Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 26 August 2015

We enjoyed having the Life Education bus with us over the last two days and in particular Harold the Giraffe who is a big hit especially with our younger children. I work with our Year 1 & 2 children in Religious Education four days a week and really notice the improvements they make in their reading, writing and ability to think and share ideas. Our lower class sizes really benefit our children with their learning development and we are very lucky with the knowledge and skill of our staff in the approaches they take to facilitating each child’s learning.

Miss Thurlow and Miss Todd are doing a great job with the learning programmes they are running for our children at this time and we are enjoying having them in school with us again.

Buenas tardes (Spanish farewell)
Richard Duffy

Extending our Gratitude

We would like to thank David Hartstonge for the time he has taken to replace a number of decking planks on parts of our playground that had become rotten in places. David and Linda do a lot for us around school and we really do appreciate their kindness.

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 no 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.

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

Hockey Draw - Wednesday 26th August (Today)
Storm (Year 3&4) 3.40pm at the McMillian Turf, Far 1
Strikers (Year 5&6) BYE
This is the last week of hockey for 2015.
There will be a prize giving next Wednesday 2 September at the McMillan Turf.
Year 3&4 from 3.30-4.30pm, and Year 5&6 from 4.30-5.30pm.

Balmacewen Tennis Club Opening Day
The Balmacewen Tennis Club open day is on Sunday September 6 from 1pm at their club courts on 125 Balmacewen Rd. They are keen for school aged children to come along to the open day and learn some things about tennis including the different coaching programmes they offer. Vouchers toward one free coaching session and one free junior tennis entry are available from our school office.

Term 4 Sports Teams
A note will be going home next week gauging interest in our Term 4 sports options. These being Touch, Tee-ball and Futsal. Cricket is also available through our local club, Kaikorai.

Altar Servers
29 August David and Atu Makasini
5 September School Mass - Fathers Day/Confirmation

School Cross Country
Well done to all our children, it was great to see all of you improving during your training, and to see your determination on the day. It was a cold run, but we managed to complete all the races before the weather packed in! Thank you to our families who came to cheer us on
Family Mass—Saturday 5th September at 6pm
Launga, Christian, Allyssa, Riley and Vili will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during our Fathers Day Mass. This is our Family/Parish Mass for Term 3 and we would love to see everybody there to celebrate our Fathers and support our children as they receive the Sacrament.

Red Nose Day Fundraiser

A big “THANK YOU” to our children for dressing up and our families for donating money to this cause, we raised $40 for Cure Kids.

 Needed for Discovery Time....

We are running very low on ice-cream containers and lids. If you have any spare at home we would really appreciate them. Thank you in advance!

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.
On Friday we dressed in red to recognise red nose day. On Monday and yesterday we visited Harold in the Life Education bus and he told us how to be a food detective which involves looking at ingredients on foods before you buy them.

Yesterday Andrew taught us to do different drum beats with drums as part of our electives for the day. My reading group did a crossword yesterday about a cyclone in Samoa. Some of us have been preparing for our talent show later this term.

Sausage sizzle/Hot Chocolates Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________ Hot Chocolates 50 cents____________

We are lucky to have Miss Thurlow teaching us for the next 3 weeks. We are really looking forward to it!

We are practicing our persuasive speeches at home at the moment and we are going to present them to the school on Monday. Some of us might share our speeches with you at assembly soon!

Last Friday we had a ‘RED’ Discovery Time for Red Nose Day. We made the Little Red Hen and Clifford the Big Red Dog! We played with red playdoh and red bubble mixture. We made yummy red biscuits with a face and a red lolly nose!