Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are very excited about the stage we are at with our playground development and that our slide is in the early stages of being made. Our Term 3 electives programme is up and running and while this is on the Year 1 & 2 children get some really direct teacher instruction.

Our school quiz night on Monday evening was a great get together and we are thankful to those ex -families and other groups not directly linked to the school who support this fundraising venture. A special mention must go to Holly, Kelly K, Mike M and Rachael for their efforts leading up to the quiz night and on the evening carrying out different tasks to make it a successful event for our school.

A team that stood out to the staff on the night was Estelle, Xavier, Angelique, Jean-Luc, Louis and Maria. An amazing effort by the youngest team, that deserves a huge ovation! Thank you to the Kubala/Peyroux family for supporting our school, by entering two teams!

We have been really enjoying our portable squash from Otago Squash. It is set up until the end of next week.

Richard Duffy

“GOD has not called me to be SUCCESSFUL.
He called me to be FAITHFUL.”

BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA
From her book, Love: A Fruit Always in Season
Sports Corner

Hockey Draw - Wednesday 5th August (Today)
Storm (Year 3&4)  3.40pm at the McMillian Turf, Far 4
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 had a tough game in the cold and without their coach, they lost 4-1. Player of the day was Sophie for great backing up.
The Strikers continue to play well as a team, they had a competitive game and drew 2-2. Player of the day was Dylan for great attacking and defensive play.

Miniball Draw
St Mary’s Magic vrs St Clair 3, Court 4; 4:15 pm

Dates for your Diaries

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Altar Servers
8 August  Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
15 August  Kata and Janivah Moata’a’ane
22 August  Emila Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi

School Cross Country
Postponed till Thursday August 20 from 11:30.
We’re doing quite a bit of training at the moment and would like children to have running shoes at school daily.

School Fair March 2016
Our school fair is scheduled for early March next year. Three years ago the centennial gala was held on the school grounds and was hugely successful with a large turnout of people and a good amount of money raised for the school. The PTFA are interested in forming a fair committee in preparation for March next year.
Those involved 3 years ago felt it was a fantastic experience being involved in organising this event for our school. If you would like to be involved in this committee either let Jacquie or Richard know or come along to the first fair committee meeting on Thursday August 13 in the school staffroom at 3pm.

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“My goal is to maximise your return and minimise the disruption to your lives.”
Sacrament of Confirmation
Please keep Launga, Christian, Allyssa, Riley and Vili in your prayers as they begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this term.

St Dominic’s Day Celebrations
This Friday (7th August) we are joining all the other Dominican Schools in Otago for a Mass at Holy Name to celebrate St Dominic and our school’s Dominican heritage. Mass is at 10am, parents are very welcome to join us. Please remember to send car seats along for those children that need them.

Sacred Heart school are joining us for lunch and some Dominican inspired activities in the afternoon. **It would be wonderful and much appreciated if we could have some parent helpers between 12.30-2.30pm to help out at stations. Please let Rachael know if you can help. Thank you.**

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Feast Day - 6th August
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them...

…Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

Mark 9:2-3; 7

School Playground Progress
A huge thank you to Jacqui Tetlow for all the extra work she did applying for the grants. We have received a number of grants from the following business’s and we appreciate their generosity.
Alexander McMillan Trust - $5,000
Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation - $2,000
New Zealand Charitable Trust - $5,000
Lion Foundation - $4,000
Otago Community Trust - $5,000
St Mary’s Kaikorai PTFA - $5,000

This makes a grand total of $27,000 towards our playground.
Thank you too to Mike Mullens for the initial part of the grant application process.

Although it is some time off yet, a working bee has been organised **Saturday October 17** to work alongside Grant Engineering to put the slide in place and construct as much of the fort as possible. It is quite a complex design and will take some time to get fabricated.

Our Board of Trustees property representative Nic Sorensen is leading the project and we are
No Sausage Sizzle for Friday lunches this week.

Our Topic this term is “Adventure Tourism” in New Zealand. We are asking ourselves what makes people want to visit our awesome country. At the moment we are looking at attractions in Otago, such as the Moeraki Boulders, Cathedral Caves, Ski Fields in Central Otago and Mitre Peak.

Here are some of our water colour paintings of the Moeraki Boulders.

We are still spending quite a bit of time training for our school cross country. We have some senior people who will go to the zone cross country at Balmacewen Intermediate next week so it is good practice for them.

My maths group has been looking into total values of money in big numbers.

We have been doing some persuasive writing about famous New Zealand landmarks. One of our topics has been Moeraki Boulders.

For Maori Language week last week we did some art work on koru or things to do with Maori culture.

My reading group have read articles about 2 marathon swimmers and now we are comparing things about them. Ally and I have been identifying some of the emotions the two swimmers were feeling leading up to their races.

By Chloe