Principal's Message

With this Wednesday being the last day of school swimming at Moana Pool, it is evident that all of our children have made very positive progress in the water with in some cases their confidence as well as their skill. It is rewarding as a teacher to be at the pool and witness these developments over the ten days of swimming instruction.

From Monday of next week we will be hosting a team from the Education Review Office reviewing the operation of our school. They will be looking into student achievement, well being and all round educational progress with us. They will also be focussing upon the governance within our school. We look forward to receiving their feedback into our school and the systems in operation. Have a very nice week as we head into November.

Tot gauw  (Dutch farewell)

Richard Duffy

Monday 31 October 2016

Saints ARE NOT “SUPERMEN” WHO ARE “BORN PERFECT,” BUT RATHER ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO FOLLOWED GOD “WITH ALL THEIR HEART.” pope francis

Sports Stars Breakfast at School

THIS Thursday
3 November@8:30 am

You are ALL (parents and students) invited to come along and have breakfast with some of the Otago Volts Cricketers and some medal winning Paralympians.

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

Monday
- All Hallows Liturgy - 11:45 am in Room 1.
- Swimming - 12:40 pm leaving school, returning 2:10 pm.
- TBall Practise - after school today.
- Light Party - 6:00 pm at the Forsyth Barr Stadium.

Tuesday
- All Saints Day Mass - 9:30 am
- Swimming - 1:10 pm leaving school, returning 2:40 pm

Wednesday
- All Souls Day
- Swimming - 12:40 pm leaving school, returning 2:10 pm

Thursday
- Sports Star’ breakfast at school - 8:30 am. Come along and have breakfast with the Otago Volts Cricketers and some medal winning Paralympians.
- Touch - Players will be notified when we have the draw.

Friday
- Discovery Time

Saturday
- TBall - St Mary’s Mets vs Kaikorai Kakapos Bathgate 7 at 9:00 am.
- Altar Servers at Mass.

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

Coming up
- Next Week - Members of the Education Review Team are visiting our school.
- School Photo orders - Due back at school Wednesday 16 November.

Friendly Reminders - School Driveway Safety
- Please DO NOT park over the driveway.
- Walking in - Remember to use the walkway with the handrail and not the driveway.

Weekdays 7:45 am - 8:30 am
After School Club
Weekdays 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Feast of All Saints
All Saints Day is when we remember all the Saints who are in heaven with God. The word saint means to be holy, and we are all called to be holy. This means that we are all on the way to becoming saints!
It is a day of joy celebrating those who have entered the joy of heaven and live in the presence of God.
Please join us for Mass on Tuesday at 9:30am

Feast of All Souls
All Souls Day is the day we especially remember all those who have died, in particular we remember and pray for the Holy Souls who are in Purgatory.
Holy Souls is the name given to all those who are waiting in Purgatory to become free from all sin before entering heaven. We believe that our prayers help those who have died become pure in heart and able to be absolutely happy with God.
It is a day of sorrow when people pray for those who have died.

It’s Christmas Hamper Term
This week we are asking families to bring along Bottle items.

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

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 family more entries into the draw.

We will be selling raffle tickets at Fresh Choice during November, so watch out for this and come along and help out for an hour or two.
Last week we had 2 cricket sessions with Sean from Otago Cricket. He taught us how to bat, bowl and field. At the end we got to have a game.

Naomi, our Sports Activator also came to visit. We are learning some gymnastics skills with her. We are using the beam, the box vault and the floor mats.

We have continued our swimming lessons at Moana Pool and my group worked on freestyle and backstroke.

We spent some time in maths working our learning pathway goals for the term.

In R.E we have been reading and writing responses to the Psalms as part of our prayer module. We then changed to looking at the Communion of Saints where we looked at the number of times Our Lady Mary was spoken of in the Gospels.

We had a sports activator lesson on Friday with Naomi and we spent time doing gymnastics skills.

Sausage Sizzle Fridays -
Name _____________________________

No. of Sausages $1.50 each ____________

Ice Block $1.00 each only 1 per child__________