Principal’s Message

Tuesday 25 October 2016

I’m sure you all enjoyed the long weekend and had some quality family time together.

Our school swimming which involves 3 weeks in the water is running well and I must say a big thank you to our parents who are able to provide transport over the three weeks. The results the children make during this time are quite significant and without parent transport we would have to consider hiring buses which can be very expensive.

Our school touch team had its first game last Thursday and our St Mary’s Mets Tball team have their first game this weekend.

Many thanks to Alice, Susie, Estelle and Kit for the roles they are playing in managing these two teams at their games. We really appreciate also the offer of ex school parent Pania Paerata to run team coaching sessions for our Tball team each Monday afternoon after school. It is extremely kind of Pania to offer her knowledge to the team.

До скорого (Russian farewell)

Richard Duffy

We aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ
This week.... Swimming Week - don't forget togs, towels, car seats

**Monday**
- Labour Day - NO School

**Tuesday**
- Swimming - 9:10 am leaving school, returning 10:30 am
- Otago Cricket lesson - 1:30 pm

**Wednesday**
- Swimming - 12:40pm leaving school, returning 2:10 pm
- TBall Practise - after school (from next week these will be on Mondays)

**Thursday**
- Swimming - 9:10 am leaving school, returning 10:30 am
- Sports Activator Naomi - Gymnastics 1:30 pm
- Otago Cricket lesson - 1:30 pm
- Touch - Players will be notified when we have the draw.

**Friday**
- Assembly led by Room 2

**Saturday**
- TBall - 9:00 am Bathgate 7. St Mary’s K Mets vs Wakari Gold
- Alter Servers at Mass

**This Week**
- Kickstart Breakfast Club and After School Club start again this week, please remember to email the school office to book in - secretary@st-marys.school.nz

**Next Week**
- Monday - Tee Ball Practise after school.
- Tuesday - Mass for All Saints Day
  (this will be in place of our First Friday mass
- Tuesday - Zone athletics for those that have qualified
- Swimming continues (Tuesday, Wednesday.)

**Friendly Reminders - School Driveway Safety**
- Please DO NOT park over the driveway.
- Walking in - Remember to use the walkaway with the handrail and not the driveway.
October is the month of the **Rosary**.

*We are continuing to pray part of the Rosary each morning.*

*Parents you are very welcome to join us.*

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**Children’s Liturgy Packs**

These packs are available for children to use during Mass on Saturday nights. They include a small snack and some activity pages that relate to the weekly Gospel.

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**Mission Sunday**

Thank you to our families who donated food last Friday. Children brought it up during the offertory procession at Mass on Saturday night, and it was taken to the St Vincent de Paul Foodbank this morning.

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**It’s Christmas Hamper Term**

**This week we are asking families to bring along canned items.**

There is a box in the school office for all donations.

As these are for Hampers we asked that there are no dents in the cans please.

Next week your child will come home with the family raffle card, to sell around your families, friends, neighbours, and co-workers.

All families that donate and sell tickets will get their name put in the draw for the family hamper. The more you donate, and the more cards you sell, will get your more entries into the draw.

We will be selling raffle tickets Fresh Choice during November, so watch our for this and come along and help out for our hour or two.
I am learning to keep my arms straight and put my chin on my chest. At the end we play games and Michael throws me in the air like a rocket ship! *By Will*

I am learning to put my head under the water and blow bubbles. I like playing the hula hoop game. *By Alicia*

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**Here’s the Room 2 News**

By Xavier

Last week for P.E we spent some time practising and testing ourselves to see if we would make the qualifying marks for the Zone athletics which are in a weeks time.

For writing we are planning some character writing on a story where a character has to walk home on their own. We are trying to look at writing their thoughts and feelings as they go.

With Mrs Bell we made some camp thankyou cards for our parents who joined us on camp.

My maths group has carried on learning how to divide big numbers using working form.

School swimming has been going well and we are into our second week of it today.

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**Sausage Sizzle Fridays -**

Name _____________________________

No. of Sausages $1.50 each ____________

Ice Block $1.00 each only 1 per child___________