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Principal's Message:

I hope you all had a great first week back at school. I know I really enjoyed having the opportunity to work with the year 1-3 students on Friday while enjoying a sausage and hot chocolate.

It should be another exciting week this week with Rachael heading off to Melbourne for a Dominican conference and Mother's day this Sunday (with a special church service this Saturday). I know in room 3 the students made hand made bread last week - perhaps toasted with a glass of orange juice may make the perfect start to a special Sunday.

We were a bit remiss last week to welcome an old face back again. Miss Julia Thurlow will be teaching in Room 3 in the afternoons on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. It's lovely to have her continue on staff here at St Mary's.

In the parable they were reflecting on, God was the woman/ mother who crafted and shaped the bread, preparing it to grow. Much like the role that all our special mothers at St Mary's play in growing our children.

Thankyou to all those people who have introduced themselves to me already. I will look forward to catching up with you all over the next few weeks. A special prayer for Stanislav's grandmother in Russia who is ill at the moment and on the road to recovery.

Warm regards

Alan McInally



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Sport:



Hockey

Year 5&6 Strikers: Monday 8th May - 3:40pm at the McMillan Turf.

Year 3&4 Storm: Wednesday 10th May - 3:40pm at the McMillan Turf.

Miniball

St Mary's Kaik vs St Bernadette's Clippers.

5:45pm at the Edgar Centre on Court 1.



NEWS

Did you see us in the Star newspaper last week?

http://digital.thestar.co.nz/olive/ode/str_daily (page 6)



And the best goes on ... Gifted and talented pupils from St Mary's School Kaitiaki and Kavanagh College show off their drumsticks at a visit to the O-Taiko Japanese drum ensemble on Tuesday.

Gifted, talented pupils visit drumming group

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Pupils from St Mary's Kaitiaki school and Kavanagh College's Gifted and Talented Learning Hub visited the O-Taiko Japanese drumming ensemble on Tuesday on their first outing.

The programme was officially launched five weeks ago with a mihi whakataua (formal welcome) and will provide an opportunity for advanced pupils from both schools to collaborate.

The theme for this term is "Japan".

It was chosen by Kavanagh College gifted and talented dean Maggie McGarry, who has an association with that country, having lived there for five years.

Next term's theme will be "notable New Zealanders".

Eleven Kavanagh College pupils and seven St Mary's pupils were selected to take part in the programme.

Both schools are in a Community of Learning, a Ministry of Education initiative for educators to work together to help learners achieve their full potential.

Ms McGarry said the purpose of the learning hub was to help pupils develop creative and critical thinking skills, combined with empathy, problem-solving and collaboration.

If successful, the programme could be rolled out to other Catholic primary schools in Dunedin.

PTA news: Fundraising for this term.



Cheese Rolls making day will be Sunday June the 18th. Order forms will be sent home in a next Monday.

Selling car parks for the Lion's Game at the stadium will be on Tuesday 13 June.

We will be calling for volunteers to help 'man' this event in a few weeks too.



Writers and Readers Festival May 9-14

Check out online the free things that you can take your children too.

This week at a glance: Holy Week

Monday	Hockey 3:40 pm BOT Meeting 7:00 pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Hockey 3:40 pm
Thursday	Minball 5:25 pm
Friday	
Saturday	Mother's Day Mass 6:00 pm - Please bring a plate.
Coming UP	Swimming, Senior Class - Week 5 (Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June)

Special Character and Religious Education:



Family Mass: THIS Saturday 13th May at 6pm.

Our children lead this special mass to celebrate Mother's Day. We would love to see our entire school family there.

Thank you in advance for your support. We join together for supper and refreshments afterwards in the hall. A small plate would be greatly appreciated.

Children are to wear their school uniform and if they have a special part in the mass, we ask that they are there at 5:45pm. Thank you!



Photos needed ASAP!!! We need a photo of each child with their gorgeous mother for some artwork we are doing for the church. Can these please be emailed/sent to school by tomorrow please!



Religious Education Lessons: This week we begin the Holy Spirit Strand in our classes. The junior class will be focussing on how the Holy Spirit is living and working in each of us. While the senior class will be learning about titles and symbols that represent the Holy Spirit.

Dominican Conference: Mrs Deerness will be away from Thursday until Monday while she attends The Dominican Education Conference in Melbourne. She will be deepening a shared understanding of our mission and identity as a Catholic School in the Dominican Tradition. It intends be a valuable time spent sharing resources and best practice, and consolidating relationships.



Sacramental Programme: We offer the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist to any child that is Year 4 and above, and who has been baptised. If you wish to be part of the Sacramental Journey this year please let Mrs Deerness know. We are also very happy to prepare any child for the Sacrament of Baptism at any time. For more information, please talk to Rachael.

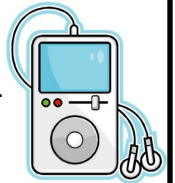


Room 2 News

Here are some stories from our 'Holiday Playlist'....



Mum went to work in the night when I was asleep. I played with my dolly.
Me and mum and dad went to the dinosaur park. *By Kaila*



In the holidays I went to the Catlins and our house was called 'Wai Wuri'. We went to an island to get paua. Next I went to Moana Pool, we went in the lazy river. Poppy and Janivah came. Only Sophie and Chloe went on the hydroslide. And then we had an Easter hunt, it was really fun. I got a cup and lots of chocolate and sherbet. It was yummy. I felt sick! *By Will*



On the first day of the school holidays I made a cardboard dolls house and there was a photo of my mum, there was also a couch and I am making a very big tv.
The next night I watched Iceage 4 and it was so cool. On the last day of the holidays I saw a beautiful rainbow, and the order went red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple.
I wonder if there is a pot of gold at the end? *By Emilie*

I found the post with my dad. I went to nana's house.
I climbed on the big rocks. *By Scarlet*



HERE'S THE 3 NEWS

What an exciting trip to see "O-Taiko" perform and then have the opportunity to join in. I was very impressed to see how mature our students were and the confidence several of them were able to display when helping establish their routines. Kei runga noa atu! (outstanding). I was also pleased to see several students who were outside of their comfort zone take on new challenges and build up their confidence.



In Mathematics we have been working on our mathematics strategies, using two strategies specifically - place value and tidy tens. The huge benefit of these in the future is that they will help prepare students for strategies to solve more challenging problems (especially when we start working on multiplication).

In writing we are learning to write and recraft our work using a framework that is hopefully easy to remember (when working independently).

Hockey and basketball start this week make sure you put your best effort in and play fair. That way, whether you win, lose or draw - you will have made yourselves, your parents, and all of us back at school, proud.

Room 3 students were fantastic in our church service on Friday, leading by example and doing an excellent job helping to present the service with Father Cipriano. I am confident they will be just as brilliant this weekend.

Sausage Sizzle Fridays - Winter term means FREE hot chocolates



Name _____

No. of Sausages \$1.50 each _____ Hot Chocolate _____