Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 10 June 2015

Last Saturday morning we were fortunate enough to have a group of community service workers carry out a lot of tidying up jobs around our grounds. They also did a fantastic job digging clay out of the area around our school sign at the main entrance on Cromwell St. We have purchased a number of plants, with many in our school colours of maroon and blue and hope to have our children plant these later in the week. Our children will also be involved in spreading topsoil around this area before planting. We are looking forward to seeing how this small garden looks once finished.

This Saturday and Sunday our school is the venue for lantern making as part of the Mid Winter Carnival and Kelly Keach has informed me that there have been a lot of registrations for the event. I often bump into different people who don't even know where our school is so it is great to have the opportunity to open our school up to the wider community.

Many thanks to our very own Miss Thurlow and Miss Todd who have done a superb job in class over the past three weeks. Our children have enjoyed working with these two wonderful teachers and we look forward to seeing them back with us in the near future.

Aalis na ako  (Filipino farewell)

Richard Duffy

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

Friday 5 June: Life Education
Thursday 11 June: PTFA Meeting
Monday 15 June: BOT Meeting
Wednesday 17 June: Year 3&4 Sports@Edgar
Friday 19 June: Room 3 Assembly, 2:30 pm in Room 1
Monday 29th June: Yr3/4, Yr5/6 Cricket Festival at the Edgar Centre.
Monday 3 August: PTFA Quiz Night at Cableways

Altar Servers
13 June Kata Moata’ane and Sam Al-Balushi
20 June Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin

Sports Corner
Hockey Draw - Wednesday 10th June (Today)
Storm (Year 3&4) 3.40pm at the McMillian Turf.
Strikers (Year 5&6) 5.20pm at the McMillan Turf.
Please be there at least 15min before your game starts.

Last Week:
There was no hockey due to the weather!

Miniball Draw
St Mary's Magic vs Wakari. Court 4 at 5.25pm

Collecting Children After School
Thank you to parents for the way they come across the road and collect their children after school. We encourage our children to walk around the cul de sac if no adult is able to come across the road and escort them back over the road.

Although the intersection is usually quite quiet, it is a very dangerous corner as in both directions as well as the cul de sac there are completely blind spots where children cannot see traffic and visa versa.

It can take staff some time to be at the gate directly after school and we appreciate the role parents are taking here. We intend to have our senior students acting on road patrol again shortly. They understand the role they need to assume at the top gate.

Hayden Ringrose
Ray White
“My goal is to maximise your return and minimise the disruption to your lives.”
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Please keep Launga, Christian, Allyssa, Riley and Vili in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive Reconciliation for the first time. 
*This will take place on Friday 26th June after Mass.*

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**A Special Gift**

We have been lucky enough to be given two beautiful pieces of art from Bernadette Joyce. Bernadette may be known to some of you as she used to live and teach in Dunedin. She did these paintings as a gift to every school in New Zealand. This is an amazing commitment and spirit of generosity.

Bernadette sees this as a way of her evangelizing in our schools and a beautiful way it is. “I do it as a means of evangelization, as I think visual images are good teachers and reminders of the Lord. Put them where the children will see them as its very much art geared for children.”

Each pair of paintings was blessed by Father Mark Chamberlain before being gifted.

We intend to display ours proudly in our school library. Our children are going to be writing letters of thanks later in the week.

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**P.T.F.A News**

PTFA Meeting next TOMORROW Thursday 11th June after school in the staffroom.

All are welcome to come along, have a cuppa and see what types of things are going on. Without their support we would not be able to begin our playground upgrade.

Quiz Night has been booked in for Monday 3rd August at Cableways. Start thinking about your teams!

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**Kindling for Sale/Buying Firewood**

We have 5 bags of bone dry kindling for sale priced at $15 per bag. Proceeds are going towards this years senior ski camp.

If you are interested please see Richard.

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**Red Currant Bushes to Give Away.**

We have been growing red currant bushes from cuttings in one of our school gardens. Parents are welcome to remove a bush or two to grow at home if they wish. Please let Richard know if you are interested or simply see me on a Friday. Thanks Linda.
With Miss Todd we have been learning how to do persuasive writing. The idea is to try and persuade the reader to like something or someone.

In Maths we have been learning about how to follow directions on maps and understand how to read a map using North, South, East and West.

For Health we did some role plays on the right ways to treat people in different situations.

**Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes**

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________ Hot Chocolates 50 cents__________