Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Both classes enjoyed their camp activities last week. Again it is important to thank Estelle and Will for taking time from work to join us with our senior camp.

Having been involved with camps for many years now, there are often times when one or two incidents can occur usually due to children being tired or trying to cope with changes in routine. I am very proud to say that once again this year our children’s conduct, care for one another and courteous manner toward others was exceptional.

Due to weather and availability of events on particular days some things had to be rescheduled and the way our group adapted and organised themselves quickly to do something different was commendable.

Taking these wonderful children on camp makes the planning and very busy nature of camp totally worthwhile. Parents should also be very proud of their children.

A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers.

Naku na

Richard Duffy
This week.... Swimming Week - don't forget togs, towels, car seats

Monday
- Swimming - 12:40pm leaving school, returning 2:10 pm
- BOT meeting: 7:30 pm.

Tuesday
- Swimming - 9:10 am leaving school, returning 10:30 am

Wednesday
- School Photos Wednesday 19th October from 9:00 am.
- Swimming - 12:40pm leaving school, returning 2:10 pm

Thursday
- Swimming - 9:10 am leaving school, returning 10:30 am
- PTA meeting Thursday 20th 3:10 pm.
- Touch Game -

Friday
- It is Mission Sunday this coming Sunday. We would like to do our bit, so if each child could please bring a non-perishable food item to school on Friday it would be greatly appreciated. Food will be donated to our local St Vincent de Paul Foodbank. Thank you in advance.

Saturday
- Tee-Ball, no game due to the fact that it is Labour Weekend

This Week
- Kickstart Breakfast Club and After School Club start again this week, please remember to email the school office to book in - secretary@st-marys.school.nz

Next Week
- Monday - Labour Day, no school
- Swimming continues (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Friendly Reminders - School Driveway Safety
- Please DO NOT park over the driveway.
- Walking in - Remember to use the walkaway with the handrail and not the driveway.
October is the month of the **Rosary**.

We are continuing to pray part of the Rosary each morning. Parents you are very welcome to join us.

This week Room 2 are focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries and Room 3 are focusing Joyful Mysteries.

Welcome back to Father Cipriano who has been away in India for the past 5 weeks visiting family.

School Swimming
This begins this week and continues for the next 2 weeks.

Thank you to those parents that have offered to help with transport - We desperately need help for Wednesday's, so if you can help please let Jacquie know ASAP.

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**It's Christmas Hamper Term**

The PTA will be having a meeting THIS Thursday for a few minutes straight after school to arrange this wonderful fundraiser. If you can come along and help feel free to join us.

This term you will be asked to donate various items towards the Christmas Hamper raffle.

Then at the end of November we will selling them at Fresh Choice and each family will be given a card or 2 to sell.

As we did last year, we will have a family hamper draw for all families that donate and sell.
We had a wonderful 'Under the Sea' camp last week full of lots fun, learning and adventures. A big THANK YOU to our wonderful parent helpers- Alice, Suzy, Maree, Caroline, Tama, Janean and Roman, without your help we couldn't have done it.

Also a big THANK YOU to our Room 2 families for joining us for tea on Thursday evening, it was a special way to end the week!

Our camp was a great outdoor experience as we learnt a lot about the area of The Catlins and the lives of the people who lived there long ago. We learnt things in class before we went and the trip to the Owaka museum taught us a lot about the area. There was a lot of fun things to do like kayaking, group initiative tasks, rock climbing, the flying fox. We also had a trip to the lost fantasy caravan and Cathedral Caves which was great as well as visiting some waterfalls which was great fun as well. We are going to write more about this in class using our camp booklet.

Sausage Sizzle Fridays -
Name _______________________________

No. of Sausages $1.50 each _____________

Ice Block $1.00 each only 1 per child___________
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31st OCT 6pm - 8:30pm Gate C

CHILDREN UP TO YEAR 8 ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED
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ALL ACTIVITIES FREE

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