

St Mary's Kaikorai School

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From the Board Chairperson



I have spent a fair bit of time at school lately and wish to thank our volunteers David and Linda for the amazing work they do for us in and around our school, the driveway looks great.

Also I am sure you have noticed our classrooms are very settled now, having Mr Morgan back is excellent with great support from Miss Thurlow.

We appreciate Mrs Deerness assisting by being our Acting Principal for a period while we finalise with the Bishop's Office our plans to make this current staffing our long term position.

The efforts of our dedicated staff (Rachael, Jacquie, Deanne, Thelma, Julia, and Jeremy), and the support of our families is very much appreciated by myself and the rest of the BOT.

Erin Barton (Board of Trustees Chairperson)

Thank
you!

SERVE
one another in
love
galatians 5:13



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Sport: Hockey

Hockey Prize-giving: Wednesday 30th August.

Upstairs at the McMillan Centre.

Year 3&4 Storm 3:30 - 4:30pm. Year 5&6 Strikers 4:30 - 5:30pm

Last week: The Storm lost to GSNS 6 - 2. Player of the Day was Will Deerness



Miniball



Congratulations on a great season. Our children have improved with each game which has been great to see. Thank you to Alice, Kelly and Will who have stepped in recently to coach and manage our team. It was greatly appreciated.



Cross Country

We wish Sophie Deerness 'good luck' as she represents St Mary's Kaikorai at the Otago Champs Cross Country at Kaikorai Valley College this Friday.



After School Club

It's great to see families using our before and after school care. A reminder that as our clubs are free. It is important that families provide afternoon tea for their children. This means putting a little extra in their lunch boxes for after school.



We also asked that you please check in with the staff when dropping off and collecting them, as well as signing out. This is especially important in the afternoons.

Many thanks.



As we are a small staff, we are looking for parents/grandparents to volunteer to run some of the After School Club sessions if they have any spare time.

If this is something you are interested in, please come and talk to staff and put your name on the roster. Again, many thanks.

Quiz Night - NEXT Thursday

7 September @ 7 pm

\$5 per person

Tickets now available from the school office
476-4277 or secretary@st-marys.school.nz

Prizes are still needed for the raffle. Please bring along and drop off to the school office. Chocolate, unwanted gifts or prizes, vouchers etc



Sausage Sizzle Fridays - Winter term means FREE hot chocolates

Name _____

No. of Sausages \$1.50 each _____ Hot Chocolate _____



This week at a glance:

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Sports Activator, Hockey Prize giving
Thursday	
Friday	Assembly 2:30 pm
Saturday	Father's Day Family Mass 6:00 pm
Next Week	Quiz Night - Thursday



Special Character and Religious Education:

Father's Day Family Mass

THIS SATURDAY 2nd September at 6pm.

This is our Family Mass for Term 3. It's our opportunity to celebrate our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and all those who take the place of fathers in our lives. It would be lovely to see as many children and families there as possible. Mass will be followed by supper in the hall. A small plate for supper will be appreciated.

To help us in our preparations for this, can photos of children and their dad's please be emailed to school so that the children can create some art/writing with them.

Thank you to those who have already done so.



Teacher Only Day - Cancelled



With Mrs Deerness now attending 'The Gathering' in Alexandra on her own, and with it being on a Friday, there is now **no need to hold a Teacher Only Day on Friday 22 September**. However if some families have already made plans for a long weekend, please feel free to follow these through, just let the office know. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Daffodil Day - Thank you for your support



Our children looked bright and happy in their orange and yellow clothes to acknowledge Daffodil Day. Thank you to our families for their support, we raised \$61 for the Cancer Society.





Room 2 News



We have continued learning about states of matter. This week we learnt about using heat to change states from solid into liquid. Crayons were our solids, and we used a hair drier to add heat, this melted the crayons and turned them into a liquid. We also noticed that when it cooled down again, they turned back into a solid!

We had lots of fun making daffodils and edible spring flowers during Discovery Time last week.

We are looking forward to Spring!



Gifted and Talented

On Tuesday afternoon Launga, Sophie, Amelia, Maddy and Alex, along with the Gifted & Talented students from Kavanagh visited Runaway, an independent game developer and publisher based in Dunedin. It was started in Dunedin 9 years ago by Tim Nixon and now employs 25 people who build beautiful games inspired by the natural world.

The children were introduced to some of the people who create these amazing games. Their aim is to create games that connect people with the real world, allow them to have fun and learn a little along the way. They look to create worlds and characters that the players really care about and enjoy coming back to visit.



The children downloaded their 3 popular games, Flutter, Splash and Starlight. The children were also given the opportunity to wear a virtual reality headset which was a very cool experience for them!

Thank you to Zoe and Bryce from Runaway, and Ms McGarry from Kavanagh for organising such an inspiring trip.

Library/School Readers Book Amnesty

For the rest of August there will be a library and school readers book amnesty.

A box will be in the office, please hunt at home and return no questions asked.





ST VINCENT DE PAUL DUNEDIN YOUNG VINNIES COOK-UP DAY!



On Sunday 17 September, we're bringing together Young Vinnies from all over Dunedin to help cook up a storm to make meals that will be frozen and go into our food parcels! It'll make a huge difference to the lives of families in our communities and it's a great way to end Social Justice Week! We'd love to have you join us!

RSVP at

www.stvincentdepauldunedin.nz/youth/cookup

Sunday 17th
September 2017

Mercy Room @ St
Patrick's Basilica,
Macandrew Rd.

Starting at
10am, finishing
at 3pm.
(You can come for part of
the day!)

For Year 5 -8
students

Numbers strictly
limited so please
RSVP soon!

Any questions contact:

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