

# St Mary's Kaikorai School

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## Principal's Message:

I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine and family time over the long Waitangi weekend. A couple of short weeks has been a nice way to ease us all into the school routine again.



It has been lovely to see how quickly you and your children have welcomed Mr Morgan and Miss Thurlow into our school family.



We would like to extend an invitation to join us for a 'community BBQ' next Thursday 16 February evening from 5.30pm. A chance for our new families and teachers to get to know everyone further. We hope you can make it!

Children don't  
need more  
things. The best  
toys a child can  
have is a parent  
who gets down  
on the floor and  
plays with  
them."  
- Bruce Perry



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## This week at a glance:

<b>Tuesday</b>	Waitangi Day Liturgy - 9am in Room 1 Brief PTA meeting straight after school in the staffroom
<b>Wednesday</b>	TBall Practise after school
<b>Saturday</b>	Family Mass - 6pm in the Church.
<b>Next Week</b>	<i>Community BBQ - Thursday 5.30pm</i> <i>Assembly - Friday 2.30pm</i>

**Health & Safety:** Important messages to keep our students and staff safe!

### Breakfast Club

Please remember that school is open from 8.30am. Any children that need to be at school before this time must be booked into Breakfast Club.



We completely understand that some children need to be dropped off before 8.30am and this is why we offer the Breakfast Club. Please help us by communicating your intentions through the office email, phone or text messages. Many thanks for your co-operation.

### Parking and the School Driveway

Please remember to obey the laws of the road and parked sensibly, this includes not parking over the school driveway.

Please do not drive your child into the school. Please park on the street and walk them in. The driveway and parking is for staff and visitors only.



### Special Character and Religious Education:



**Our Family/Parish Mass for Term One is this Saturday, 11th February at 6pm, this will be followed by a cup of tea in the hall afterwards.**

Can those children who have a specific part in the mass (they were told today) please be at the church by 5.45pm.

All children to wear their school uniform please, and a small plate for supper would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you all there and officially celebrating the beginning of the school year.

Any questions, especially from our new families, please don't hesitate in asking staff or our lovely parent community.

## Seesaw:

As we mentioned earlier, Rooms 2 and 3 will be using the learning app Seesaw as a way of maintaining an online portfolio and allowing students to independently document what they are learning at school. Students can “show what they know” using photos, videos and drawings. Seesaw also makes it easy for students and teachers to review progress over time and to demonstrate growth, encouraging better work and real feedback. Teachers control who can view the student’s content, and can customise which feedback options are available in their class. Seesaw is a fun, safe and easily sustainable tool, which puts teachers and parents in control of how student information is shared. For more information please come and have a chat to the teachers. Seesaw can be visited at [www.seesaw.me](http://www.seesaw.me) and online tutorials for parents can be found on YouTube.



You need to download the Seesaw app on to your family’s tablet/iPad, kindle, or home computer. The app is free and available in various platforms (via the App Store for iOS devices, Google Play for Android devices, Kindle Fire or Chromebooks). We can provide you with the log-in details that you’ll need.

## Sport: Touch

If you are interested in playing touch this season, please return the yellow form by **Friday** please.



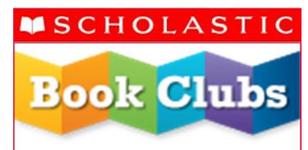
## TBall

Games start again this coming Saturday. Practice resumes on Wednesdays after school this week. Your sports uniforms will be coming home this week.



## Lucky Book Club:

This is coming home today - Due date is 17 Feb.  
There is NO pressure to buy.



It is a great way to buy books at a discounted price, the school earns points for every sale and we then are allowed to get books for the school for FREE. However this is totally up to each family about whether they participate in this.



## Messages from Jacquie: office hours 8:45 - 11:45 am

Sports uniforms will be coming home this week.

Please be patient with me over the next three weeks, I will try to get to your requests as quickly as I can, however the annual audit of the previous financial year is starting and this is a top priority in the life of a school administrator.

This week we have a lady coming on Thursday morning to help prepare the end of year accounts.

Then in 2 weeks time we have someone from our new accounting office coming in to start doing our audit for last year.



# Room 2 News

Here is the 'scoop' on our summer holidays!



My friend came to my house. I had my birthday party. I went to the Dinosaur Park. *By Alicia.*

I went to Auckland to see Peter's mum. I went to the zoo and saw a zebra. My birthday cake had blue icing and chocolate sticks. *By Samuel.*

I went to the park. I had a big run. I also tried to shoot a goal in netball. I went to the harbour, we went fishing. We didn't catch any fish, but that was ok because it was still fun. I went to my cousins farm. She had a cute puppy. She also had a lot of cows. We had a big walk. *By Stani.*

## HERE'S THE 3 NEWS

By Mr Morgan

Hi everyone

Last week in Room 3 we had a great time getting to know each other, sharing stories and games. The students have set their goals for the year and it's on display in our room along with other cool art work.

This week we'll start more structured sessions for Math, Reading and Writing. We will be investigating mammals for our inquiry topic for most of the term and for Maths we have started looking at Statistics.

Homework has started and each child has been sent home with homework to complete. They will be able to explain to you how it works each night and the order it's completed in.

Fruit break has been a success and please continue to pack your child's lunchbox with fruit/veggies that they enjoy.

If you have any question or concerns please pop in for a chat.