Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 4 November 2015

We were lucky with the weather for our working bee on Saturday despite a really strong, persistent wind. It was great to get the structure of the fort set in place and we are looking forward to the whole project being completed over the next week or two.

Our junior children have been enjoying the experience of visiting a kindergarten again as is evident from their comments about buddy reading with the younger pre school children. It is a great boost for their self perception as a reader to be in a situation where they are sharing the bulk of a story to another child.

We enjoyed a visit from the SCPA last week which involved a presentation on animal care and safe practices around strange dogs and other animals. The children seemed to appreciate just how much power we as humans have over animals and how delicate creation actually is.

Ka kite ano
Richard Duffy

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

Thursday 5 November     Zone Athletics
Friday 6 November      First Friday Mass
Friday 6 November      Bookclub orders to be in
Monday 16 November    BOT Meeting

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
7 November  Kata and Janivah Moata’ane
14 November  David and Atu Makasini

Sports Draws:

Tball      St Mary’s (Saints) vs Bathgate Park School, Diamond 13; 10:00 am
Touch     St Mary’s Maroon vs Bathgate Park School; Field 5; 4:15 pm

Working Bee for Playground

Many thanks to those who were able to make our fort building working bee on Saturday. We understand at times also that some families have other commitments and we did have two apologies from families who were unable to attend. We are now waiting for the slide to arrive and have been informed that Wednesday 18 November is the date it is going to be installed. The fireman’s pole, barrier rails and internal steps will all be attached on this date or prior to. We are very keen for the fort project to be completed so our children can experience playing on it.

School Swimming@Moana Pool

The staff and our children would like to thank our school parents for their support with transport during our school swimming lessons at Moana Pool. We trialled Moana Pool as a venue this year because it gave the opportunity for children to have longer time in the water. Transport was always a potential issue but thanks to our gracious parents it was all quite an easy exercise. Many thanks again parents.

Road Works

Fulton Hogan have asked us to advise parents that road works will be being completed on Taieri Rd from Nairn St up to Dean St over the next week or so. There will still be driver access but it may be restricted to one lane.

Science Road Show

Next Monday 9 November we are booked into the science roadshow which is being held at Dunedin North Intermediate School from 12:30 pm until 1:50 pm. The science roadshow offers a lot of hands on type science experiences for children. We have funded the cost from our science budget but would greatly appreciate support with transport.

We are leaving school around 12:10 pm after an early lunch and our time concludes there at 1:50 pm. If you are able to assist with transport could you please let Jacquie or Richard know. We are aware that there have been quite a lot of requests for transport help of late and appreciate our parents understanding with this.
Special Celebrations this term: You are welcome to join us.

This Friday at 9:30 am -
First Friday Mass

Friday 27 November at 9:30 am -
Reconciliation

Saturday 28 November at 6:00 pm -
Sacrament of First Communion

Friday 4 December at 9:30 am -
First Friday Mass

Tuesday 8 December from 9:30 am -
School Feast Day (Mary Day)

Saturday 12 December at 6:00 pm -
Graduation Mass

This week we would appreciate gift item for our Christmas Hamper. This week we would appreciate gift item for our Christmas Hamper. This week we would appreciate gift item for our Christmas Hamper.

Thank you to those that have already been so generous. However we still need lots more to make this hamper awesome!

The raffle cards came home last week. The cards and money need to be returned by the 2 December. Draw will be done on the 9 December.

We have booked spaces at Fresh Choice on Sunday 15 November and Sunday 29 November for selling of raffles for our Christmas Hamper.

Many thanks to Holly, Suzy and Alice who have already put their names down for times to sit and sell raffles on one of these dates. The times are of two hour duration between the times of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm. If you are able to help with this please check the time sheet in the office – thanks.
We have been working on a website where we can take photos of things and then you can design your own things to fit in with the picture. You can use shapes, sketch lines and put colour in with a highlighter.

My group in maths have been looking at place value in big numbers as well as multiplying big numbers that end in zeros. We’ve now moved on to multiplying all sorts of numbers.

**Congratulations:**

We extend a huge congratulations to Janivah Moata’ane who has been selected to represent Otago Under 11 in Touch. She played in regional trials last Sunday in Oamaru where players from different areas and Touch modules from the province were also playing on the day. We are not surprised with Janivah’s selection as we have always known that she is a very talented player.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________

Ice Block $1 only 1 per child___________