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Principal's Message

It is nice to be getting back into the swing of things in class and around school. Interestingly with National Safer internet day today it is a good time to reflect on how significant online technology is in our everyday lives and looking forward considering the extent technology and online material will influence what we do. We have had some discussion on this in class and have been advised by the ministry of education that parents can access more information should they wish from: www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/Senior_Constable_Parcell as part of our Health education gives our children some very good instruction on ways to be safe online.

As parents she stressed the importance of always knowing and often seeing what our children are doing online as quite innocently they can become subjected to unsafe situations.

Kia pai tou wiki (enjoy your week)

Richard Duffy

Parents/Teachers/Friends

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.

Weetbix Tryathlon Morning Tea - Sunday 28 February @ Memorial Park, Mosgiel.

We have been given the amazing opportunity to provide morning tea for the Marshals at the Weetbix Tryathlon.

This is a great fundraiser and we need people to provide baking as in muffins and slices. If you can't or don't bake providing flour, sugar or butter instead is a great way to help.

Donations help keep costs down and gives us the maximum profit.

We also need helpers on the day to go and deliver the morning tea to various areas.

Please let Jacquie in the office know what you can donate: Baking, Items for the bakers, or helping on the day.



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

Dates for your Diaries

February	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
	Thursday 18	Parents, Teachers, Friends meeting@3:00 pm
	Friday 19	Assembly@2:30 pm in Room 1 all welcome
	Monday 22	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Sunday 28	Weetbix Tryathlon
March	Saturday 5	School Fair



Altar Servers

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

Administration:

All the contact details and permission slips need to be signed and returned by Friday this week.

Thank you to those parents that have already signed and returned their forms.

Goal Setting Interviews -Monday 15 February from 3:10 pm

Have you returned your form??If not, these need to be returned by Wednesday (tomorrow). Times are being organised and will be sent home tomorrow. First time gets the times that suit them.

If it is easier you can ring 476-4277 or email: secretary@st-marys.school.nz and let Jacquie know what time approximately you would like.

School Newsletters

This is the last hard copy of the newsletter that will be sent home! 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.



Sports draws will be on the window in the office.

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..

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.

Sports

Tball

Children who played in the combined Under 7 team last year will be able to continue in this team. If any other children aged 5 or 6 are interested in playing please let Richard know by tomorrow. The first game of the season is this Saturday 13 February.

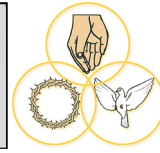


Touch

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.



Special Character



FAMILY MASS

This Saturday 13th February at 6pm, we will be joining together as a school and parish to celebrate the beginning of the school year. Children are to wear their school uniform please.

We appreciate your support and value your presence at these masses.



LENT—ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent.

It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Ashes are a sign that a fire has gone out. Sometimes we let the fire of goodness in ourselves go out. Lent is a time to turn back towards God and change for the better so that the fire of goodness stays alive in us.

During Lent, we need to...

- *Try to practise goodness. Do good things for other people.*
- *Spend more time talking to God through prayer each day.*
- *Try to do without something we enjoy.*

Tomorrow we will celebrate Ash Wednesday at St Joseph's in Brockville at 11am, you are very welcome to join us.

This morning we held a 'Burning of the Palms & Blessing of the Ashes' Liturgy. We also made pancakes to acknowledge Shrove Tuesday traditions of using up all the 'rich' foods before the fasting period of Lent.



HERE'S THE 3rd NEWS

By Christian

We have had quite a good start to the year. For the first week we got to sit wherever we wanted to in class. It was good to sit with different people.

In Reading we have been reading stories about different characters and the sorts of friendships they have with others. We have been answering some questions around how these characters act. We are also learning about how to act and communicate in groups and have been planning some group tasks.

It was really warm on Wednesday and we put up the water slide and everyone got to cool down by sliding down it while Mrs Cross held the hose on it.

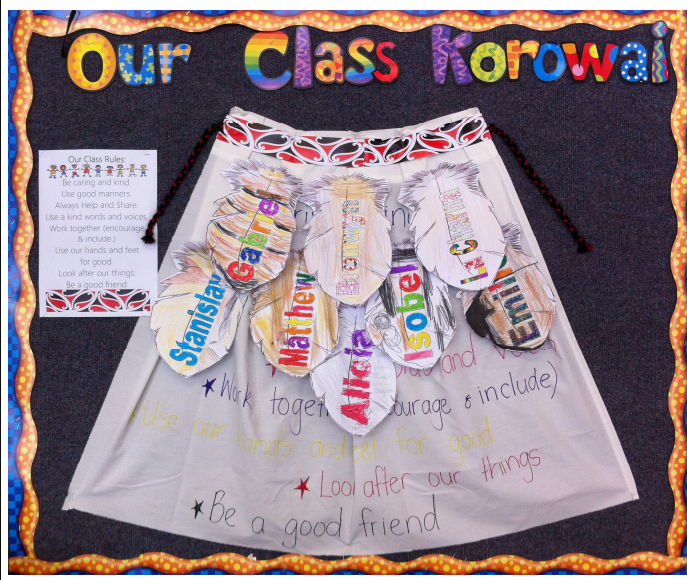
On Friday we did some work around the gardens and I helped mow the Sacred Space.



ROOM 2 NEWS

We spent the first week at school setting up our classroom (and trying to stay cool!)

We created some classroom rules and talked about Waitangi Day and what makes NZ such a special place to live.





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.
Thank you to those that have already filled in times slots!

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes



Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

Ice Block \$1 only 1 per child _____



Saturday Morning Music Classes

***Largely Ministry of Education funded for Primary School Children.
(www.smmcotago.com)***

***A wide variety of instruments to choose from
Approx one hour lessons.***

Instruments available for affordable hire.

***Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2nd year players to advanced level.
Let's Make Music" - A variety class especially designed for young children***

Teaching Centres

George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).

Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).

Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school)

Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")

Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

Official Enrolment day for 2016

***Tuesday, 9th February at George Street Normal School, or Bathgate Park School Foyer, 6:30-8:00pm
Wednesday, 10th Feb at Elmgrove School, Mosgiel, 3:30-4:30pm***

Enrolments will be accepted throughout February.

Enquiries to Co-ordinator: phone 4772296



Southern Children's Choir

Is your child interested in singing?

The Southern Children's Choir was established in 2007 for children aged 7 to 14 years old. The children learn and perform a wide variety of music in a relaxed and fun environment.

Rehearsals take place at Marama Hall, University of Otago, "each Wednesday 7:00pm – 8:15pm during the school terms.

We are now welcoming new members

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact:

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