Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The children are aware of the next few busy weeks that are in front of us with various things going on. I'd like to pay special mention to the four children preparing for their First Holy Eucharist as part of the Sacramental programme this year. It is a very special and spiritual time for them.

Again we say a big thankyou to Mrs Kath Kenrick for delivering the programme so well. She is a wealth of knowledge and we are most grateful for her time and energy. We must also acknowledge the dedication of Riley Cross who comes in from East Taieri School to take part in the Sacramental programme this year and recognise the efforts of Brendan and Kelly in having Riley involved.

With us being off site from school today and more often over the next few weeks it is worth mentioning how impressed we are with our children in the way they are consistently laid out so tidily in their school uniforms. Everybody is wearing the correct shoes, pinafores, jerseys, shirts, shorts and polar fleeces are always clean and well maintained. On behalf of the staff and myself, well done parents and our children!!.

Bula

Richard Duffy

Wednesday 21 October 2015

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

Wednesday 21 October - Thursday 5 November  School Swimming
Thursday 22 October  Electives Starts
Monday 26 October  Labour Day no school
Saturday 31 October  Working Bee

**Altar Servers**

- 24 October  Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
- 31 October  Emila Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi
- 7 November  Kata and Janivah Moata'ane

**Sports Draws:**

- Teeball: No game this weekend
- Touch: St Mary's Maroon vrs Mornington School; Field 2; 4:15pm

**Working Bee for Playground**

*This will now be held on Saturday 31st October - 9 am—5 pm*

Tools such as portable drills, (with screw and drill bits) handheld or skill saws will be useful on the day. We’re assuming that the fort project could take most of the day and are hoping to be finished around 5pm. If you are able to come along for all or part of the day that would be greatly appreciated. We’re really looking forward to having the fort structure completed for our children’s enjoyment. Lunch will be provided (sausage and bread).

**School Swimming@Moana Pool Transport still needed.**

Yesterday our school swimming programme got underway at Moana Pool. Many thanks to those parents who are assisting us with transport. If you are able to provide transport on a Tuesday Oct 27/Nov 3 or Wednesday Oct28/Nov 4 that would be really helpful. Please let Jacquie know if you can help on these dates.

**Sunhats**

Could parents please help senior children in particular with finding sunhats that may be at home somewhere. Our Board of Trustees have a sunsmart policy of the wearing of hats during Terms 1 & 4. The school endeavour to keep costs down for families and bought a number of hats which were loaned out in Term 1. Somehow these hats ended up being taken home. If you could help us by having a look around at home that would be greatly appreciated.

**Electives:**

A reminder that children involved in our Construction Elective of re-developing the playhouse need to have older clothes to wear tomorrow late morning when our builder Bob Taylor is on site.

**Dunedin Street Art Walkabout**

This Friday we have our street art trip where we will walk around the street art that has been produced in the central area of the city. We intend leave school around 9:30 am and be back at school about 12:30 pm. If you are interested in coming along, please let us know as we would appreciate some help with transport and one or two parents to accompany small groups as we walk around the streets. It should be an interesting experience.

Children have the opportunity to bring cameras or devices to school on Friday for our trip but the school will take care, but no responsibility for any camera or photo taking device that may be damaged.

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**Hayden Ringrose**

Ray White.

“*My goal is to maximise your return and minimise the disruption to your lives.*"
Sacramental Programme

Please remember Riley, Launga, Christian and Allyssa as they are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Communion.

This Mass will take place on Saturday 28th November and we would love for all of you to be there to celebrate this special occasion with them.

PTFA News

This term's fundraiser is our famous Christmas hamper. Last year we raised over 1000 with the help of the families donating time to sell raffles and donating goods. Over the next few weeks we will be asking all our families to donate specific items. If these could be placed in the golden box in the office that would be fantastic.

This week we would appreciate fancy bottles of sauce or perhaps something to drink!

Thanks in advance.

Thank you to those that have already been so generous.

In preparation for the Fair next year if everyone could please bring in jars with a large mouth and the lids. We are hoping to get a good collection together before the end of the year.

We also require plastic bags, so if you would be so kind to send along any and all spare you may have at home.

We have room on our Committee for a few others, so if you are keen to join, see Mike or Holly.
We've started our school swimming this week at Moana Pool and yesterday was about testing on what group we should be in for teaching.

We have been practising for the Zone athletics to see if we might qualify. We have done long jump, sprints, shotput and discus.

My maths group have been looking into square numbers and prime numbers.

Congratulations
A big congratulations to our Touch captain Janivah Moata’ane who has been selected in the Otago Metro under 11 Touch team after trials last Sunday. She has a game or two for Metro and will be trialling for the Otago team soon. Very well done to you Janivah!!

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name ________________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________

Ice Block $1 only 1 per child___________