Principal’s Message

Monday 4 July 2016

Ko te wiki reo Maori tenei (This is Maori language week). We use te reo in class for different types of commands and greetings/responses but it is nice to have our native language as a focus for the week.

The term has certainly moved by very quickly and it is a good time again on behalf of the staff to thank our parent community for the support they give our school. We aim to give your children quality learning opportunities in a safe and caring environment and hope that you feel this is happening. We genuinely have the interests of your child/ren at heart and are always very open and receptive to your feedback around how your child is enjoying their experiences at school.

We trust you have some quality family time with your children over the school holiday period. It is a well coined phrase that the best thing we can all give our children is our time.

Hei ora ou wiki
(have a great week)

Richard Duffy

Turn your face to the sun
and the shadows fall
behind you

‘Hurihia to araoro ki te ra
tukuna to atarangi kia
ataka ki muri i a koe’

Maori proverb

We aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ
Dates for your Diaries

July
- Monday 4: BOT meeting at 7 pm in the staffroom
- Friday 8: Last day of Term 2, End of term liturgy in Room 1 at 2:40 pm
- Discovery time 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

September
- Monday 24: First day of Term 3
- Thursday 15: Quiz Night at the Kensington

Altar Servers
July
- Saturday 9: Soni & Semisi Taungapeau
- Saturday 16: Jean Luc & Angelique Peyroux
- Saturday 23: Emila Makasini & Sam Al-Balushi

Reports:
If your child received a progress report last week you are invited to arrange an interview to discuss its contents if you wish. Please contact Jacquie to arrange a time.

Cross Country
Next term is the school and zone cross country, so these coming holidays are a great time to get out training. Kids take mum and dad with you for a bit for family time.

Board Profiles

Rachael Deerness
I have taught at St Mary’s since 2007, and I am based in the junior class. I am the Director of Religious Studies, and am the staff representative on the BOT.

I have three children – Will (Room 2), Sophie and Chloe (Room 3). I am very proud to be part of the St Mary’s family. I think we have a fantastic school here and I wait to see it grow.

Jacquie Tetlow
I have been the secretary at St Mary’s school since 2007, and BOT minutes secretary for the same length of time. I am married to Adrian for 23 years and have 3 older boys.

St Mary’s is like my second home, I like making children and their families feel like they belong here at St Mary’s. I believe St Mary’s Kaikorai is a great school with a fantastic community and with growth we can do even more amazing things in and for our community.

Miniball
This Thursday’s draw: St Mary’s Magic vrs Bradford Rockets, Court 3; 3:40pm

Hockey
Wednesday 6th July:
Year 3 & 4 Storm play at 4.30pm on Far 1
Year 5 & 6 Strikers play at 5.20pm on Pav 3

Both games are at the McMillan Turf. Please try to be there 15min before your game.

Last weeks results:
The Storm lost to George St Thunder 3-0. Player of the day was Chloe from St Brigid’s.
The Strikers won 6-1 against the Balaclava Bears. Player of the day was Chloe Deerness.

Sausage sizzle/Hot Chocolates Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes
Name _____________________________
Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________
Hot Chocolate (free) only 1 per child___________
Young Vinnies - HELP NEEDED
Our Young Vinnies group would like to deliver the food they collected during mufti day to the St Vincent de Paul shop tomorrow from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Mark has arranged to show them around and also have an op-shop fashion challenge!

We really need one parent helper for transport. If you are able to help, please let Jacquie know ASAP - Thank you.

End of Term Liturgy:
This Friday at 2:45 pm, in Room 1. Everyone most welcome.

Save the Date
PTA Quiz Night Thursday 15 September
New Venue - Kensington by the Oval
$5 person - Extra money for drinks and raffles
A fun great night out with family and friends.

Representative Trials.

Over the last 2 weekends, Xavier and Chloe have been trialling for the Otago U13 Hatch and Collier Hockey Teams. They made it into the ‘call-back trials’ but unfortunately missed out on being selected for the teams.

Fantastic effort you two, especially only being in Year 6! We are very proud of your efforts.

Again, over the last couple of weekends, Janivah has been trialling for the Otago 12th Grade Football Team. She is hoping to find out this week if she has been selected.

Good luck Janivah from your school family, we are very proud of your efforts also!

This Friday 8 July (last day of term 2)
Wear Pj’s to school, bring along a pillow or bean bag. DVD and popcorn after lunch.

Discovery Time will be 11 am–12:30 pm instead of the afternoon.
Our Visual Art topic this term has been ‘Fabric & Fibre’.

We had lots of fun creating these pieces of art with our Room 3 buddies.

We used lots of different materials from around the classroom and the playground.

In writing we have been writing stories about winter and the different types of weather we can have over winter. My Electives have been making cars which can move by winding up a rubber band.

In maths we have been learning about multiplying and dividing decimal numbers by 10’s, 100’s and 1,000’s.

In Reading my group read a story where we have to find main information about the feelings of a character and we had to paraphrase this information back which means putting the information into our own words.

Fern Tree Track Walk
As part of our learning this term on Our Community, we are intending to walk the fern tree track one afternoon this week. We are hoping to do this on either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon and parents are welcome to join us. We are allowing about an hour for this walk and intend to leave school at about 1:30pm. If you are interested in joining us please let Jacquie or Richard know.