Principal’s Message

Monday 21 November 2016

Many thanks to the PTA for their organisation with the Christmas hamper which is always a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Family members of our school as well as staff have spent time over the weekend selling raffles for the hamper at Fresh Choice and will be doing so again next weekend. It is always a situation of many hands making for light work and it is hoped that particular PTA members don’t have to do more than one shift of selling.

Currently staff are carrying out specific testing to determine children’s progress in certain areas of learning.

We are looking forward to some better weather this week after the heavy rains that we encountered last week.

Tot gauw (Dutch farewell)

Richard Duffy

A message from our Board Of Trustees

We are well underway with finding a suitable new principal to take over from Mr Duffy.
We are very interested in your views regarding the attributes and skills we should seek for this important position in our school.
Please either: email Erin Barton at erinbarton@slingshot.co.nz or write your thoughts drop and drop that into the office you don’t need to put your name on this if you don’t want to...

We are also planning to hold a parent meeting if there is sufficient interest, please complete your name and tick the box below and drop this back to the office.

Yes I would like to attend a parents meeting; name: __________________________ day contact number ____________
Or you can confirm you are a yes in the email to Erin.
Thank you

Erin Barton for St Marys Board Of Trustees Chairperson
This week ...

**Monday 21 November**
- We welcome Scarlet, Samuel and Kaila for school visits.
- TBall practise after school today

**Tuesday 22 November**
- Construction workshop part 1 run by Jacquie 11:00 am—12:30 pm

**Wednesday 23 November**
- We welcome Elizabeth for a school visit

**Thursday 24 November**
- We welcome Gabriel for a school visit
- Construction workshop part 2 run by Jacquie 11:00 am—12:30 pm
- Touch - Players will be notified when we have the draw.
- School Family Dinner at Cableways from 5:30 pm

**Friday 25 November**
- Discovery Time

**Saturday 26 November**
- TBall - St Mary’s Mets vs Balaclava Eagles, Bathgate 6 at 10:00 am.
- Altar Servers at Mass.
  26 November - Soni & Semisi Taungapeau

**Kickstart Breakfast Club and After School Club**
- Please remember to email the school office to book in - secretary@st-marys.school.nz. Please remember to pack your homework books and a little something extra in your lunchbox for After School Club - Thank you.

**Coming up**
- Fresh Choice Raffle selling Sunday 27 November 10:00 am-8:00 pm
- School Disco Thursday 1 December 6:30-8:30 pm
- First Friday Mass Friday 2 December 9:30 am
- Morning tea for all parents Friday 2 December 10:30 am
- Graduation Mass - Saturday 10 December 6:00 pm in the church.
- Christmas Carols and Prize-giving - Tuesday 13 December 5:30 pm in the church.

**Term Dates for 2017**
- Term 1: Tuesday 31 Jan - Thursday 13 Apr
- Term 2: Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July
- Term 3: Monday 24 July - Friday 29 Sept
- Term 4: Monday 16 Oct - Friday 15 Dec
Yesterday we marked the end of the Liturgical Year with the Feast of Christ the King. Well done to those who celebrated this at Mass.

This weekend we begin the Liturgical Season of Advent.

Advent is a Latin word that actually means "coming." In the Christian church, advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. Advent officially begins four Sundays before Christmas.

It’s Christmas Hamper Term

How are you going with your family tickets? Ask friends and family members, neighbours and work mates.

Thank you to the Friday team of Suzy and Caroline and to the Saturday team of Richard, Alice and Sylvia, Roman, Mike and Cynde, and Chris.

You sold an amazing amount of tickets - we had to print more!!!

Selling again this coming Sunday at Fresh Choice,

Thank you to Rachael, Jacque, Alice, Ann, Suzy and Kostya

Many hands certainly make light work

School Family Social Dinner

Thursday 24 November Cableways from 5:30 pm

Supporting our local Bar and Bistro
Make your own bookings and pay your own way
Come along and join the fun

Year 6 School Disco

Thursday 1 December in the Hall 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Gold coin entry
A fun night with Dance Competitions
Drinks, lollies and glo sticks will be for sale
Plenty of great music.
We have been writing prayers asking God to look after those affected by the recent earthquake.

**Matthew’s prayer**
Dear God, I pray for the people that have died that they get to heaven quickly. I pray for the people in Kaikoura who’s houses have been knocked down. Amen

**Stani’s Prayer**
Dear God, I pray for the people who are in Kaikoura that they feel safe and they have enough food. I hope the people who are in Kaikoura aren’t scared anymore. Amen

**Isobel’s prayer**
Dear God, I pray for the people who died in the earthquake. Can you take them up to heaven. Amen

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**Here’s the News by Kiera**

Last week we spent some time on free choice writing and I am writing a fictional story about a maze.

My reading group read an article about a man who designed a car that ran on vegetable oil. We then had to do some research to see what the history was on cars that ran on vegetable oil. We found that a man designed a car that ran on peanut oil back in the late 1800’s.

My maths group has been learning how to divide big number using working form which is a wee bit tricky. topic we have been using Google docs to show different types of pollution at local, national and international levels.

**Sausage Sizzle Fridays**
Name ________________________________

No. of Sausages $1.50 each ____________

Ice Block $1.00 each only 1 per child __________