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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 2 September 2015

We have had a cold few days this last week (including myself) and it is timely to remind our children of the ever importance of regular hand washing if they have coughs as well as the need to move away to cough and then coughing into arms instead of hands to try and keep germs contained. A cold is different of course to a virus or infection and we always recommend that if your child is running a temperature that they are best at home to recover.

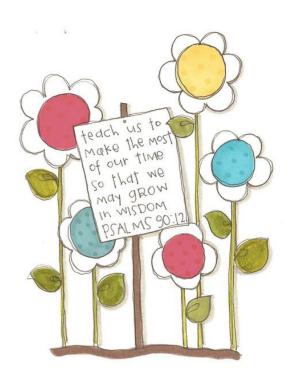


We wish Chloe Deerness all the best for Friday. She is representing our school at the Otago Cross Country Champs.

We are looking forward to our confirmation/ Father's Day family Mass this Saturday. The Sacramental programme is a key part of our school and we recognise that we all have a spiritual element in their lives that needs sustaining. For this group of children that spiritual element is being developed through the Church and is something they will have for life. We had Bishop Colin with us yesterday talking to the children alongside Mrs Deerness in preparation for Saturday's Mass.

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Richard Duffy



We aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 4 September Otago Cross Country Champs - Good Luck Chloe

Friday 4 September First Friday Mass@9:30 am/Assembly@2:30 pm in Room 1

Saturday 5 September Fathers Day Mass/Confirmation

Monday 7 September BOT Meeting@7:00 pm in Staffroom

Monday 14 September Camp Week
Wednesday 23 September School Photos





Altar Servers

5 September School Mass - Fathers Day/Confirmation

12 September Jean Luc and Angelique Peyroux

Road Safety and Parking (friendly reminder) - From the NZTA (condensed)

Where not to park: For your own safety, and the safety and convenience of other road users, there are certain areas where you must not park. You risk being fined and/or having your vehicle towed away if you park in these areas. You must not park or stop your vehicle:

- where it will be in the way of other people using the road (including pedestrians)
- near a corner, curve, hill, traffic island or intersection, if it will stop other people from seeing along the road
- on, or closer than 6 metres to, an intersection, unless there are parking spaces or a notice telling you that you can park there
- on, or closer than 6 metres to, the approach side of a pedestrian crossing
- in front of, or closer than 1 metre to, a vehicle entrance/driveway
- alongside another parked vehicle that is, you must not double-park
- on 'no stopping' lines (broken yellow lines) marked within 1 metre of the edge of the road, which you may see near pedestrian crossings, intersections, driveways or narrow roads
- on, or closer than 500mm to, a fire hydrant, unless somebody who can move the vehicle stays with it
- without due care and consideration for other road users. You must leave sufficient room between your vehicle and any adjacent parked vehicles to allow easy access.

Over the past month the staff have noticed some very unsafe parking and we are concerned about our children's safety. We know it's a very frustrating area to find a park, however there are certain rules that the NZTA have and we must be responsible adults and set good examples for our children by obeying these laws.

Safety Rail on Driveway.

With most of our families using the Cromwell St entrance to school we are sure you are aware of the handrail project being underway. We do not have a timeline for completion of this rail installation but appreciate your patience over this time.

Sports Corner - Hockey

What a fantastic turnout for our season ending 'Parents v Children' game at Balmac! Well done to the Parents for their winning goal!! A tough game and some sore bodies afterwards!

A reminder that there is Prizegiving this afternoon at the McMillan Turf.

Year 3&4 at 3.30pm

Year 5&6 at 4.30pm

Both teams had a fantastic season. A big THANK YOU to Estelle and Will for giving up their time to coach our teams.

Term 4 Sports Teams

There is a note coming home today gauging interest in our Term 4 sports options.

These being Touch, Tee-ball and Futsal. Cricket is also available through our local club, Kaikorai.



Family Mass this Saturday 6pm.

This term we are here to support these 4 children as they receive the strength of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We are also here to celebrate our wonderful fathers and grandfathers.

We would love to see our whole school there! Children are to wear their school uniforms, and we would appreciate you bringing a plate to share as we join for supper afterwards in the hall. Thank you for your support.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Pope Francis has decided to set up a "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation" which will be celebrated on the 1st September every year. We are all co-creators with God as we care for creation. It is our vocation to be creators of God's handiwork.

Pope Francis specifically calls on Mary and St Francis of Assisi to inspire us to live in praise of the creator and with respect for creation.

We joined in this World Day of Prayer by coming together for a liturgy yesterday morning. We celebrated the wonderful world God created for us, and asked for help in continuing to care for it.



Needed for Discovery Time....

We are running very low on ice-cream containers and lids. If you have any spare at home we would really appreciate them. Thank you in advance! Thank you to those families that have already given us some.

School Fair March 2016

At this early stage we are interested in beginning to collect items for our white elephant stall. If you have any second hand items at home that you no longer want and they are in reasonable condition we are happy for you to bring them along to school and leave them in the music room downstairs. We are happy to collect

Summer school Fair *

most anything from clothes to games and puzzles including household non electrical items.

If you require any further information please contact Holly, Mike, Alice or Richard.



Room 2 Marys

We have had Miss Thurlow teaching us, she is great!

Our topic this term is 'Spectacular New Zealand' and we are focusing on

Adventure Tourism.

This week we have been looking at **Mount Maunganui**. This is where Miss Thurlow is from. We have been learning about its landscape and the Maori Legend about how the mountain moved.

There is lots of Adventure Tourism there, exciting things to do there like sky-diving, paragliding and surfing.

Miss Thurlow showed us photos of her skydiving! Lots of us are keen now too!!!







We have been learning about the Sky Tower because we have been talking about adventure tourism leading up to our camp.

We learnt about the races they have running up the sky tower and bungy jumping off the tower.

In maths we are learning about litres and millilitres and how different things are measured. Miss Todd has had us doing some fitness work leading into our ski camp in the next week or so.

Sausage sizzle/Hot Chocolates Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

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Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each	_ Hot Chocolates 50 cents	