Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 11 November 2015

As indicated below, we are very pleased to be close to having our new fort ready for our children and children in the local community to use. As mentioned previously it has been a long project with so many people in our school involved along the way.

We’re hoping to have our playhouse ready in the next week or two which has been a technology project for one of our elective groups. Early next year or over the end year holiday break we are hoping to install a climbing net and set of swing tyres on the platform on the existing frame below our school garden areas.

Our sacramental group are continuing their preparations for receiving the Holy Eucharist with Mrs Kath Kenrick and we wish them well in their faith journey.

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Richard Duffy

We aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ
**Dates for your Diaries**

Wednesday 18 November  
Beautification Day all day

Friday 20 November  
Assembly@2:30 pm

Friday 27 November  
Reconciliation after Mass@9:30 am

Saturday 28 November  
First Holy Communion@6:00 pm

Sunday 29 November  
PTFA Christmas Hamper@Fresh Choice

Thursday 3 December  
Beach Ed Day all day

Friday 4 December  
First Friday Mass@9:30 am

Monday 7 December  
BOT Meeting@7:00 pm in the staffroom

Tuesday 8 December  
Mary Day all day

Wednesday 9 December  
Production/Prizegiving all day events

Friday 11 December  
Assembly@2:30 pm

Saturday 12 December  
Graduation Mass@6:00 pm

Monday 14 December  
Last day of school finishing@3:00 pm

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**2016 School Term Dates**

Term 1:  
Monday 1 February - Friday 15 April

Term 2:  
Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July

Term 3:  
Monday 25 July - Friday 23 September

Term 4:  
Monday 10 October - Thursday 15 December

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**Altar Servers**

14 November  
David and Atu Makasini

21 November  
Soni and Semisi Taungapeau

28 November  
School Mass - First Holy Communion

5 December  
Jean Luc and Angelique Peyroux

12 December  
School Mass Graduation

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**Sports Draws:**

- **Tball:**  
  St Mary’s (Saints) vs Wakari Gold, Diamond 13; 10:00 am

- **Touch:**  
  St Mary’s Maroon vs ??; Field 9; 4:15 pm (no draw as yet—will let you know when it comes in)

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**Playground Development**

We are very pleased to be able to inform our parents that our fort and slide are being inspected by an engineer today and should be ready for our children to enjoy some time shortly. Many thanks to all of those parents who helped with the initial working bee and again to Nick Sorensen, Chris Rietveld and David Hartstonge who gave up their time on Saturday morning to carry out some of the final installing.

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**Magic Show**

We had a visit from Bridget who is a coordinator at the Magic Kids Clubs holiday programme. She took a lunchtime activity with some of our children. A flyer is included with this newsletter.
Sacrament of First Holy Communion
We have 4 children who will receive Eucharist for the first time next weekend. **Saturday 28th November at 6pm.**
This is a very special night for these children and it would be lovely if our school community was there to support them.
There will be a special supper in the hall after Mass.

**PTFA News**

Our hampers look awesome, thank you to you all.
A lot of positive comments made by shoppers at Fresh choice.
Our last day for selling hampers at Fresh Choice is

**Sunday 29 November (12-2 pm and 2-4 pm)**
Sign up sheet on reception desk in the school office or contact Holly.

We appreciate the efforts of our parents last Sunday and would like to fill these two sessions avoiding having to call upon anyone who participated last week.
Tomorrow is our last day of electives and my group has been doing water skills. We have learnt how to dive properly off the diving board as well as kayaking skills. We have been taught how to get on and off an inflatable boat. It has been so much fun.

In R.E we have been learning about Saints and my class have been searching for pictures of different Saints and learning about the types of lives that Saints lived.

Special Offer:
50% off tickets to the Otago Volts games at the University Oval.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name______________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________

Ice Block $1 only 1 per child__________