Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We’d just like to thank parents for their cooperation with road crossing after school. All children are walking around the cul de sac and in some cases parents are walking across the road and collecting children. At times cars come around the bend into or out of Cromwell St and we are mindful of making sure our children get across the road safely. Also our children look very tidy and beautifully presented in correct school uniform and we thank parents for their role in this also.

We had a wonderful visit to Arawa marae last week and the presentation of our children in their uniforms sent a very positive message about how we value our school.

Thank you to Janeen Cherkun, Stani’s mum for being so willing to become our new school librarian. The staff are excited to have you join our family.

We would like to extend our condolences to Toni & Shane Martin along with Tayla, Ethan, and extended family upon the passing of Toni’s grandmother recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time

Moce mada (Fijian farewell)

Richard Duffy

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

Thursday 26 February
 Sunday 1 March
 Monday 2 March
 Tuesday 3 March
 Wednesday 4 March
 Friday 6 March 2:30 pm in Room 1

Term Dates for 2015

Term 1: Thursday January 29 - Thursday April 2
Term 2: Monday April 20 - Friday July 3
Term 3: Monday July 20 - Friday September 25
Term 4: Monday October 12 - Monday December 14

Altar Servers
25 Feb Emilia Makasini and Summer Paulin
7 Mar Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
14 Mar David and Alu Makasini
21 Mar Jean Luc and Angelique Peyroux
28 Mar Kata Moata’ane and Sam Al-Balushi

Sports News ...
St Mary’s T Ball Tigers
Draw for Saturday 21 Feb: Liberton Mighty Oaks Diamond 6, 10 am

Touch
Draw for Thursday 19 Feb: St Mary’s Maroon vs Columba Field 1 4:15 pm

Cricket World Cup
TOMORROW: Thursday 26th February
Reminders
Dress in blue
Big packed lunch
Empty plastic drink bottle
Sunhat

Walk and Wheels Week
Next Week 2 - 6 March
We would like to encourage all children to walk to school next week. If you normally have to drive, park a block or 2 away and walk the rest of the way to school.

We would love for everyone to take part, especially next Wednesday which is walk and wheel day. There are some prizes up for grabs. Once you have walked either to or from school come into the office and put a sticker on your chart. Let’s see which class has the most walkers.

Situations Vacant
We need a couple of helpers to sort and tidy up the art resource area from time to time. If you think this is something you can do please see Jacque.

Also needed is someone to take on the sports uniforms and Ini viz vest. Basically issuing and returning, and finding someone to mend items, if you feel this is something you can do please see Jacque.
Sacrament of Baptism
One child in our school family will be preparing to be baptised this year. If there are any other children who also wish to be baptised, or would like to know more about this, please contact the school office or Rachael.

Sacramental Programme Volunteer Needed
We have a group of 3 children from our school and parish that will prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion this year. We would like to begin this early in Term 2. It would be run either after school or at Mass on a Saturday night. The programme is all prepared and just needs to be delivered. If you think you can help, with one sacrament or all three, please contact the school office.

School Fundraiser for A&E “Child Distraction Packs”
A couple of weeks ago we gave the soft toys we made to Chris Bates who makes “Distraction Packs” for children waiting in A&E.
For our fundraising for charity this term, we think it would be fitting to donate $2 each, and ask the Year 6 Exec to go to the $2 shop and buy a variety of small toys to add to the Distraction Packs. We would like to do this by the end of next week. There is a collection box in the school office. Thank you.

Electives 2015
Today our Year 3-6 children began their electives programme for the term. We have 10 children who are receiving ice skating lessons at the Ice Stadium and are in need of support with transport for the next 4 weeks.

We will be leaving school each week (on a Thursday from now on) at 12:45pm and finishing at the stadium at around 2:30pm. We are very keen to spread the transport and avoid having the same parents helping each week.

If you are able to help over the next few weeks with this could you please let Jacque or Richard know.

Goal Setting Parent Interviews
A final reminder about term 1 goal setting interviews here at school next Wednesday from 3pm. Children will bring their goals home on Monday for parents to look at prior to our meetings. At these meetings children outline goals they have set for the term in consultation with their teachers and parents can raise any concerns or areas they feel their child/ren need support or further development in.
Please return the attached form for arranging a time to meet.

Name of Child/ren
________________________________________
Class
________________________________________

Please circle most suitable time for you
Time 3:30/4:00  4:00/4:30  4:30/5:00  5:00/5:30  5:30/6:00
I walked down the hill to the marae. The lady sang when we walked in. Mr Duffy talked English and Maori. I made a flax flower. It was tricky. Dougie was funny. *By La Charna*

Yesterday Constable Parcell visited our class to teach us how to be safe in a car. We need to be in a booster seat, sit in the back and “make it click!”. We got to practise putting on our seat belt in her police car and she even turned on the siren and lights for us!!

**Here’s the 3rd news**

By Gun

Last Wednesday we went to the marae and learnt about how things happen on a marae. We also learnt about some of the different jobs people had living back in those times.

On Thursday we did a group task where we had to lift a weight using a device that we made from cardboard, string and tape. We did the group task to see how well we work in groups.

In Reading we are reading about how different characters in stories get along with one another and then we make comments on how we think these characters get along with one another.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name __________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _____________ Ice blocks $1.00 ___________

Please fill in and WRITE clearly on the envelope what is being ordered.

Eg. Jacqui 1 Sausage $1.50 & 1 Ice-block $1. Not Jacqui 1$1 - that doesn’t make sense

Generally change is carried over as a credit to the following week.

There is also a lot of people not giving the right amount. $2.00 does not cover a sausage and an ice-block.