

St Mary's School

Kaikorai
6A Cromwell Street, Dunedin



Monday 30 April 2018 (Week 1)

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Principal's Message:

Welcome back! It was great catching up with everyone this morning and hearing of holiday adventures. We hope you've all enjoyed some family time together and are ready for an exciting term ahead. The teachers have been busy making plans for our Inquiry Unit this term on Space, asking the question "What's out there?". Our learning includes a visit to the Planetarium Programme at the Otago Museum.



Rachael Deerness



We are very excited to welcome Alexie, Aria and their families to the St Mary's Kaikorai community. Alexie turned 5 over the holidays and joins us from Montessori, and Aria has moved into the area from Waikouaiti. We are sure you will enjoy your school days with us.



Alexie MacDonald (5) on the 25th April.

We hear you had a superhero party, we hope you had the best day!



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This week at a glance

Monday	
Tuesday	9am ANZAC Liturgy
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	9.30am First Friday Mass
Next Week	6.30pm Saturday - Family Mass for Mother's Day



Winter sports are beginning next week.



Miniball: We have joined with St Francis Xavier School so that our children are playing in age appropriate teams and we think it's a great way to make new friends.

Year 1-2 Dodgers: Will & Gab

Year 3-4 Saints: La Charna & Matthew

Year 5-6 Saints: Sophie, Ethan & Hayley

Games are played on a Thursday afternoon at the Edgar Centre. Father Fredy will take a practice at school during one lunchtime.



Hockey: We have joined with St Brigid's School again. This year we also have a couple of children from Kaikorai and Arthur Street schools as they couldn't field teams.

Year 3-4 Maroon Storm: Emilie, Will, Katia (wearing St Mary's sports uniform)

Year 5-6 Maroon Strikers: Gabriel, Sophie (wearing St Brigid's uniform)

Games are played on a Wednesday afternoon generally at the McMillan Turf, although at times, games are on the Queens or Otago Boys turfs. Practice day/time/venue to be confirmed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bishop Michael's Ordination:

We pray for our new Bishop, Michael Dooley who was ordained the seventh Bishop of our Diocese at the Town Hall on Thursday evening. This is an exciting time for our Diocese and especially for us as Bishop Michael is living in the Kaikorai Presbytery with Father Fredy.

Mr Morgan, Oliver and Daniel, along with Mrs Deerness, Chloe, Sophie, Will and Erin Barton represented St Mary's at the Ordination and felt privileged to be at such a special occasion.



ANZAC Liturgy



Tomorrow (Tuesday) 9am in Room 1

Please join us for a liturgy to commemorate ANZAC Day as we remember the men and women who fought for our freedom. Trevor Graham is joining us and will be talking to the children afterwards, including singing a song he wrote especially to acknowledge our ANZAC's.

Term 2 Family/Parish Mass

Next Saturday 12th May 6pm .



This is our Family Mass for Term 2. At this mass we celebrate Mother's Day. We'd love to see all of our families there so that we can show thanks to all of our wonderful mothers at St Mary's. Children are to wear their school uniform and bring along a small plate for supper afterwards. This would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support.



Fun Lunch Friday: *This Friday 4th May*

Mac 'n' Cheese & a hot chocolate \$2.50. Gluten free option available.

Orders in to the office by Thursday please.

Relief Teachers:

From time to time there will be relievers in the school to cover classes while teachers are on courses or are sick. Please introduce yourselves to them and make them feel welcome. We try to use the same relievers where possible so that our children become familiar with them; Ms Darcelle Smith, Mrs Jac McColl and Mrs Ann Bell.



Gifted & Talented Hub:

We continue to be the learning hub for the Kavanagh College Gifted & Talented Programme. They will run two sessions a week in Room 1, one of these sessions will include Year 5&6 children from each of the Catholic Primary schools in Dunedin. Two of our senior students will participate in this Opportunity Class each term. We welcome Mrs Georgie Watts as the new teacher in charge of Gifted & Talented as Ms Maggie McGarry is on maternity leave.

Principal Release Time:

For Term Two, Room 2 & 3 will be joining together each Friday and be taught by Mr Morgan. This gives Mrs Deerness some much needed Principal Release time to work in her office. We have worked hard to structure the day so that it continues to be a meaningful learning experience for all. Core subjects will be taught Monday – Thursday, leaving subjects that lend themselves well to buddy learning and across level teaching to a Friday. This includes Library sessions, Mass, ICT, PE and the Arts including Music and Drama. We think this is a great opportunity for our seniors to develop their leadership skills and for our juniors to get to know the older children in our school family.



Tutor Reading:

We would like to get our Tutor Reading Programme back up and running. We are looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to give up one hour a week to read with some of our lovely children. If you are interested in helping out, please let Rachael know. Thank you in advance.

Cadbury Carpark Fundraiser:

Thank you to Kyle and Sharna for taking the lead on this weekend's Cadbury Carpark Fundraiser for our school. We appreciate your time and effort.





School Office:

From Monday – Friday this week the office will not be attended.

Jacque is off travelling around China and Japan with her husband as he lectures. We look forward to her return next week.

If you need to make contact, please email principal@st-marys.school.nz, message us via the private Facebook page or pop into the classroom. Classroom teachers will also have the phone in the classroom. Thank you for your understanding.

Winter Camp 2018:

Winter Camp is booked for Term 3, Week 9. 17-21st September.

Juniors will have a 'Frozen Planet' themed week at school with a trip to the Ice-skating rink.



Seniors will head to Coronet Peak for 3 days skiing and staying on the mountain. We are also looking at the possibility of a night in Alexandra on the way home.

Details are still to be confirmed, but in regards to the ski-camp, we are hoping to get the cost down to \$200 at the most. We will be applying for grants, but will also be relying on some good fundraising ventures. As we mentioned last term, it would be a good idea to start putting a little away each week to make it easier. Jacque is happy to talk to you about an automatic payment. There are roughly 20 weeks before we go, \$10 a week would cover costs.

Please note that we are in the very early stages of planning and will be organising a Parent Meeting in a few weeks to secure plans and answer any questions your may have.

Before & After school Clubs:

Please remember that these clubs are run by staff and volunteers who give up their time each week to support our school family. We ask that you use this free service responsibly and only book your children in when you need to, ie; when you have work or an appointment. Your understanding and co-operation is appreciated.



Car parking:



Please remember to park in the cul-de-sac and walk your children into, and from school, this keeps our children safe during the busy school hours of 8.30am - 3.30pm.

Parents dropping children off to Breakfast Club and picking children up from After School Club outside of these hours are welcome to carefully drive in and park in the staff carpark, please be very mindful of families leaving. Thank you.