________________________________
Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each __________________
Milo, with marshmallows 50 cents ____________ (only 1 per child,)
We have been writing about our school cross country.

I ran fast. My mum yelled loud. I was hot and sweaty. After the race the milk felt good.

Ethan Martin

Laungra and I were waiting to go. I was nervous. I sprinted up the hill, my legs were burning. I won the cross country race. I was hot, the cold drink was yum.

Vili Moata’ane

At the cross country Mr Duffy got us to go in a line. I went up a steep hill. I got a sore leg but I kept running. After the race I went to my mum, she gave me a big hug and said ‘Well done’. I got a piece of orange and a drink of milk.

Dakoda Sorensen

I had butterflies in my tummy but I kept telling myself that I could win. I could feel my muscles burning when we were stretching. Then the moment came, Mrs Tili called “go!”. Off we went up the steep hill and through the grass. I had a red face and sore legs but I kept going. I was sprinting to the finish line, I was trying to beat Janivah but I didn’t. I grabbed a cold drink of water and some juicy orange. Nana and Grandad had big smiles on their faces and said “good work!”.

Chloe Deerness

Room 3 News ...

Last week was an extremely busy week for our class. On Tuesday we had choral festival singing practice. We were one of eight Catholic schools at the practice. We sang a variety of songs. These songs will be performed at the Regent theatre early next term. Many thanks to the wonderful parents for giving up time to transport us.

Wednesday saw us travel to the Chinese Gardens. This trip nearly didn’t go ahead as we were short on transport. So a big thanks to the few who helped with this. When we were there we watched a power point about how the Chinese garden was developed. All the parts of the garden were handmade in China and then shipped to New Zealand. All the rocks have been selected in China to be part of the garden too. We had to find different patterns in the gardens. We discovered each Chinese garden has two lions outside it—one is holding a ball, this represents the earth and the heavens and the other has a cub. We got to make Chinese lanterns as well.

Don’t forget about the Sem’s Peanut Sauce and Marinade at $6 each per bottle. This goes towards Hala Moata’ane (ex-pupil) and his tournament in Blenheim for the 12th Grade Otago Football Team. An order form will be left in the office at school or you can contact Asela Moata’ane 474–0116 or 027–239–5814

Thank you so much for your support!
Family Mass
Thank you to those families who joined in our school/parish mass. A big thank you to all the children that came and made it a very special mass for our fathers. Once again the parishioners praised your beautiful singing!

Sacrament of First Eucharist
Please keep Kata, Liana, Alyssa, Sarah and Guin in your prayers as they are preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. (Saturday 21 September)

SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 13th September
St John’s Hall (on Highgate in Roslyn)
5:30 - 7:30 pm
50 cent entry fee
Fancy Dress

Bring along a primary school aged friend come and dance the night away
Year 1—3 Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the evening.

Prize for the costume competition
A lolly scramble
Drink, and lots of glowing things will be available for sale.