Dear Parents and Friends

Wednesday 6 May 2015

It's great to have three school teams involved in winter code sports. We have two hockey teams that combine with some players from St Brigid's School. We also have a mini ball team that plays in the Dunedin Schools competition. Thank you to Estelle Peyroux and Will Deerness for their commitment with our hockey teams over a number of years now.

Our term 2 electives programme began last week and both Lisa from Rasa Dance and Moira our local musical expert commented on the keenness and skill of our children.

We were very lucky to have Andrew Muasika an ex pupil of the school and Year 13 at Kavanagh College along for the guitar session last Tuesday. Andrew is a highly skilled musician who has performed in various forms, been a member of bands at different times and even recorded music.

We look forward to our family Mass this weekend celebrating Mother's Day. This mass is always a wonderful experience and my family always enjoys coming along to this event.

До скорого! (Russian farewell)

Richard Duffy
Dates for your Diaries

Friday 8 May 
Room 3 Assembly, 2:30 pm in Room 1
Saturday 9 May
Mothers Day Mass, 6 pm in the church
Thursday 14 May
PTFA meeting, after school
Friday 29 May
Room 2 Assembly, 2:30 pm in Room 1
Monday 1 June
Queens Birthday, no school.

Altar Servers

2 May  Jean-Luc and Angelique Peyroux
9 May  School Mass
16 May  Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin
23 May  Soni and Semisi Taungapeau

Winter Term Lunches
Some children having been bringing lunches to school and having them heated up in the school pie warmer. They are commenting that the food is lovely due to the slow heat nature of the pie warmer. Simply ensure that these lunches are wrapped in tin foil and named. Please no gladwrap and plastic and if it’s something that needs a bit of time to put together, let Jacquie or a staff member know.

All FOOD must be placed in the box in the school office and be named!!

School Technology Trip to Cadburys
Next Wednesday morning we are taking both classes for an educational visit of Cadburys. Our learning theme for this term is Enterprise and within the learning area of technology we have identified Cadburys as a local enterprise that using a wide range of technology to produce and package its confectionary. The trip is rather expensive costing $13 per child and $20 per accompanying adult. As a staff we are conscious of doing all we can to minimise costs to parents and were considering cancelling the excursion. Chloe and Sophie’s Grandparents heard of this and have come forward indicating that they want to make a contribution covering the cost of this visit.

We as a school are deeply moved by their generosity and Christian charity. It was indicated that they wished to remain anonymous in making this contribution but we needed to express our gratitude and recognise their absolute kindness. Many many thanks to you both.

Sports Corner

Hockey Draw - Wednesday 6th May (Today)
Storm (Year 3&4)  3.40pm at the McMillian Turf.
Strikers (Year 5&6)  4.30pm at the McMillian Turf
Please be there at least 15 min before your game starts.

Last Week:
Both teams did extremely well last week playing together for the first time, and in extremely wet and cold conditions.
Player of the Day for the Storm was Millie (St Brigid’s) for awesome tackling.
Player of the Day for the Strikers was Chloe for overall good game and listening to her coach.

Miniball Draw
St Mary’s Magic vrs St Brigids 2, Court 4,  4:50pm
Family Mass - Mother’s Day Mass
This Saturday 9th May at 6pm.

This is our School & Parish Mass for Term 2. It is a lovely mass where we celebrate our mothers and grandmothers.

It is expected that all children attend. If your child has a special part in the mass, please be there by 5.45pm. Children to please wear school uniform and sit up the front.

There will be a cup of tea in the hall afterwards if you are able to join us. Please bring a plate of something to share. This is a good opportunity to get together with our wider community and get to know them more.

Thank you for your support, we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Support for Nepal
We have been keeping the people of Nepal in our thoughts and prayers during our Morning Prayer. We would like to offer our support in some small way, possibly through a care package. We are looking into what they would benefit from most. Food, blankets, school books etc. We will let you know what this will be when we hear back from our contacts.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
There will be a parent meeting for those involved in the Sacramental Programme this year on Wednesday 13th May at 3:15 pm in Room 2.

A letter will go home today with more details.

Sausage sizzle/Hot Chocolate Order Form - Friday Lunchnites

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________ Hot Chocolate 50 cents ___________
We have had three sessions on Electives and my group is learning guitar and Moira and Andrew have been teaching us to change between chords. Last Friday we went to Kanavagh College to watch their Oliver show. It was funny how he was a pick pocket and stole things. We have started writing our podcasting scripts and my groups topic is on basketball so we are going to try and make a movie on that. In maths we are working on Numeracy and my group have been changing between mixed fractions and whole numbers and fractions.

By Xavier

The Year 3 girls have been learning Hip Hop and Contemporary Dance at Elective time. Lisa is our teacher. We have been practicing a banana dance and a really fast clapping pattern on our knees. It is so much fun! By Sophie

Last Friday we had an Autumn Discovery Time. We had Autumn coloured playdough that smelled of different spices. I used red, yellow and orange vegetables on my Autumn mousetrap. We made an Autumn wreath using real leaves from our playground. By Kiera.

We walk to Wakari Kindy every Tuesday. We have morning tea and a play with them. We read to the children and teach them a song. It is fun. We are making new friends. By Emilie