Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 25 November 2015

We are very pleased that our new fort is finally able to be used. However we do understand the importance of the engineer ensuring everything was completely ready before letting it be actively used by our children.

This Saturday evening a group of our school children and Mrs Cross' son Riley are celebrating the Holy Eucharist at Mass and it is a lovely experience for these children as part of their faith journey.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Richard Duffy

---

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

Friday 27 November      Reconciliation 11:00 am
Saturday 28 November    First Holy Communion@6:00 pm
Sunday 29 November      PTFA Christmas Hamper@Fresh Choice
Tuesday 2 December      Mary Day all day events
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

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

Altar Servers
28 November             School Mass - First Holy Communion
5 December              Jean Luc and Angelique Peyroux
12 December             School Mass Graduation
19 December             Kata and Janivah Moata’ane

Sports Draws:
Tball                    St Mary’s (Saints) vs GSN, Diamond 13; 9:00 am
Touch                   St Mary’s Maroon vs Kaikorai Sparks; Field 9; 4:15 pm

Beach Education Day
On Thursday December 3 we are booked in for Beach Education at St Kilda Surf Club. This day involves learning about safe practices at the beach and personal safety in a beach setting. We would greatly appreciate parent support on the day for transport and the correct ratio of adult to child at the beach. We will need adults to get into the water with the children. We will be leaving school shortly after 9am for a 9:30 start at the St Kilda Surf Club with the day concluding at 2:30pm. If you are able to assist, could you please let Jacquie or Richard know.

PTFA Corner ...
What a year we have had, lots of fundraising, Weetbix Tryathlon, Cheese Roll Making, Quiz Night and lastly our Christmas Hamper. We have had some sausage sizzles along the way too. This has enabled us to donate over $4,500 to the school for various activities … subsiding junior and senior camp and our sports teams, science roadshow, beach education day, discovery time, beautification day, plants for the gardens, and the annual pool party along with helping cover costs of arts and crafts in the school. And lets not forget a big donation towards the playground upgrade.
We could not have done this without the generous spirit of our families and wider community.
Thank you everyone for all your hard work throughout 2015.

Christmas Hamper
The raffle selling at Fresh Choice two weeks ago was very successful. We have a second raffle selling booking at Fresh Choice on Sunday November 29. There is still 1 space requiring filling from 12-2pm. We appreciate the efforts of our parents last time and would like to fill these one session avoiding having to call upon anyone who participated last week. If you are able to fill a slot could you please let Holly know.
Sacrament of First Holy Communion
We have 4 children who will receive Eucharist for the first this 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. **Children are to wear their school uniforms and a small plate would be greatly appreciated.**

Community Masses that we have been invited to attend:

**Sunday 6th December - 10am at Holy Name Church.**
*This is a special celebration as the Dominican Order is celebrating their 800th year.*

**Christmas Eve - 5pm at St Francis Xavier Church.**
*This is the Dunedin Hill’s Suburbs Children’s Christmas Mass.*

**Our School Production - Little Red Rocking Hood**
To be performed on Wednesday 9th December for parents and Parish before our school prize giving. **Time to be confirmed.**

We are having a **dress rehearsal tomorrow** (not Friday). Thank you for the great response we have had to our costume list. There are a couple of items we are still short of:

- 1 black tee-shirt
- Plain blue tee-shirts
- A shawl
- A hat for granny

*If you could help out with these items it would be most appreciated. Thank you.*

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name ________________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ______________
On Monday and Tuesday Naomi was in at school and we learnt about tennis. We learnt how to do forehand and backhand shots.

My maths group has been multiplying decimal numbers and we learnt that estimating is important when checking answers.

In reading we have started novel studies and some people have been using different computer programmes to design what the frame will look like above the playground fort when it has been completed because we are planning to add some things to it.