Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 25 March 2015

Term 1 has certainly whizzed by and we have enjoyed the learning opportunities that we have been involved in over the term. With our day at the cricket world cup, visit to Araiteuru marae and Year 3-6 electives running over the course of the term our children have experienced some new learning opportunities in a broad learning context. We are very impressed with the bird feeder that our woodwork group constructed over the 5 weeks that they devoted to the task.

We really appreciate the efforts of all those who support our school and must mention the ongoing contribution our PTFA makes to our school. It is worth paying a special mention to Pania Paerata who continued coaching our school tee ball team over the term especially when her daughter is now at Kavanagh College. Many thanks to Pania for giving up most of her Saturday mornings to lead the team and for having weekly team practices after school.

Again, we would like to thank parents who assisted with transport to the Dunedin Ice Stadium during our ice skating elective. It would have been very difficult to coordinate without your support. Our children really enjoyed their experiences over term 1 and we look forward to dance and guitar learning next term.

The winner of the wood raffle went to a friend on Stani Cherkun’s card—Congratulations Anette. Thank you to all parents, students and staff that sold tickets. A Special thank you to Glengarry Firewood for this generous donation! $882 was raised towards the winter camps.

Ka kite ano

Richard Duffy

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

Yr 5/6 Cricket
Holy Week Activities
End of Term/Liturgy
Easter
Start of Term 2

Thursday 26 March
Monday 30 March—Thursday 2 April
Thursday 2 April
Friday 3 April—Monday 6 April
Monday 20 April

Altar Servers

28 Mar  Kata Moata’ane and Sam Al-Balushi
4 April  Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin
11 April  Soni and Semisi Taungapeau

Sports News ... St Mary’s T Ball Tigers

Prizegiving Saturday 28 March: 10 am.

Well what a final last game we had against St Mary’s Mosgiel. It was won by us 19-17. They were short of a player so we gave them Guin.

Dakoda was named player of the day for awesome fielding.

After Prizegiving on this Saturday we will have our final break up with a friendly game against our parents and supporters (weather permitting) at the Dinosaur Park. All welcome.

This will be my final assignment as Tee Ball Coach of one awesome, amazing little team. Thank you all!!

Coach Panz

Touch

Draw for Thursday 26 March: St Mary’s Maroon vs Opoho  Field 6  4:15 pm

Year 5&6 Cricket Festival - Tomorrow!
St Mary’s has entered a team into the Year 5&6 Cricket Festival Day.

When:  Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} March
Time:  10.00am – 2.20pm (we will leave school at 9.20am)
Where:  Logan Park

What to bring:  Sports uniform and Sneakers
Packed Lunch and Drink bottle
Warm top/Jacket and Hat/cap

Otago Cricket School Holiday Programme

Otago Cricket will again be offering a programme in the upcoming school holidays for anyone interested in cricket.

These programmes always prove extremely popular as boys and girls make the most of the chance to extend their skills through game based activities and scenarios. Numbers are strictly limited so we urge you to enrol early!

The cost for this two day programme is $65 per child or $120 for two.

Years 1 to 6
When:  Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 April 2015 – 9am to 12pm
Where:  Edgar Centre

Years 7 and 8
When:  Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 April 2015 – 12.30pm to 3.30pm
Where:  Edgar Centre
The Annunciation - Today

The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady is celebrated on March 25 each year. The Feast commemorates the announcement by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would become incarnate and enter into this world through her.

Reconciliation

Yesterday morning Room 2 attended Mass, it was lovely to see Father Cipriano back from his trip to India. A group of Room 3 children stayed on after Mass to receive Reconciliation. This is an important thing for us to do during Lent as we prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” John 1:9

Wednesday 25 March 7 pm St Francis Xavier
Thursday 26 March 7 pm at St Bernadette’s
Monday 30 March 7 pm at Holy Name, North Dunedin

Holy Week

Wednesday 1 April Mass of the Oils - St Joseph’s Cathedral 7:30 pm
Thursday 2 April Mass of the Last Supper - St Mary’s Kaikorai 7:30 pm
Friday 3 April Ecumenical Way of the Cross—Mornington
9:30 am St Francis Xavier, Benhar St
9:45 am Presbyterian, Maryhill Tce,
10:15 am St Mary’s Anglican, Whitby St,
10:30 am Methodist, Galloway St
Cup of tea and Hot Cross Buns to follow.
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion—St Joseph’s Brockville 3:00 pm

Saturday 4 April Easter Vigil Mass -
St Francis Xavier 8:00 pm

Sunday 5 April Morning Mass
St Mary’s Kaikorai 9:30 am
St Joseph’s Brockville 11:00 am

He is not here; he has Risen!
Well Done to the Black Caps!!
We are pretty excited in Room 2 and think that our letters of support and encouragement did the trick!!

We have started to publish the research we did on Early Maori. Each table had a different topic that they were studying. My topic was on how Maori would make traps and how they would catch certain animals such as native ducks.

My elective group finished our bird houses and mounted them up by Father’s drive. We haven’t had any birds in yet but we think we will.

Last Friday the Year 6 kids organised a Wheels Day and it was a lot of fun for everyone because we all enjoyed riding on the obstacle course and dressing our bikes up. Tomorrow Year 5 & 6 are away to Logan Park to play cricket. We hope that the weather is good for them.

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________ Ice blocks $1.00 _____________