

St Mary's Kaikorai School

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Term 4 Week 1 - Monday 16 October 2017



Welcome back, we trust you all had a fun-filled break enjoying family time. The staff have been working hard to ensure an exciting term of learning.

We extend a very warm welcome to Sophia Rohan and her family Jaye, Margot and Luc as they join our school community. We hope you thoroughly enjoy your school days Sophia!



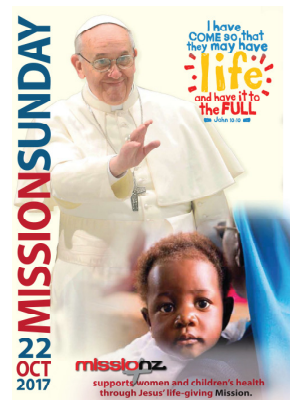
A special thank you to the PTA, it was decided over the school holidays to gift a new computer to each classroom. These will come in handy with the new technology unit that we will be starting in class this term. Thank you to our community who have helped with the fundraising over the year which has helped us buy these fancy computers.

Mission Day - Mufti Day

This Friday 20th October

Please bring a gold coin that will be donated to Missonz.

Thank you for your support.



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Sport News:



Futsal Draw: - Wednesday 18th October.
St Mary's vs Fairfield Phoenix at 4.30pm on Court 11.

Touch Draw: Thursday 19th October.
(Draw not out yet.)



Teeball starts next week.

'Girls Smash' Cricket starts Week 4



**HELP
WANTED**



Tutor Reading

We are looking for volunteers to read with some of our lovely students. If you are able to spare 1hr once a week (anytime between 9 am - 3 pm) please contact Jacquie in the office. Days to fill are; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Thank you in advance.



Sunhats

School sunhats are to be worn during Term 4.

These are navy blue with a wide brim and can be purchased from The Warehouse for approximately \$10. Please ensure your child has one as soon as possible. Thank you.



CHEESE!



School Photos

Thursday 26 October Ray Dustow from McRobie Studio's will be here taking our photos.

If you wish for a family group photo, please let Jacquie in the office know. We start family group photos from 8:30 am so parents or siblings can be involved.

Sausage Sizzle Fridays - Summer term means ice blocks.

Name _____

No. of Sausages \$1.50 each _____ Ice block \$1:00 _____



This week at a glance:	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Futsal 4:30 pm
Thursday	Touch TBC
Friday	
Next Week	<i>No School Monday - Labour Day</i> <i>Swimming - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday</i> <i>Confirmation Parent Meeting - Tuesday</i> <i>School Photos - Thursday</i>



Special Character and Religious Education:

Sacrament of Confirmation

Parent Meeting next Tuesday 24th October at 5.30pm in Room 2. Preparation lessons for the children begin next Friday 27th October from 9:00 am - 9:30 am.

Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary. *The Rosary is a prayer in which we meditate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, Mary. The rosary owes its origin to St. Dominic.*



The Rosary special to our school because it celebrates Mary and St Dominic. Each class will focus on a set of mysteries and prayer one decade each morning for the rest of October. Parents you are very welcome to join us.



School Swimming Lessons



We have 10 swimming lessons over three weeks through Swimsation at Moana Pool. Each lesson is 30mins and then the children will have another 30mins swim in the main pools.

We require at least 2 parents to help with transport each day we swim, so that we can save you the cost of a bus. There is a sign-up roster in the office, please help where you can.

Next week's swimming schedule:

Tuesday 24th October 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Wednesday 25th October 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Thursday 26th October 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Car/booster seats are required for all children under 7yrs.



Summer Camp 2017: Week 6 (Monday 20 - Friday 25 November)

This years camps highlight our local environment. More information will be coming home soon.

Senior Camp

Room 3 will be heading to the Waiora Scout Camp from 21-24 November (Tuesday-Friday). A huge thank you to the Scouting Community for being so accommodating and helpful.

We are looking forward to using your facilities.



Junior 'Camp'

Room 2 will have a week of day trips and learning around trains and the Otago Railway. Our week (20-24 November) is titled "The Polar Express" and will include a train ride to Waitati.



Please note that there will be **NO Breakfast & After School Club** during CAMP week.

We hope this gives you enough time to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding.

EMPOWERING KIDS

Phrases that recognize and acknowledge



"You worked really hard on that."

"You are a really helpful brother/sister."

"Thank you for being such a great listener."

"That really took a lot of practice. I'm glad you stuck with it."



MAKE IT YOUR OWN WITH THESE STEPS

Recognize

Acknowledge

Appreciate

From our Board Chairman ...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back we trust you had a nice break.

Just to update you regarding the staffing of the school; our main aim at this time is to not disturb the excellent classroom arrangement we have in place. Mrs Deerness has kindly agreed to continue as acting principal. We have a number of new enquiries and enrolments coming in and this gives us more options for the future. We want to take our time and see what we can do to add staff as numbers improve rather than upset such a positive environment at our school.

If you have any questions please ring me on 027 466 4109 or Carolyn Walker our deputy chairperson 021 026 00041

Your continues support and word of mouth referrals is very important to us.

Thank you

Erin Barton

Chairman St Mary's Kaikorai Board of Trustees