

St Mary's Kaikorai

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Principal's Message

Thursday 4 February 2016

The staff and I would like to extend a warm welcome to our families for the new year at school.

It is always nice to see our children back at school after the holiday break and start working alongside them once more.



We are delighted to have Alicia Johnstone and Isobel Griffiths with us this year beginning their school days. We have known Alicia most of last year as she was a regular at our Discovery programme and she looks a real school girl in her uniform now. We also welcome Isobel and are thrilled to have her with us. She was a visitor from Wakari kindergarten with a group of children last year and started with us on Monday. It is lovely to have their mothers Andrea and Louise with us also.

Warm wishes to you all, Richard Duffy

Staff Hours

Richard Duffy	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Monday - Friday
Rachael Deerness	9:00 am - 12:30 pm 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Monday - Wednesday Thursday - Friday
Kelly Cross	9:00 am - 3:00 pm 10:00 am - 3:00 pm 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Monday Tuesday Wednesday
Deanne Barton	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 9:00 am - 11:00 am & 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Monday - Thursday Friday
Jacquie Tetlow	8:45 am - 11:45 am	Monday - Friday
Thelma Collis	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Monday - Friday



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

Dates for your Diaries

February	Friday 5	First Friday Mass@9:30 am in church all welcome Waitangi Day Liturgy@2:40 pm in Room 1 all welcome
	Monday 8	No School Waitangi Day being observed
	Tuesday 9	Burning of Palms liturgy@10:20 am
	Wednesday 10	Ash Wednesday Mass at Little Sisters@11:00 am
	Saturday 13	Family Mass in the church@6:00 pm
	Monday 15	Goal Setting Interviews
	Friday 19	Assembly@2:30 pm in Room 1 all welcome
	Monday 22	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Sunday 28	Weetbix Tryathlon
	Saturday 5	School Fair
March		

Altar Servers

February	Saturday 6	Soni & Semisi Taungapeau
	Saturday 13	School Mass
	Saturday 20	Kata & Janivah Moata'ane
	Saturday 27	David & Atu Makasini



Administration:

Coming home today is all our permission forms that need to be signed and sent back to school by the end of next week. There will be Publication of student images and work, Sports code of conduct, Trip permission and the computer/internet contract.

Also there are the contacts and medical information we have on file for your child. Please make the correct changes and send back to school. It is important that you inform the school office when you change your phone number.

School Accounts

These will be sent out towards the end of March. So please don't stress about things until then, thank you to those parents that continued with their automatic payments over the holidays.

School Times and Drop up

School starts at 9:00 am, children are able to be dropped off from 8:30 am. If you need to drop your child off before then please see Richard Duffy as arrangements can be made.

All children must be collected by 3:30 pm, unless otherwise arranged. If your child is going home with someone else please inform the school office.

A staff member is rostered to supervise the Cromwell St entrance at the end of the day.

Children are NOT allowed to cross the road unless supervised by an adult. They must walk around the cul-de-sak.

Any child still waiting after 3:15 pm, will be brought back into school and must be collected from there.

A friendly reminder about parking both before and after school. Do not park over any driveway including the school one. We have noticed parents stopping in the middle of the intersection - this is an accident waiting to happen, please do not do this. Also park as close to the curb as you can and NOT on the corners! We encourage all parents to obey the transport laws.



School Absences

Please phone the school office and leave a message, do not text the teachers as sometimes this message does not get passed on.

If you need to collect your children early or have an appointment, please inform the school office and the message will be put in the day book for the class teacher.

School Newsletters

This year these will come home on Mondays, via email only. If you would like a hard copy please contact Jacquie in the school office. It will also be on the website, and important dates will go on Facebook, as will the reminders.



Parents/Teachers/Friends

A new year means a fresh start!

This first meeting will be run by Rachael Deerness and Jacquie Tetlow, with the assistance of the other staff members.

Come along on Thursday 18 February straight afterschool for a friendly chat over some delicious afternoon tea. The kids can play in the playground (afternoon tea will be provided for them too)

This is open to everyone - you will NOT be expected to be a president/secretary/treasurer unless you have a major urge to do so.

Sports Term 1 Sports Options

Tball

Children who played in the combined Under 7 team last year will be able to continue in this team. If any other Under 7 children are interested in playing please let Richard know by the middle of next week.



Touch

This begins on Thursday 25 February The cost per player is \$15 for the season. Last years players have all Indicated that they wish to continue. If there are any other Year 4-6 children who wish to play, please let Mr Duffy know.

Summer Hot Swimming Days

With the exceptional heat of the last few days we are asking parents to send togs along to school for children as we may at short notice make an impromptu trip to the St Clair salt water pool. If children could bring and keep togs at school over the next few days we would look at this option. It would also involve having one or two parents available at short notice who can assist with transport. If you may be able to help with that could you please let Richard know.

Wheels Friday

As like last year we are giving children the opportunity each Friday to bring some wheels to school on any Friday to ride on during Break or Lunch time. Scooters, bikes, skateboards or roller blades are able to be brought to school (and taken home at the end of the day). Children wishing to be involved at any time must have a helmet or we are unable to let them use their wheels.



Tutor Reading Volunteers

Children’s reading benefits from the tutor reading programme that has been running over the past few years. We are very keen to continue the programme once more this year and are looking for volunteers to work alongside our children. If you would like more information or may be interested in being involved any time or day of the week, please let Richard know..

Goal Setting Interviews

We are holding our term 1 goal setting interviews on Monday 15 February from 3:10 pm. These meetings give parents a chance to discuss aspects of their child/ren’s learning and staff with children can discuss learning goals for the term and/or year.

Interviews will be 10 mins long

Please fill in the details below and send back to school by Wednesday 10 February.

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Child’s Name _____

Please circle a time that suits you. We will endeavour to get it within that time frame for you.

3:10 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm



White Elephant Stall/Books/Clothes/Toys

If you have any quality second hand items, please bring them to school, we are collecting clothes in the music room and other items such as house ware, books and toys in the basement, there are signs up for you to place these items in the assigned places.

For any information on this please contact Mike Mullens on 021-112-6137. If you have any plastic bags in good condition these would be very useful also.

Stall Helpers

As we have our school fair on a three year cycle we always ask our parents to have a big involvement on the day. Parents help run stalls and food courts on the day and are a huge assistance overall. A member of our fair committee will be in touch over the next week or two seeing if you can assist with something on the day which is greatly appreciated.

Fair Raffle

We also have a fair raffle with 3 or 4 draws. We are not sending raffle cards home to parents but will have raffle cards in the office and on the day of the fair for purchase. We have the 4 following bookings and are hoping parents can do a 2 hour slot sometime over these weeks to help with the selling:

Saturday 13 February	Fresh Choice	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday 14 February	Fresh Choice	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 20 February	The Warehouse Maclaggan St	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 27 February	Countdown Centre City	10:00 am – 6:00 pm

A sign in sheet is available in the office and we would appreciate parents making the effort to take at least one slot over this 4 week period. Call in or phone the school if you wish.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

Ice Block \$1 only 1 per child _____

