Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Wednesday 9 September 2015

We have had a cold few days over the last week and although nature appears to be moving into spring with blossom trees, flowers and bulbs coming through; the weather seems to be a wee bit behind.

Our family Mass on Saturday was a lovely experience with us joining together to celebrate Father’s Day and see four of our children confirmed by the Bishop. Our special character is what our school was formed upon over 100 years ago. We acknowledge in our school programme that all people have a spiritual element in our lives that needs fulfilling and combined with our RE programme these special events in their Church add to that fulfilment.

Both classes are looking forward to their winter theme camps, although ironically we’re hopeful that the weather won’t be too wintery next week.

Paalam (Philippino farewell)

Richard Duffy

We aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ
Dates for your Diaries

Monday 14 September Camp Week
Wednesday 23 September School Photos/Open Night from 5 pm
Thursday 24 September Talent Show@1:30 pm
Friday 25 September Last day of Term 3
Monday 12 October First day of Term 4
Saturday 17 October Working Bee
Monday 19 October BOT meeting@7:00 pm in Staffroom

Altar Servers
12 September Jean Luc and Angelique Peyroux
19 September Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
26 September Kata and Janivah Moatdane

School Open/Celebration Night
Our annual school celebration night is going to be held on Wednesday September 23 from 5:30 - 7pm. It is a great opportunity for school families to come and see some of what we have been doing with our learning in class.

In recent years we have combined this with an open night aimed to give information to parents in the community of what we do at school. Parents are most welcome to arrive from 5pm and bring something along to eat as an evening meal or enjoy complimentary sausages.

It has always been a nice get together in school. We look forward to seeing our school families on the evening.

Working Bee for Playground
A date you MUST put on your calendars is Saturday 17 October.

We are having a working bee here at school on the playground project. Grant Engineering will be here and Nick Sorensen will be leading our school group in how we can help with different tasks. It is the first Saturday back at the end of the first week of Term 4 and it is likely there will be lots of odd jobs and reasonably skilled tasks that we can assist with.

Ski Camp Info.
A few reminders for next week: If parents can bring dishes with frozen meals in on Tuesday morning, that would be great. We would like children to bring the gear they are taking to camp in on Monday so we can gauge how much packing space we'll need when travelling. Children are able to come to school in mufti on Monday and could they please be at school by 8:30 on Tuesday morning as we are hoping to be away shortly after 9am. Thank you-we are looking forward to a great experience.
Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to Ally, Christian, Launga and Riley on receiving the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday night.
Thank you to Kath Kenrick for her work in preparing our children.

Thank you to all our families who joined us to support these children and to celebrate our fathers.

A special mention to Sarah Al-Balushi who stepped in and covered for children who didn’t make it. THANK YOU!

School Photos

We have Ray from McRobie’s coming into do our school photos on Wednesday 23 September (last week of term). If you would like a family photo please let Jacquie in the office know, we normally do these from 8:30 am, then into class and individual.

You are invited to

Talent Show 2015

Thursday 24 September
1:30 pm
Room 1

A variety of performers will be showcasing their amazing talents

Brought to you by our Year 6 Exec.
During our ‘Spectacular New Zealand’ topic this week we have been looking at tourist attractions, in particular Lake Taupo and the Sky Tower in Auckland.

We started our new maths topic this week, we are learning about Measurement, particularly LENGTH. At the moment we are ordering different lengths from shortest to longest.

We are super excited about our FROZEN PLANET Camp Week next week.

**Remember:**
- Children can wear mufti all week.
- To read your yellow newsletter and return the slip if you want to join us.

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We have been doing writing about Cardrona and we are going to be turning our writing into a pamphlet and taking it home.

In maths we have been learning about millilitres and litres my group have been estimating how much water will fit into different sized containers. After maths we have been doing boot camp.

During boot camp we do things like star jumps, line jumps and wall sits. We’re trying to get fit for ski camp which we are all very excited about it.

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**Sausage sizzle/Hot Chocolates Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes**

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _____________ Hot Chocolates 50 cents___________