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Principal's Message:

What an exciting week we had last week. Our first EPro8 challenge went off with a bang, with all the students really enjoying themselves. We were the only team to not have attended a challenge before and the students did exceptionally well for their first time at the event. There was a lot of nerves the day before the event but Maggie from Kavanagh shared how their children would also be attending and this helped lift up our team's spirits.

Rachael did a fantastic job organising the Grandparents Day. It was great to see the community coming together for such an event. With at least one Great Grandparent in their 90's able to make it and one early morning trip from Timaru for another Grandparent to make it in time the commitment to the extended family of the school was clearly evident. I have never been at a school where they had run a whole school Grandparents day and I thought it was brilliant. It was also pleasing to see the caring spirit of those who stepped in and shared with children whose grandparents were unable to attend. A big thank you goes out to Deanne as well, for all her baking and help during the event.

Another big week with our first ICAS tests for those four students who entered and our Dominican Mass on Thursday.

Warm regards,

Alan McNally

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Sport: Hockey



Last week: *The Storm defended well in the first half and kept the score 0-0, they worked hard and saved lots of goals in the second half but lost 4-0. Player of the day was Josh (St Brigid's). The Strikers played well but lost to Kaikorai Gold. Player of the day was Sophie Deerness.*

This week's draw

Storm (Year 3&4 Junior Hockey)
Wednesday 2 August@3:40 pm
McMillan Turf Pav 1

Strikers (Year 5&6 Senior Hockey)
Wednesday 2 August@5:20 pm
McMillan Turf Far 2.

Miniball

Last week: *We had an awesome and very closely matched game. Final score was 24-26 to North East Valley. Player of the day was Launga.*

This week's draw 3 August

Please note that there are NO games THIS week, due to the unavailability of the courts.'



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 this week. Thank you to those who have kindly offered to transport children and attend mass with us.



Sacramental Programme

- *Parent Meeting - this Thursday.*
Reconciliation 5:30pm. Baptism 6:00pm. Both meetings are in Room 2.
- *Preparation lessons for children are beginning Week 3.*



Grandparent Afternoon

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the Feast Day of Jesus' Grandparents - St Anne and St Joachim. It was a lovely way to let our Grandparents know how loved and special they are to us. It was a fantastic turn out and we felt privileged to share the afternoon with your all.



Sausage Sizzle Fridays - Winter term means FREE hot chocolates

Name _____

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



This week at a glance:	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Hockey - 3:40 pm & 5:20 pm
Thursday	Dominican Mass 10 am, No Discovery Time, No Miniball
Friday	
Next Week	PTA meeting Tuesday 8 Aug 9 am/Yr3@4 Have a Go Day Cross Country Wednesday 9 Aug Assembly Friday 2:40 pm

PTA

PTA meeting Tuesday 8 August at 9 am in the staffroom for those that can make it.



Thursday 7 September 7 pm at the Kensington

We need donations for the raffle prizes at the quiz., so kindly request that families please donate any type of chocolate this week. Box is 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.

Library Books & Scholastic Book Club

We have a very generous family in this school that has donated a number of books, these will be in circulation early next week. Thank you to the Barton Family.

Scholastic Book Club flyers went home last week. From the previous terms points we were able to get some free books, so thank you to those families that purchased. These books will also be in circulation early next week.



Cross Country

St Mary's School Cross Country will be held next week.

Wednesday 9th August.

First race at 12pm. Parents are welcome to stay on an join us for lunch.

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



Year 3 & 4 'Have a Go' Day

Tuesday 8th August 9:30am - 12:30pm at the Edgar Centre.

This is aimed to introduce our children to summer sports - tennis, cricket, futsal, golf, touch and softball.

All necessary details went home in a notice on Friday.

We require one parent help for transport, please let Jacquie know if you can help.





Room 2 News

We have been writing about our lovely grandparents this week.

Grandparents are the best! My Nan is so kind. I love it when she cooks me yummy food. My Grandad is funny. I like it when Grandad watches my rugby. Nana H lives in Wanganui. I love talking to her on the phone. I love gardening with her. Poppa has a bach in the Sounds. I love going fishing with him. *By Will*

Grandparents are the best! My Granny is kind and generous. My Grandad is kind and teaches me how to build. Nan and Pop are really nice to me. I talk to them on Skype. I love all of my grandparents. *By Katia*

Grandparents are the best! My Grandad is nice. I like going to his house. He makes me hot chocolate. *By Alicia*

Grandparents are the best! My Lolo and Lola are in heaven. Grandma and Grandad live in the Philippines. I miss them. I love visiting them. *By Kaila*

Grandparents are the best! My Poppa is funny. My Nana is kind. I play with my dolls house at their house. *By Scarlet*



Room 3 News ...
Week 1 of competition week.

The major point in the competition is FUN! As a small school we are not eligible for prizes (minimum of 5 students needed in a year level) BUT the words we form will go towards the word total that will provide funding for helping schools across New Zealand and Australia.

Remember to keep up with your reading (at least 5 pages per night depending on the level of books you are reading) and work on multiplicative skills particularly doubling numbers up to 100 (e.g. 2 x 86).

Launga, Christian, Keira and Sophie representing us at the ePro8 Challenge last week.

