Principal's Message

Monday 14 November 2016

Every three years school have a review from the Education Review Office who are co-opted by the Ministry of Education to review the performance and legislative compliance of schools. These reviews are always carried out thoroughly with all operating systems and structures being scrutinised carefully. Although it can be quite a stressful time for staff and Board members, it is a very positive experience for schools.

Initial feedback from the two reviewers (Tess Livingstone and Lee Rowe) assures staff and our Board of Trustees that we are providing a very safe, caring environment for your children to learn in, and that learning programmes are catering to learners needs and providing opportunities for children to apply creative and critical thinking skills within their learning.

I feel a bit sorry for our Tball team who to date due to weather, long weekends and a bye; have only managed to play one game. They will be very fresh and full of energy when they get back on the diamond.

Ka kite ano

Richard Duffy

We aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ
This week ...

**Monday**
- Mr. David Young will be in Room 3 this afternoon working on Google Docs
- TBall practise after school today

**Tuesday**
- Grocery Hampers needed to make up the Christmas Grocery Hampers

**Wednesday**
- School Photo orders due back TODAY
- Dunedin City Council - Dog Control onsite to teach us about dogs

**Thursday**
- Our Sports Activator will be at school today
- Touch - Players will be notified when we have the draw.

**Friday**
- Discovery Time
- Assembly led by Room3 in Room 1 at 2:30 pm

**Saturday**
- TBall - St Mary's Mets vs Kaikorai Kakapos Bathgate 7 at 9:00 am.
- Altar Servers at Mass.
  - 19 November - Chloe Deerness and Sam Al-Balushi
  - 26 November - Soni & Semisi Taungapeau
  - 3 December - Jean Luc & Angelique Peyroux
  - 10 December - School Mass
  - 17 December - David & Atu Makasini
  - 24 December - Emila Makasini & Sam Al-Balushi

**Kickstart Breakfast Club and After School Club**
- Please remember to email the school office to book in - secretary@st-marys.school.nz. Please remember to pack your homework books and a little something extra in your lunchbox for After School Club - Thank you.

**Coming up**
- School Family dinner at Cableways
  - Thursday 24 November from 5:30 pm.
- School Graduation Mass -
  - Saturday 10 December 6:00 pm in the church.
- Christmas Carols and Prize-giving -
  - Tuesday 13 December 5:30 pm in the church.

**Term Dates for 2017**
- Term 1: Tuesday 31 Jan - Thursday 13 Apr
- Term 2: Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July
- Term 3: Monday 24 July - Friday 29 Sept
- Term 4: Monday 16 Oct - Friday 15 Dec
Feast of Christ the King
This Sunday
Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.
Jesus is a good king who loves his people so much that he died so that we could go to heaven.

End of Year Celebrations - Dates for your diaries!

Graduation Mass
Saturday 10th December at 6pm
This Mass celebrates the wonderful year we have had a school and in particular we celebrate our Year 6’s and wish them well for their future. It is also an opportunity to farewell families who have their last child moving on to intermediate.

Christmas Carols & Prize-giving
Tuesday 13th December at 5.30pm in the Church
Join us in the church where the children will lead Christmas Carols, it’s another lovely way to celebrate the year and also get into the Christmas spirit. This will be followed by our End of Year Prize-giving. Extended family

It’s Christmas Hamper Term
Final few days for bringing along items for the Christmas Hamper - we need a lot more items to make these Hampers look amazing.
Remember every item you bring along, enters you into the family hamper draw.

Selling Raffles at Fresh Choice this Friday night and Saturday all day
Sign up sheet will be in the office for you to put your name in a time slot that suits you.

School Family Social Dinner
Thursday 24 November
Cableways from 5:30 pm
Supporting our local Bar and Bistro
Make your own bookings and pay your own way
Come along and join the fun
Last week we spent some time on Google docs setting up our profiles. We also had to do an assignment on Pollution which involved making a decision about the main problems with local, national and international pollution. With international pollution most people saw the main problem as air pollution so they had to find a website, image or written report on this and publish this on a page in their google docs.

My maths group spent some time learning how to multiply numbers using working form or place value.

In Reading my group has started reading an article about someone who created a car that can run on used vegetable oil which is far better for the environment.

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**Sausage Sizzle Fridays**

Name _____________________________

No. of Sausages $1.50 each __________

Ice Block $1.00 each only 1 per child___________