Principal’s Message

Monday 1 August 2016

Many thanks to our parents, grandparents and others with links to our school for joining us last Tuesday to celebrate the day reserved for the patron Saints of grandparents. Being a smaller school makes this type of get together very special as there is a real family feel when our parent community come together.

Late last term we began preparations for our school performance at the Polyfest carnival which is being held at the Edgar Centre in mid September. Again as two years ago we have Neomai Muasika leading us with our preparations for Polyfest and we would like to thank her for her time and the skills and knowledge she brings along to impart upon us.

We are experiencing some very typical winter weather at the moment and we trust you all manage to keep warm and well at this time.

Congratulations to Xavier and Chloe who have been selected for Year 5&6 Representative Teams in Hockey. They begin their training this weekend, and have tournaments in Cromwell, Gore and Dunedin over the next couple of months. Great work you two!

Paalam na  (Filipino farewell)

Richard Duffy

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

August
- Tuesday 2: Room 3 Parents meeting for camp@7:00 pm
- Wednesday 3: Dominican Mass at Holy Name@10:00 am
- Friday 5: First Friday Mass in the church@9:30 am
- Monday 8: BOT Meeting in the staffroom@7:00 pm
- Wednesday 10: School Cross Country@11:30 am
- Friday 12: Assembly in Room 1@2:30 pm

September
- Thursday 15: Quiz Night at the Kensington

Altar Servers
August
- Saturday 6: Jean Luc & Angelique Peyroux
- Saturday 13: Emila Makasini & Chloe Deerness
- Saturday 20: Soni & Semisi Taungapeau

Cross Country
Our school cross country is set for Wednesday August 10 from 11:30 am. We’ll be doing quite a bit of training at the moment and would like children to have running shoes at school daily. They are welcome to leave their running shoes here at school over the next couple of weeks if they wish.

Friendly Reminders
School starts at 9 am and we are having a number of late starters. The 15 or so minutes before school starting are important for children to be able to put their things away and get ready themselves for a school day. Included with this newsletter is a before school information sheet.

Lunches in the lunchboxes
Please try to keep these as healthy as possible - lately a number of children are having pies on a daily basis. Included with this newsletter is a healthy lunches idea sheet.

Room 3 Camp– Meeting for Parents.
Tomorrow night we are holding a camp meeting in Room 3 tomorrow evening from 7pm. A breakdown of costs will be given and some discussion can be had around the possibility of fundraising.

Hockey: Wednesday 3rd August
- Year 3&4 Storm play at 3.40pm on Pav 1
- Year 5&6 Strikers play at 5.20pm on Pav 4

Last week:
- The Storm had a tough game with no subs, they tried hard but lost.
- Player of the day was Gabriel Kubala.
- The Strikers remain unbeaten this season with another convincing win.
- Player of the Day was Janivah Moata’ane.

MiniBall: Thursday 4th August - We have a bye! So no game and then only 2 more weeks till the end of the miniball season.

Last week:
St Mary’s Magic played hard but lost against a very confident Balaclava team, 27-10. It is great to see our younger players gaining more confidence with Lily scoring a lovely goal and Sophie receiving player of the day for fantastic dribbling down the court.

Hot Lunch Friday— This Week Mac Cheese Orders in by Thursday,
Name _____________________________
Hot Lunches $2.50 each ____________
Hot Chocolate (free) only 1 per child___________
St Dominic's Day (Wednesday 3rd August)
We are celebrating St Dominic this Wednesday by joining in the annual combined Mass at Holy Name at 10:30am. We have also been invited to have lunch and a play with other Dominican schools at St Joseph’s Cathedral School straight afterwards. Parents you are very welcome to join us.

Please ensure children are wearing their correct school shoes on Wednesday rather than their cross country runners. Many thanks.

Grandparent’s Afternoon:
Thank you to all those who joined us in celebrating the Feast Day of Jesus’ grandparents. We are so lucky to have so many wonderful grandparents as part of our school family.

PTA Quiz Night Thursday 15 September at 7:00 pm, Kensington by the Oval
$5 person - Extra money for drinks and raffles

Tickets have arrived and it would be great if all families could get out and sell. Tickets are available from the school office.

A fun great night out with family and friends.

Thank you to those businesses that have donated prizes, we will start featuring these companies on our Facebook page.

Facebook Holiday Photos
Thank you to everyone who posted a photo of themselves doing something fun. Since they all looked very exciting every child will get a prize - thank you to Sports Otago for these treats.
Our visual topic this term is printmaking. We printed the Olympic Rings using polystyrene cups and paint.

This week we are going to use cut cardboard rolls and print fireworks like they may have in the opening ceremony at the Rio Olympics!

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**Here's the **3**rd News**

By Ally

We have started focussing on our fitness with long distance running leading up to our cross country.

On Thursday morning our Year 6 group went to a Kavanagh College sports morning at the Edgar Centre. We played all sorts of sports against other schools.

Launga’s mum has been coming in getting us ready for Polyfest in September.

Then finally on Friday morning, Naomi our sports activator came to school and worked with both classes on long jump skills.

Korbin had exciting news last week, he became an older brother, his baby sister Blaik was born. Congratulations to Polly and Korbin, we trust you will have many fun times ahead.

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Sweet Peas

Coming home today with this newsletter is a packet of sweet pea seeds.

These seeds have coming from last years flowers. Linda kindly collected and dried them for us to use again. We will be planting them in our school garden and your child has a few seeds to plant at home.