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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 29 July 2015

We have been having a nice spell of winter weather lately and it has been nice for the children to get outside in slightly warmer conditions to play and move around. Children have been training hard for our school cross country and it is nice to see the really positive attitude our children have toward pushing themselves on the training runs we do. Despite the better weather the early evenings can still be really cold and it is worth mentioning again those brave souls in our school who train on a Monday and then play their game of hockey on a Wednesday in the late afternoon.

We have been enjoying Maori language week and spent some time focussing on art work as well as using the language a lot more in class.

Hei ora ou wiki (have a great week)

Richard Duffy



A good pareņt:

keeps no record of wrongs gives good advice encourages children to have another go is fun to be with doesn't mind the odd mistake is prepared to listen with their heart allows children to experience pain in order to grow never stops thinking of their children"

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

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 3 August: Tuesday 4 August Friday 7 August Monday 10 August Tuesday 11 August Saturday 5 September

PTFA Quiz Night at Cableways St Mary's Cross Country 11:30 am St Dominic's Mass BOT meeting at 7 pm in Staffroom Zone Cross Country (postponed date Thursday 13 August Fathers Day Mass/Confirmation

Altar Servers

August Jean-Luc and Angelique Peyroux
 August Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
 August Kata and Janivah Moata'ane
 August Emila Makasini and Sam Al-Balushi



Ski Camp Meeting

Meeting tonight, in Room 3 from 7 pm. We will be discussing fundraising, some of the camp details and answering any questions you may have..

Chocolates Fundraiser

Friendly reminder to keep selling and bringing the money back to school ASAP. The more you get out and sell the less you have to pay for camp! Please see Jacquie in the office for another box, if you need it.





School Cross Country

Tuesday August 4 from 11:30.

Please join us to cheer our runners on and BYO lunch to have afterwards with your child/ren.

We're doing quite a bit of training at the moment and would like children to have running shoes at school daily.

Sports Corner

Hockey Draw - Wednesday 29th July (Today)

Storm (Year 3&4) 3.40pm at the McMillian Turf, Far 3 Strikers (Year 5&6) 5.20pm at the McMillan Turf, Far 3 Please be there at least 15min before your game starts.

Last week:

The storm had an exciting game last week, but lost 5-3. Chloe (St Brigid's) was player of the day for awesome teamwork. The Strikers played well as a team and won 4-1. Player of the day was Nova (St Brigid's) for great goals.

Miniball Draw

St Mary's Magic vrs Carisbrook Jets, Court 4; 4:15 pm

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Sacrament of Confirmation

Please keep Launga, Christian, Allyssa, Riley and Vili in your prayers as they begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this term.



St Dominic's Day Celebrations



Next Friday (7th August) we are joining all the other Dominican Schools in Otago for a Mass at Holy Name to celebrate St Dominic and our school's Dominican heritage. Mass is at 10am, parents are very welcome to join us.

Sacred Heart school are joining us for lunch and some Dominican inspired activities in the afternoon. It would be wonderful and much appreciated if we could have some parent helpers between 12.30-2.30pm to help out at stations.

Please let Rachael know if you can help. Thank you.



THIS COMING Monday 3rd August at Cableways.
Great Prizes, Great Night, Great Fun
\$5 per person plus money for raffles
Registration starts 6:30 pm Quiz starts 7:30 pm

A great way to start off Term 3!

Wouldn't it be fantastic if EVERY FAMILY in school got a team together to come along, have some fun, and support our school..

Even if you don't have a team, don't let that put you off.

Come along and be part of another team.

We still need a few more prizes, for the raffles, so if you could possibly try to donate a prize we would be extremely grateful. Ideas - wine, chocolate, candles, food items etc



Yesterday we went to the Stadium and participated in a Fundamental Movement Skills Challenge with some other schools. We had a great time!! We crawled, balanced, threw, hit and jumped for an hour!! Look at our Facebook page for all the photos!









Constable Parcell has been visiting our classroom as part of the KOS Programme. It is all about keeping ourselves safe. Our bodies, our minds and our feelings. We are learning to remember our addresses and phone number, and what to do if we get lost.





Last week we finished our swimming at Moana Pool and we had to do a 200 metre swim. Yesterday we started our Electives programme for the term.

We are doing guitar with Moira and Pasifika with Alofa. I am involved in Pasifika learning and it was fun. In my reading group we have read two articles about marathon swimmers and we are going to make comparisons between these two swimmers. One of them was the youngest person to swim Cook Strait.

We have had Seníor Constable Parcell at school sometimes teaching us how to be safe around strangers.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____ Hot Chocolates 50 cents___

