Principal's Message  Monday 29 August 2016

Dear Parents,

Our family/parish Mass on Saturday evening was a lovely experience and many thanks to those parents who were able to attend.

We are pleased to be offering our Breakfast/After School Club to our school families from today. Some type of pre and post school type programme has been looked at for some time and it is wonderful to have it operating. I want to acknowledge the efforts of our staff in volunteering their time to run the programme over the remainder of this term.

Richard Duffy

Otago Champs Cross Country
Congratulations to Christian Mullens who ran very well in the Year 5 Boys Race at the Otago Cross Country Champs on Friday. The race was a very fast pace and there was not a lot of distance between the leading and pack runners at the end of the race.

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

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**Altar Servers**

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**Teacher's Union Meeting**

On the afternoon of Tuesday September 6 there is a teachers union meeting relating to a new funding venture. We want to inform parents that our school will be open during this afternoon and children will not be affected by this meeting.

**Senior Camp Meeting**

A camp meeting is arranged for next Tuesday September 13 from 7pm. A camp outline of activities will be given and there will be an opportunity for parents to have any camp queries or questions clarified. There is also a note coming home today about parent help for camp.

**Nits and Lice**

They have decided to pay us a visit, in both rooms! So please check your child’s hair and treat accordingly. The school has some supplies if you need them. Just ask Jacquie and she will discreetly pass these onto your child.

**HiViz Vest - Reward!! Vest 13 still missing!!**

We are missing Vest number 13. We have checked all the children’s vests at school. Can you please check at home just in-case an extra one has made it back to your house.

Many thanks. A reward is on offer!

**Celebration/Open Night**

Wednesday 21st September from 5:30 pm with a complimentary sausage.

Coming home today flyers to go into letterboxes in your area. We would appreciate your help with this. If you would like to deliver more please see Jacquie in the office.

**Kickstart Breakfast and After School Club**

Starting this week. Open to ALL St Mary’s children, all bookings MUST be made through the office. Thank you to those parents that have already signed your children up.

**Hill City Children’s Athletics 2016/2017**

A great fun sport for children aged 4 -14

Registration :  Saturday 17th Sept 10-2pm  
Tuesday  20th Sept 5.30-6.30pm  
At Hill City Clubrooms, Logan Park Dr

Registrations can also be completed on-line  [https://hillcity.org.nz](https://hillcity.org.nz) (only available after 12th Sept).

Training nights Tuesdays 6 - 7.15pm at the Caledonian  
For more information, contact: Vicki Millar  021 223 61333
Father’s Day Family Mass
Thank you for your support of our Family Mass to celebrate our dads. We trust you all had a lovely Father’s Day weekend!

First Holy Communion
Week 8 – Saturday 17th September at 6pm.
Please join us in supporting Kiera and Sophie as they receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time.

Maori & Pacific Island Music and Dance Festival (Polyfest)
Thursday September 15th@approx 2:30 pm
Entry is through the main entrance at the Edgar Centre, $2 per person.

We could be 20 minutes either side of the estimated time, so it would be best to arrive 30 minutes prior.

All children need to wear a plain WHITE T-Shirt and BLACK leggings or shorts, the school will provide the rest of the costumes. We will need these next Tuesday 13 for our dress rehearsal.

We need help with transport, if you can assist please see Jacquie in the office.

Quiz Night Thursday 15 September
7:00 pm Kensington by the Oval
$5 person - Extra money for drinks and raffles

There will be NO door sales, it is by ticket entry only. Tickets are available from the school office -

We will need fresh homemade baking on the night for raffle prizes, if this is something that you would like to donate, please let Jacquie know.

If you would like to donate a prize or know of a business that would like to donate a prize, there is a box for this in the school office. Anything is gratefully received: Bottles of nice drink, chocolates, re-gifting gifts, vouchers for family things to do around town.
Our Visual Art focus this term has been on PRINTMAKING. We printed with an Olympic theme using paper cups, cardboard rolls and stencils. Last week we used our handprints to print lots of different animals.

We have been practising our song and dance for Polyfest and it is going well. We are doing a song about a place in Tonga.

For our learning looking back at the Olympics Ally and I have been researching about ghettos in Rio and how people live there. We emailed a place in Wellington which told us that people who live in ghettos and don’t have a job do get an unemployment benefit.

We did some art for our Father’s Day Mass which was good.

In Maths my group has been looking at place value and how you expand big numbers out.

Hot Lunch Friday: This Week Lasange - Orders in by Thursday.
Name _____________________________
Hot Lunches $2.50 each ____________
Hot Chocolate (free) only 1 per child__________