

St Mary's Kaikorai

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Monday 12 March 2018 - Week Seven



Principal's Message:

It was wonderful to see our school community come together and support the PTA with their Weetbix Tryathlon fundraiser on Sunday. The donation of baking and lunch ingredients was amazing and very much appreciated. Thank you to Jacquie for making the wraps and to Alice for making deliveries on the day. A special mention must go to Jacquie for co-ordinating this fundraiser again, and to her and Adrian for the huge amount of effort that went in on the day. Not only does this fundraiser bring in money for our school, but it gets our name out in the community. We appreciate your efforts.

A huge thank you must go to Ian Paulin, as an ex parent and board chairperson he has been very generous to our school over the 20 years of his involvement as the main Dunedin volunteer co-ordinator. He has retired after this last Tryathlon. Without Ian we would never have been given this amazing fundraising opportunity.



Congratulations to Sophie, La Charna and Hayley who participated in this years Weetbix Tryathlon which was sold out this year for the first time ever with 1220 participants. Fantastic effort girls.

Rachael Deerness

Welcome to Benjamin (Jam) Lancin who started school this morning. We extend a warm welcome also to his mum Kishia, dad Paul and baby brother Samuel. We hope you enjoy your school days Jam!



Gabriel Kubala turns 9 this week. 17 March.

Give your hands
to **serve**
and your hearts
to **love.**
Mother Teresa



Special Character



Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Please keep La Charna, Gabriel, Vili and Oliver in your prayers as they prepare to receive the body of Christ. Children will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion during Family Mass on Saturday 7th April.



Change in Clergy



We are sad to say goodbye to Father Michael Hishon as he moves on from the Hill's Cluster Parish after such a short time. He is moving to the Mosgiel parish to take over from Father Michael Dooley who is about to be ordained our new Bishop.

We thank Father Michael for his kindness and enthusiasm towards our wee school and community and hope to still see him around. Bishop-elect Michael will take up residence in the Kaikorai Presbytery with Father Fredy.



St Patrick

St Patrick was born in England but at the age of 14 was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Throughout his 20 years in captivity he turned to God. After he escaped and returned home he had a vision from God that led him to become a priest and to spread the message of God throughout Ireland - even converting the men who enslaved him! St Patrick often used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message!

Green Day - Friday 16th March

- Come to school dressed in green!
- St Patrick Liturgy - 9am in Room 1.
- See how many green foods you can pack into your lunch box!
- Enjoy a 'Rainbow & Leprechaun' themed Discovery Time!



Our Year 5&6 Exec are helping to run this day and will have certificates and prizes to give out!

This week at a glance:

Monday	Girls Smash@4 pm, BOT meeting@7 pm.
Tuesday	First Communion Lesson@9 am.
Wednesday	Futsal@3:30 pm and 5 pm.
Thursday	No Discovery Time! Touch@4:45 pm,
Friday	Guitar Lessons, 'Green Day' celebrations including Discovery Time. Sausage Sizzle lunch.
Saturday	T Ball TBA
Sunday	Weetbix Tryathlon fundraising.
Next Week	Tuesday - Young Vinnies Friday - Guitar, Annunciation Liturgy



Girls Smash: Monday 12 March 4:00 pm at Logan Park.

Cancellations will be emailed by 1:00 pm and on their facebook page @GirlsSmashOtago

Futsal: Wednesday 14 March.

SFX Tigers (Katia)	3:30 pm	Court 18.
SFX Lions (Matthew)	5:00 pm	Court 17.



Touch: Thursday 15 March.

SMK vs Abbots 3 4:45pm Oval 1.

T-Ball: Saturday 17 March.

Draw not out yet. Check Facebook later in the week.



T-ball Player of the Day last week.

Scarlet Milner for excellent throwing and good fielding. Congratulations!



Katia playing Futsal for SFX at the Stadium on Sunday.

Classroom News

Room 2:

During PE we are learning to throw, catch, hit and pass with a small ball.

At the moment we are doing this through the fun game of tee-ball, soon we will move on to hockey. We had a visit from Naomi our Sports Activator last week. It was awesome to see her again this year. Naomi is teaching us about all the skills you need to have to be a good team member. We learnt about listening, taking turns, sharing, respect, following rules and learning about our team-mates. She thinks we can be a fabulous team in Room 2!

We made a human knot and untangled ourselves. We got into height order without talking. We jumped on 'personality buses' and even met her pet dragon!

We are going to practise being good team members before we see Naomi again after Easter.



Room 3:

We had another very fun filled exciting week last week and it was great having our visitors. Mark from the St Vincent DePaul came out to talk to us about the Young Vinnies Programme. He talked to us about ways we can look out for people who are not as fortunate as us, particularly old people.



On Friday Naomi our Otago sports activator came out and did some team building activities. We had lots of fun working together, challenging each other and encouraging each other also.

On Friday Trevor came to teach us some more guitar. We have some new students who are learning for the first time.

On Friday we shared our African masks we made which are hanging up in our room and look great.

This week we are focusing on poetry so we will have some interesting poetry to read up in the room.

Thanks

From all of us in Room 3.