Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 28 October 2015

It is a very exciting week for us with our playground working bee getting into action this weekend. I must look back and initially thank Holly and Mike for their efforts in contacting funding agencies and drafting responses for application forms for funding. Earlier still Holly and our children delivered questionnaires to the local community about our playground project. From here Jacquie took over and did a superb job collating the material and information required for funding. She took a lot of her own time to carefully detail what each different agency required in an application, rewrote them all and sent them off.

I must also acknowledge our PTFA who fundraised over $5,000 toward the playground upgrade which was a fantastic effort. Many thanks to the committee and all of those who assisted with fundraising ventures.

The fort is the first phase of developments that have been planned. We felt it was prudent to complete the fort before undertaking any other concept mainly to get an idea of total expenditure before moving further on. The second phase involves a climbing net and a set of tyres for climbing between on the cross frames above the playground.

We’re hoping for a busy weekend with our working bee followed much later on by the rugby.

Tot gauw (Netherlands farewell)

Richard Duffy

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

Wednesday 21 October - Thursday 5 November  
School Swimming
Friday 30 October  
Assembly in Room 1@2:30 pm
Friday 30 October  
School Photos orders to be in
Saturday 31 October  
Working Bee
Tuesday 3 November  
Zone Athletics
Friday 6 November  
Bookclub orders to be in

Altar Servers

31 October  Emila Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi
7 November  Kata and Janivah Moata’ane

Sports Draws:

Teeball:  St Mary’s (Saints) vs Bathgate Park, Diamond 13; 9:00am
Touch:  St Mary’s Maroon vs Bathgate Park; Field 5; 4:15pm

Working Bee for Playground

THIS SATURDAY 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Grant Engineering are up cementing poles and stays into the ground and are very excited about our working bee this Saturday. We aim to start around 9:00 am and are hopeful of getting most, if not all of the fort structure erected and available for play from Monday. “We intend to down tools by 5:00 pm (hopefully job finished!!).

We have mentioned previously that tools such as portable drills, (with screw and drill bits) handheld or skill saws will be useful on the day.

Nick Sorensen will direct us on what we should be doing and how it should be done. If you are able to come along for all or part of the day that would be greatly appreciated. We are very excited as after a long process in leading up to this major part of our playground, we are about to begin the real work!! We are hoping that the weather won’t play a part in our working bee but if it is unfavourable Nick and Alan Grant will make a decision on what we are best to do. Lunch will be provided (sausage and bread).

School Swimming@Moana Pool

We are about half way through our school swimming programme at Moana Pool and would like to extend a big thankyou to those parents who have been able to assist us with transport. We understand also the work commitments that other parents have and understand that all of our parent community help us and ultimately their children in some form or another.

Sunhats

We are still reminding senior children in particular about the need to have their sunhat at school to wear this term. Again parents if you could have a look around home for any school sunhats we would be most grateful.
Sacramental Programme
Please keep Launga, Christian, Ally, Riley and their teacher Kath in your prayers as they continue on their sacramental journey this term.

They will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time at a special mass on Saturday 28th November.

Feast of All Saints and All Souls
All Saints Day is when we remember all the saints who are in heaven with God. The word saint means to be holy, and we are all called to be holy. This means that we are all on the way to becoming saints! It is a day of joy celebrating those who have entered the joy of heaven and live in the presence of God.

All Souls Day is the day we especially remember all those who have died, in particular we remember and pray for the Holy Souls who are in Purgatory.

Holy Souls is the name given to all those who are waiting in Purgatory to become free from all sin before entering heaven. We believe that our prayers help those who have died become pure in heart and able to be absolutely happy with God. It is a day of sorrow when people pray for those who have died.

‘Black Out’ Day
This Friday 30 October
Come to school this Friday dressed in black to show our support for the All Blacks this weekend!

PTFA News
This week we would appreciate Non Perishables for our Christmas Hamper. The raffle cards have come home with this newsletter.
The cards and money need to be returned by the 2nd December.

Draw will be done on the 9th December
Thank you to those that have already been so generous

We have room on our committee for a few others, so if you are keen to join, we would love to have you come on board to help see Mike or Holly or Richard.
Thanks Dylan Preston for these photos of the Dunedin Street Art.
Have you checked out our other ones on Facebook yet?

We are really enjoying our swimming lessons and making great progress!

Congratulations:-
To the following ladies in qualifying for the North Zone sports held at the Caledonian Sports ground this coming Tuesday.

April Gamao (under 10 long jump & sprints),
Janivah Moata’ane (under 11 highjump, long jump & sprints), and
Chloe Deerness (under 11 sprints & junior 800mtrs)
We are certain you will represent us well - Good luck ladies!!

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form – Friday Lunchtimes

Name ____________________________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________

Ice Block $1 only 1 per child___________