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Principal's Message

Monday 1 August 2016

The tail end of winter certainly produced a sting late last week, hopefully we are now toward the end of winter!

It has been enjoyable watching some of the events with the Olympics underway and learning more about Rio and the lives of different groups of people living in this big city. It was nice from a social justice perspective seeing members of the New Zealand team giving their time and donating some of their different types of equipment to a group of youths at a gymnasium type facility in an impoverished area of the city.

Our Year 6 Exec talked last term about organising a mini Olympics sometime at school this term when the weather warms up toward the end of the term.

Até logo (Portuguese farewell

Richard Duffy

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.

Mary MacKillop

Quote-Addicts

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

		Dates for your Diaries	
August	Monday 8	BOT Meeting in the staffroom@7:00 pm	PU
_	Wednesday 10	0 School Cross Country@11:30 am	
	Friday 12	First Friday Mass@9:30 am	CAL
	Friday 12	Assembly in Room 1@2:30 pm	
	Monday 15	Assumption Liturgy in Room 1@9:00 am	
	Thursday 18	Farewell Liturgy in Room 1@12 noon followed by shared	unc
September	Thursday 15	Quiz Night at the Kensington	_

Dates for your Diaries

Altar Servers

AugustSaturday 13Emila Makasini & Chloe DeernessSaturday 20Soni & Semisi Taungapeau

Cross Country

This Wednesday 10 August starting at 11:30 am. Please come along and cheer our children as they run. It certainly helps their spirits to hear the loud cheering from the crowd.

Electives

We are confirming some times for guitar as an elective option this term and are hoping to utilise the skills of Andrew Muasika who is an extremely capable musician. We are intending to have a note out later this week for children to select from the options of guitar/drum and gymnastics.

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

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.



Hockey: Wednesday 3rd August

Year 3&4 Storm play at 4:30 pm on Far 1 Year 5&6 Strikers play at 3:40 pm on Pav 3

MiniBall: Thursday 11 August - .St Mary's Magic vs Bathgate Park Suns, Court 4, 3:40 pm.





Hot Lunch Friday— This Week Mac Cheese Orders in by Thursday, Name

Hot Lunches \$2.50 each _____

Hot Chocolate (free) only 1 per child_____







First Friday Mass—this week, due to the snow last week we have moved it to this Friday. 9:30 am in the church, you are all welcome to join us if you wish.

Assumption Liturgy next Monday 15 August at 9:00 am in Room 1.

Farewell Liturgy for Mrs Cross next Thursday 18 August at 12 noon followed by a shared lunch. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Last week Wednesday we had a special time celebrating St Dominic's Day with all the other Dominican Schools in Otago.

Thank you and well done to Ally, La Charna, Janivah, Xavier and Chloe who had special parts in the Mass.

We are so proud of all our children, you sang beautifully - St Dominic would have been proud!







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 start featuring these companies on our Facebook page.

If you would like to donate a prize or know of a business that would like to donated 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.







We had to pick an Olympic sport and write about it. People got to write about different sports and I wrote about soccer because it is an Olympic sport. Then we had to do an A-Z of things we know about the Olympics. I know that people had to do a lot of training for the Olympics and that they are held at a big stadium in Brazil. One of our New Zealand competitors have won a medal already.



By Stani



Last week we did some running circuits getting ready for our school cross country.

In my reading group we read a story and then spent some time finding good verbs and adverbs in the sentences.

We got some mind maps and started filling them out about the Olympics. For maths we are doing measurement and in groups we have to research different things about measurements that happen at the Olympics. My partner and I have to find out the Olympic records for high jump and long jump and then show on the court and one of the walls at school how high that is.