Dear Parents/Caregivers,  

Wednesday 27 May 2015

As I mentioned last week we have our teachers from College with us in school for the next 3 weeks and our children are enjoying the learning programmes that they have spent a lot of time organising. Again we wish them a very warm welcome.

Thursday of this week is our final session for our Term 2 electives programme and we would like to extend a big thank you to Lisa from Rasa Dance as well as Moira and our own Andrew (Muasika) for their efforts. We are looking forward to offering guitar again in term 3 as well as Pasifika culture with Alofa Lale, a fully trained teacher and Presbyterian Minister at the Anderson's Bay Parish. Andrew may even teach some Pacific drum skills during this time. We are very pleased to offer this electives programme to our Years’ 3-6 children and feel that it is something unique to our school.

Tot gauw (Farewell in Dutch)

Richard Duffy

Possible Winter Term Postponements or Cancellations

It’s worth highlighting again possible postponements or school closures due to adverse weather. School closures are made by a member of the Otago Primary Principal’s Association in conjunction with the Dunedin Police. These are broadcast usually from 6:30 am on most local Dunedin radio stations eg. Classic Hits. Earlier this week the blanket 10am start time for Dunedin Primary and Intermediate Schools was made as late as 7:30 am as the weather tended to deteriorate mid morning. As soon as we hear of a late start or cancellation we intend to post this information on the Homepage of our school website as well as on our school Facebook.

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

Friday 29 May: Room 2 Assembly, 2:30 pm in Room 1
Monday 1 June: Queens Birthday, no school.
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

Altar Servers
30 May    David and Atu Makasini
6 June    Jean-Luc and Angeliaue Peyroux

PTFA Cheese rolls
The school would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTFA for organising the cheese roll fundraiser and further that thank you to all of the parents and in some cases grandparents who gave their time up on Sunday to come along and help with the making. The whole job including clean up was completed before 3pm and with a group of around 12 people on the task during that time it made for quite a quick operation.

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.

Sports Corner

Hockey Draw - Wednesday 27th May (Today)
Storm (Year 3&4) 4.30pm at the McMillian Turf - PAV 1
Strikers (Year 5&6) 5.20pm at the McMillan Turf - FAR 3
Please be there at least 15min before your game starts.

Last Week:
The Storm had another great game, a very close game against Wakari and drew 0-0.
The Strikers had the bye!
Player of the Day for the Storm was Bronny for being everywhere!!!

Miniball Draw
St Mary's Magic vs Brockville Shooters, Court 4, 3:40pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation

With the snow on Monday we have had to shuffle around the first Reconciliation lesson. We will make up this lesson during school time next week.

Remaining lessons will be on a Monday afternoon in Room 1, from 3.30-4.15pm. (8th, 15th and 22nd June)

RE Lessons

Children are just completing the Holy Spirit Strand at the moment, and we are moving on to the God Strand. Below are the main themes for each class.

Year 0-2: God is Creator
- God created the universe.
- People are God’s unique creation made in love.
- All of creation is God’s great gift.

Year 3-4: God is Present in the World
- God is present everywhere through creation.
- God is active through people, the scripture and different cultures.

Year 5-6: God is Faithful
- Recall stories from the bible of God’s call.
- God’s constant faithfulness.
- With the help of the Holy Spirit we are called to build God’s Kingdom.
We have entered a competition to win tickets to a soccer world cup game. We painted a poster and made up a chant, Fingers crossed we win!
By Bronny

We go to my old Kindy (Wakari) every Tuesday. We have lots of fun. We play and we read to the Kindy Kids. I love seeing my old teachers.
By Gabriel.

I am having lots of fun learning at electives. We have been doing a banana dance. Lisa has taught us lots of contemporary and hip-hop moves. We can't wait to show you our dance at assembly on Friday.
By Keira

This week we have Miss Todd teaching us and are doing some work on persuasive writing on the topic of liking certain pets. We have finished our podcasting scripts and now we have to design and paint our backdrops so we can then take our photos. In guitar with Moira and Andrew we have learnt some new chords such as B minor and E. Yesterday we did a math test with Miss Todd on the topic of mapping and direction so we can do some learning on this over the next week or two.

By April

Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _____________ Hot Chocolate 50 cents __________