Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are coming toward the end of our Year 3-6 electives programme for this term. As you are possibly aware the programme runs for 10 hours over 5 weeks and yesterday was the last session we will have with Alofa Lale. Alofa is a Presbyterian minister here in Dunedin and has done a fantastic job with the children involved in the Pacific culture group teaching them song, dance and movement sequences. The final 3 sessions will be led by our own Andrew Muasika who will focus on teaching Pacific drum work with this group.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Thurlow and Miss Todd back to school tomorrow. They are with us for the next four weeks and will be running the classroom programmes during this time. Our children enjoy having these two teachers in our school and we are happy that they will be with us during our school camps in week 9 of this term.

'Ofa atu (tongan farewell)

Richard Duffy

Wednesday 19 August 2015

We aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ
Sports Corner

Hockey Draw - Wednesday 19th August (Today)
Storm (Year 3&4)  3.40pm at the McMillian Turf, Far 1
Strikers (Year 5&6)  4.30pm at the McMillan Turf, Far 2
Please be there at least 15min before your game starts.

Last week:
The Storm lost 3-2 against Green Island. Player of the Day was Millie (St Brigid’s)
The Strikers had a last minute draw against Mornington. Player of the Day was Chloe.

Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 20 August  School Cross Country
Monday 24 August  Life Education
Tuesday 25 August  Life Education
Thursday 27 August  PTFA Meeting
Friday 4 September  Otago Cross Country Champs
Friday 4 September  Assembly@2:30 pm in Room 1
Saturday 5 September  Fathers Day Mass/Confirmation
Monday 7 September  BOT Meeting@7:00 pm in Staffroom
Monday 14 September  Camp Week

Altar Servers
22 August Emila Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi
29 August David and Atu Makasini
5 September    School Mass - Fathers Day/Confirmation

School Cross Country
THIS Thursday August 20 starting the first race at 11:30 am.
We need lots of cheerleaders; so parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, the more the merrier.
Bring along your own lunch and join us at the end of the cross country.
Please pray for NO rain!!!

School Fair March 2016
Our school fair committee met last week and looked over the planning model that was used for the gala in 2013. At this early stage we are interested in beginning to collect items for our white elephant stall. If you have any second hand items at home that you longer want and they are in reasonable condition we are happy for you to bring them along to school and leave them in the music room downstairs. We are happy to collect most anything from clothes to games and puzzles including household non electrical items. If you require any further information please contact Holly, Mike, Alice or Richard.
Sacrament of Confirmation
Launga, Christian, Allyssa, Riley and Vili will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during our Fathers Day Family Mass on Saturday 5th September at 6pm. This is our Family/Parish Mass for Term 3.

Red Nose Day Fundraiser
This Friday 21 August
Let's support this great fundraiser by coming to school dressed in red and bringing a gold coin donation for 'Cure Kids'.

Zone Cross Country
Congratulations and well done to Janivah, Chloe and Christian for representing St Mary's so very well at the Zone Cross Country at Balmacewen last Thursday. Chloe is off to the Otago Champs in September. Great work team, your hard work and training showed. We are very proud of your efforts.

Talent Show
This term the Year 6 Exec have been planning to organise a talent show. We are seeing who wants to participate & what act they will be doing. Pupils will be able to do things like singing, dancing, magic & playing a musical instrument of some kind, children will also be able to perform in groups of 2-3 if desired. Depending on the number of people who want to participate in our talent show, we will decide if a talent show is worth organizing.

By Sarah Al-Balushi, for the year 6 Exec.
At the moment we are learning about ‘Persuasive Writing’. We are writing speeches to persuade people that our school is the best school ever. We are looking forward to sharing our work with you soon!

Last Friday we had a ‘Goldilocks and the 3 Bears’ Discovery Time. We made Goldilocks’ curly hair, a bear headband and a Nutella and banana bear. We played with porridge playdough and acted out the story in our puppet theatre. We also wrote sorry letters to the 3 bears from Goldilocks. It was heaps of fun!

Yesterday in Electives we practised a lot of dance moves. We learnt some language from different cultures. In assembly on Friday we showed our lego movies which was fun and we celebrated the Assumption of Mary.

My maths group has been working on skip counting in groups of 2, 3, and 4’s and we have also been learning some different strategies for adding and subtracting big numbers.

Sausage sizzle/Hot Chocolates Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name ________________________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ___________ Hot Chocolates 50 cents__________