Principal’s Message

Monday 15 August 2016

We had a lovely day for our school cross country last Wednesday. The fantastic attitude our children had in training for the cross country, and then on the day running and encouraging each other before and after the running of the races is really apparent and something we should all feel quite proud of. The wonderful sunny winter’s day also made the experience really enjoyable. Many thanks to our parents and grandparents who were able to attend. We understand fully the work and other commitments of those who couldn’t come along.

This week we say farewell to Mrs Cross who has been a member of our staff since 2014. She has always been very energetic and strived to improve the learning of all of the children in our school. We all warmly extend our very best wishes to Kelly with her new fulltime teaching position and to her family as well.

We would like to extend our sympathies to Mrs Deerness and the Smyth family at this time upon the passing away of Rachael’s grandmother over the weekend in Alexandra. Our love and prayerful thoughts are with the family at this time.

Toki sio (Tongan farewell)

Richard Duffy

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

August
- Monday 15  Assumption Liturgy in Room 1@9:00 am
- Monday 12  Zone Cross Country
- Thursday 18  Farewell Liturgy in Room 1@12 noon followed by shared lunch

September
- Thursday 15  Quiz Night at the Kensington’
- Wednesday 22  Celebration/Open Night

Altar Servers
August
- Saturday 20  Soni & Semisi Taungapeau

Pasifika Powerup Plus Programme
The Congregational Christian Church of Samoa Dunedin is running a Power up programme aimed at lifting learning achievement for Pasifika children through primary and secondary school levels.

The programme runs each Thursday evening from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa Dunedin, on Macandrew Rd.

If you would like more information, please collect an information flyer from the office.

School Accounts
Sorry we had computer email gremlins last week, these will be emailed out this week, if you need an automatic payment form then please contact Jacquie in the school office for one to be sent to you.

Hot lunches
As these lunches are pre-made, we need orders in by Thursday morning. Friday is too late, and recently we had 4 children put their orders in on Friday morning. There are no sausages this term. The cost is also $2.50 per meal not $2.00. Thank you for your help in reminding your child this.

Hockey:  Wednesday 17th August
Year 3&4 Storm play at 3.40pm on Pav 2.
Year 5&6 Strikers play at 4.30pm on Far 2.

Last week:
The Storm had a great win with 2 awesome goals from Emilie and Gabriel. 
Player of the day was Maddy (St Brigid’s)
The Strikers continue on their unbeaten streak. Player of the day was Xavier.

MiniBall:  Thursday 11 August  - .St Mary’s Magic vs Balaclava Red , Court 3, 4:50 pm.

Hot Lunch Friday— This Week Lasange Orders in by Thursday.
Name _____________________________
Hot Lunches $2.50 each _____________
Hot Chocolate (free) only 1 per child___________
Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Each year on this day, the 15th of August, we remember and celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus, and because she was so special and led such a perfect life, she was taken back to heaven - body and soul. 
We celebrated this morning with a special liturgy in Room 1.

Liturgy and Shared Lunch to Farewell Mrs Cross
Please join us for a special liturgy to celebrate Mrs Cross’ time at St Mary’s and to wish her farewell.
Thursday 19th August at 12pm in Room 1
Followed by a shared lunch, so please bring a plate of food to share together.

Father’s Day Family Mass
Saturday 3rd September at 6pm.
Please join us for our Term 3 Family Mass to celebrate our fathers and grandfathers.

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

There will be NO door sales, it is by ticket entry only.
Tickets are available from the school office - it would be lovely if every family in the school is represented in a team or two. This is a fun great night out with family and friends.

Thank you to those businesses that have donated prizes, we have started featuring these companies on our Facebook page.
If you would like to donate a prize or know of a business that would like to donate a prize, there is a box for this in the school office. Anything is gratefully received: Bottles of nice drink, chocolates, re-gifting gifts, vouchers for family things to do around town.
Homemade baking is welcome too - we will ask for this closer to the time.

Posters are coming home today, for you to put up in places you work, business’s around town or in your car.
Last Wednesday we had our school cross country, we ran really fast and jumped over a hay bale and finished the race by running through the finishing ribbon.

We had a medal ceremony just like the Olympics and we all received medals which we are so proud of.

Last week we had our cross country on Wednesday and it was cool how everyone enjoyed themselves running. The medals were fantastic and thanks to Jacque for that.

In Maths for measurement we have work to do with a partner measuring different things to do with the Olympics such as how far can a sprinter run in 1 second.

We are doing a pen portrait about New Zealand athletes and we are going to publish these soon. We used the programme Skitch to create a diagram of things used in the Olympics. Launga and I did a diagram and report on parallel bars

By Christian