

St Mary's Kaikorai

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Principal's Message

The school fair was organised as our main learning focus for the term and it was a great experience for our children in seeing how a market type event is organised and run.

While our afternoon programme at school revolved largely with preparation for the fair we also spent time testing and carrying out observations to determine children's individual learning needs or priorities.

Once we had collated this information we then spend some time discussing the best approaches to meeting these learning needs within our classroom programmes and utilising the skills of the staff we have. In some cases we source outside advance if necessary.

One of the many advantages of our smaller school is that children can basically be running on individual learning programmes, particularly in Literacy (Reading, Writing). It also allows for very close one on one teaching where specific skills can be used to develop children's understanding. We are conscious of creating an environment through our learning programmes where children have the opportunity to use their talents across the wider curriculum and from this gain confidence within themselves which tends to carry over positively to all areas of their learning.

Richard Duffy

Monday 14 March 2016

*Let no one ever
come to you without
leaving Better
and Happier.
Be the living
expression of
God's Kindnesses
Kindness in your face.
Kindness in your eyes,
Kindness in your smile
Mother Theresa*

We aspire to become confident,

Dates for your Diaries

March	Monday 21	Otago Anniversary Day - school closed
	Friday 25	Good Friday - school closed
	Monday 28	Easter Monday - school closed
	Tuesday 29	Easter Tuesday - school closed
April	Friday 1	First Friday Mass@9:30 am
	Friday 1	Assembly@2:30 pm
	Friday 15	Last day of term liturgy@2:40 pm



Altar Servers

March	Saturday 19	Soni & Semisi Taungapeau
	Saturday 26	Kata & Janivah Moata'ane
April	Saturday 2	Jean Luc & Angelique Peyroux
	Saturday 9	David & Atu Makasini
	Saturday 16	Emila Makasini & Sam Al-Balushi
	Saturday 23	Soni & Semisi Taungapeau
	Saturday 30	Jean Luc & Angelique Peyroux

Lock Down Drill

During our lunch break last Wednesday we had a lock down drill. As part of our Health and Safety procedures we are required to have an emergency practice for a lock down of the school. Our lock down area is the school library and the signal is the continuous ringing of our manual school bell (our fire alarm drill is the ringing of an automatic bell).

Children were aware of the lock down procedure and moved promptly to the library area where we took a roll to ensure everyone was present. We felt it pertinent to inform parents that this drill had been carried out.

Jennian Homes Fun Run Walk.

A few interest ladies are keen to do this with either their mum or their daughters, so we thought maybe we could start a walking group to encourage this. If interested please see Jacquie.

Here's the information that we know

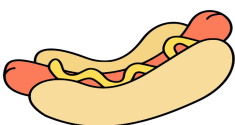
When	Sunday 8 May, 9:00—11:30 am
Where	Caledonian Grounds
Tickets	Single \$20
	Combo Mother/Daughter \$15
	Senior (over 65) \$15
	Group (10+) \$14

For more information <http://www.jennianmothersday.com>



Pine Cones

There are a few bags of pine cones for sale 2 bags for \$5. See either Richard or Jacquie if you would like some. These are great fire starters and burn nice and hot!! Or you could use them for some great craft ideas.



Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

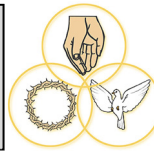
Name _____

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each _____

Ice Block \$1 only 1 per child _____



Special Character



Sacrament of First Reconciliation

This Friday—18 March - Kiera and Sophie will receive Reconciliation for the first time. Senior children and any parents are welcome to receive the Sacrament at this time also.



Fundraiser for Fiji.

Thank you for your support. We raised \$75 for those in need in Fiji after cyclone Winston. Well done to the Year 6 Exec for organising this fundraiser.



St Patricks Day

Children are invited to wear green clothing to school this **Thursday 17th March** as we celebrate St Patrick and all things Irish!

There will be a 'Pot of Gold' at school for enthusiasm and imagination and also anyone wanting to bring a 'green lunch'!

Social Group

Fancy a chat and a cuppa with other mums in our community. We are wanting to start a social group here at school one day a week. If you are interested please let Jacquie know, so we can gauge interest of days and times.

We are hoping to get it up and running before the end of term. Tea, Coffee and a biscuit supplied.



HERE'S THE ³ NEWS By Daokda

We have been working on a group task where we make a ramp for a marble to go down. The big thing we have to work on is making sure all of our group has something to do because we only have so much time to get the job done.

My maths group has been working with fractions where we had to show fractions like $\frac{3}{5}$ ths of a shape and sometimes the shape might have 10 squares in it so we had to work out $\frac{3}{5}$ ths of 10. My reading group was working with a story and we had to find sentences to answer questions that we were asked. It was a busy week.



Room 2 News

We are off to visit our Wakari Kindy friends tomorrow. We will be reading to them, singing and playing together. We are really looking forward to it.

Then on Wednesday we have invited them to our school. We can't wait to show them the new additions to our playground, the climbing net, tyre swings and our playhut. We are also excited to teach the little kids our Zumba dances!



Here is some writing we did about our awesome school fair....

The school fair was fun. I loved the bouncy castle. I jumped and did flips. I also liked Little Flick. It was slow and it was loud. I sat at the back. It was exciting! By Gabriel.

I am Isobel and I went to the fair. I bought a sherbet from Bronny. It was yummy!

I am going to the fair. I went on Little Flick. It was fun! By Matthew.