

# St Mary's Kaikorai School

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## Principal's Message:

Welcome back, I hope you had a restful and refreshing break. The weather definitely contributed to a unique holiday producing some outstanding snowmen from what I could see.

It is a very busy term and we are starting off with a hiss and a roar so to speak. We wish our ePro8 challenge team of Launga, Christian, Sophie and Kiera the best of luck on their challenge on Wednesday, which will be followed by a sports day for the Year 5 and 6 students on Thursday.

A sincere and heartfelt welcome back to Father Cipriano. We hope that your time overseas was one of healing and connection with your extended family.

Warm regards,

*Alan McInally*



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## Sport: Hockey



### This week's draw

**Storm** (Year 3&4 Junior Hockey)  
Wednesday 26 July @3:40 pm  
McMillan Turf Pav 1

**Strikers** (Year 5&6 Senior Hockey)  
Wednesday 26 July@3:40 pm  
Queen's Turf

## Miniball

### This week's draw

Thursday 27 July@4:50 pm North East Valley Taniwha vs St Mary's  
Edgar Centre Court 4.

*Please note that there are NO games next week - 3 August.*



## Term 3 Fundraiser

### Thursday 7 September 7 pm at the Kensington

Donations are already starting to arrive at school from the supportive businesses of Dunedin.

Bringing week for prizes - we kindly ask all families to donate any type of chocolate for the next 2 weeks, please place all donations in the box in the office.

We will be selling tickets in the next couple of weeks. As there will be NO door sales, all tickets must be presold. \$5 per ticket.



## Tutor Reading - Term 3

We have a couple of vacancies available. If you can help us with the tutor reading programme we would love to hear from you. It takes about an hour of your time, one morning or afternoon a week.

## Inquiry

Our inquiry this term is into the various states of matter.

If anyone has a particular interest in science and wanted to come in to run some experiments with the children please do contact us and we will arrange a suitable time.

We will be running a few experiments ourselves and hopefully will have a visitor from the museum come to share some exciting experiments with us later in the term.

## Teachers Only Day -

Friday 22 September, mark this date in your diaries.

Teachers will be attending the Catholic Gathering in Alexandra.



## Sausage Sizzle Fridays - Winter term means FREE hot chocolates

Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Sausages \$1.50 each \_\_\_\_\_ Hot Chocolate \_\_\_\_\_



<b>This week at a glance:</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Liturgy 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	EPor8 Challenge (am), Grandparent Afternoon 1:40 pm, Hockey - 3:40 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Naomi our Sports Activator, Yr 5&6 to Edgar, Miniball@4:50 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Next Week</b>	Dominican Mass (Thursday@10:00 am)



## Special Character and Religious Education:

### Combined Dominican Mass

*Thursday 3rd August, 10am at Holy Name Church.*

We will be celebrating our schools founding sisters by attending the combined Dominican Mass next week. We are learning all about St Dominic and his values in class this week as well as completing some art that will combine with all the other Dominican schools in Otago. We kindly ask for help with transport, please let Jacquie know if you can help.

### Sacramental Programme

*Preparation lessons beginning Week 3.*

We are excited about 4 of our children continuing their sacramental journey this term.

Madison, Gabriel and La Charna are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the end of the term, and Emilie is preparing to be Baptised.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

### Cross Country

We have begun our training for our school cross country during Phys Ed, so please remember to bring your running shoes to school daily.

For our older students who are aiming to compete in the Hills Cluster and Otago Champs,

it might be a good idea to get in some extra practise at home.

*St Mary's School Cross Country will be held in Week 3. Date to be confirmed asap.*

*Hills Cluster Cross Country (Y4-6) will be held in Week 4 (Monday 14th August)*



### Yr 5 & 6 sports with Kavanagh

This Thursday morning 9 am—lunchtime Yr 5 & 6 are heading to the Edgar Sports Centre for a competition which has been organised by Kavanagh College.

Please bring a good packed morning tea, drink bottle and warm jacket. All Yr 5 & 6 to wear sports uniform to school.

It should be a fun filled day.



# Room 2 News

Last term we chose Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach" for our shared reading story. We are finishing it this term. Some of us went to see the movie at the Art Gallery in the holidays too. At the end of last term we had a Discovery Time all about the insects who became James' friends.



We are very excited about our friend Charlotte coming for school visits this week. Charlotte is starting school with us at the end of August.

Homework for the next couple of weeks will be slightly different (for spelling) if you have access to the internet. Otherwise the students will participate at school and will have some spelling 'games' to play instead. Please encourage regular reading and basic facts work at home. It does make a huge difference in class.



For the spelling - To participate children simply log in to their LiteracyPlanet account and click on the Word Mania icon, or download the free LiteracyPlanet Word Mania 2017 app. (iOS and Android).

<https://www.wordmania.com/au/>

Login User name:

Password:

A good idea - start with short words and build them up.

Replacing letters e.g. nit - fit - sit - site - cite - city ... this increases word scores quickly and brings on 'special' tiles that when used give a big bonus. Letters can be dragged and dropped to add or remove them. An incorrect word or spelling eliminates your word bonus so best to save 'guesses' for when time is running out.

I hope you all had a great holiday.

Warm regards,  
Alan

# Grandparent Afternoon



Wednesday 26 July is the Feast Day of Jesus' Grandparents, St Joachim and St Anne.

We are celebrating this by having a Grandparent Afternoon.

Please join us for a special liturgy, afternoon tea and lots of fun reading stories and playing games.

**When:** Wednesday 26 July, 1.40-3.00pm  
**Where:** St Mary's School Kaikorai  
(6a Cromwell St, Wakari)



All Grandparents welcome, including those who take the special place of grandparents in our lives.  
We'd love to see you!

'Grandparents are Love'