Principal’s Message

Monday 5 December 2016

Our school disco on Thursday evening in the Parish hall was a lot of fun and mention must go to our Year 6 children who were very conscientious and responsible in organising the event. It was nice to see our younger children especially really enjoying the occasion.

Advent is a wonderfully special time of the year and our learning in RE is so relevant to the idea of people in our world aiming to live in peace and hope. Celebrating the birth of Jesus each year puts everything into perspective for us in our lives and is a great time to focus on the important things in life such as family and people in our community.

Linda and David Hartstone have done a fantastic job in our school gardens for many years now. They devote a lot of time to ensuring our gardens are tidy and that our vegetable gardens produce vegetables throughout the year. David has mentioned that it would be greatly appreciated if we had parents who were prepared to give a little of their time to help with our gardens. If this is something you may be able to do could you please talk to a staff member and we will pass your name onto David.

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Richard Duffy

Congratulations to Chloe Deerness on being selected for the Dunedin Primary Girls Cricket Team. She is off to a South Island Tournament in January. Good luck from all your friends at St Mary’s.
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| • Year 3 - 6 End of Year reports are coming home today.  
• TBall practise today after school. |
| **Tuesday 6 December** |
| **Wednesday 7 December** |
| **Thursday 8 December** |
| • Mary Day Celebrations 9 am - 1 pm  
• FREE Sausage Sizzle THURSDAY this week for all kids and adults |
| **Friday 9 December** |
| • Discovery Time is at an earlier time of 11 am—12:30 pm  
• No Sausage Sizzle today  
• End of year assembly led by Room 2  
• Christmas Hamper Raffle drawn |
| **Saturday 10 December** |
| • TBall - St Mary's Mets vs Grants Braes Giants, Bathgate 7 at 9:00 am.  
• Graduation Mass 6:00 pm. A plate for supper afterwards would be appreciated. Children are to wear full school uniforms. Those with special parts to be there by 5:45 pm. |
| **Kickstart Breakfast Club and After School Club** |
| • Please remember to email the school office to book in - secretary@st-marys.school.nz. Please remember to pack your homework books and a little something extra in your lunchbox for After School Club - Thank you. |
| **Coming up** |
| • Monday 12 December - BOT Meeting@7:20 pm  
• Tuesday 13 December - Singing at Leslie Groves.  
• Tuesday 13 December - Christmas Carols and Prizegiving@5:30 pm.  
• Wednesday 14 December - Special Liturgy for Mr Duffy & Mrs Bell@2:30 pm.  
• Thursday 15 December - Thank you morning tea@10:30 am.  
• Thursday 15 December - Last day of Term 4, children to wear mufti please.  
• Altar Servers for Saturday 17 December - David & Atu Makasini  
• 24 December - Emila Makasini & Sam Al-Balushi |
| **Christmas Holidays Child Care** |
| • As there has been no interest in the Christmas Shopping Child Care in the couple of days before Christmas we will not be running it, however .....  
• January School Holiday Programme  
16th - 20th January 2017  
9 am - 1 pm primary school up to yr 6  
$10 per day  
registrations and more information admin@kaikoraichurch.co.nz or 476-2967 Kaikorai Presbyterian Church Hall. |
The Second Week of Advent - PEACE

Peace is one of God’s gifts to us. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, his light helps us find ways to share God’s peace with others. Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. Thank you that you came into our world to bring Peace to all our fear, sadness and separation.

Mary Day - Our School Feast Day
Thursday 8th December

We will begin with a liturgy in Room 1 at 9am then will be completing some Mary inspired activities. At 11am we would love to have a game of tee-ball against the parents! Please accept the challenge, then stay on and have lunch with us! We will be having our Sausage Sizzle on this day! Children are invited to come to school dressed in blue!

Graduation Mass
Saturday 10th December at 6pm.

This is our Family Mass for Term 4 and we would like to see all our families there to celebrate our school year, in particular to celebrate our Year 6 students and wish them well.

Children are to wear their school uniforms and a plate for supper afterwards would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Christmas Carols & School Prizegiving
Tuesday 13th December, 5:30pm in the Church

We will be reciting 5 Christmas Carols before the Prizegiving. All children are to please wear black shorts or leggings and a black tee-shirt. Please let us know asap if you don’t have these and we will try to help you out.

Fundraiser Calendars
These will make great Christmas presents! Your child’s artwork is in the office for you to view. $5.00 per calendar, please place your order through the office by Friday 9th December (THAT’s THIS FRIDAY).

Payment on delivery (next week) is fine.

Library Books and Sports Uniforms are to be all returned by this Friday - unless you are in the TBall team, then you need to returned yours by next Monday.
Christmas Fever has hit Room 2 already!
This is our Advent Calendar, the teacher helper unwraps a Christmas story each day.
- Matthew
This is our Christmas door, it has our stockings on it.
- Emilie
This is Katia’s massive pinecone, we painted it green and decorated it.
- Will

We have been practising carol singing for our end of year prize giving. Us Year 6 children organised the disco and we had it on Thursday night. We had to set up the hall, bag up lots of lollies, blow up balloons and get the music ready.
It was a lot of fun.
We have been working on plays in our reading groups and it is quite good fun.
In my maths group we have been looking at how to multiply big numbers that end in zeros and it can be done quite easily.
For RE we have been learning about Advent and about a prophet away back called Isaiah who talked about Jesus hundreds of years before he was born.

FREE Sausage Sizzle THIS THURSDAY
Name _____________________________
No. of Sausages ______________
Ice Block only 1 per child___________