

# St Mary's Kaikorai

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**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

**Wednesday 14 October 2015**

We have a very busy final term and are really excited about the playground upgrade, electives, our Sacramental group preparing for First Eucharist and our production before prize giving toward the end of the term.

It is nice for a few of our children to have the opportunity to join up with St Brigid's School and play tee ball in an under 7 grade this season. Our overarching learning theme for this term is Sustainability and we are linking this into our school environment with an emphasis on beautification and improvement. The improvement idea factors in well with the upgrade on the driveway and the development of the fort and playhouse structures. From the perspective of beautification we have some concepts we will be working on in class to develop.

Enjoy the rest of your week, and if you're in to rugby-may your team do well this weekend (hopefully we are all All Black supporters).

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*Richard Duffy*



## Dunedin Street Art visit

With our learning topic this term linked to sustainability and beautifying our school grounds, we are intending to walk around the street art that has been produced in the central area of the city.

We have set a date of Friday 23 October for this and would leave school at 9:30 am intending to be back at school by 1:00 pm. If you are interested in coming along, please let us know as we would appreciate some help with transport and one or two parents to accompany small groups as we walk around the streets. It should be an interesting experience.

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

## Dates for your Diaries

Monday 12 October	First day of Term 4
Monday 19 October	BOT meeting@7:00 pm in Staffroom
Tuesday 20 October	School Swimming starts
Thursday 22 October	Electives Starts
Saturday 31 October	Working Bee



### Altar Servers



17 October	Jean Luc and Angelique Peyroux
24 October	Soni and Semisi Taungapeau

### Sports Draws:

**Teeball:** Saints vrs Bathgate Park; Field 13; 9am

**Touch:** St Mary's Maroon vrs Green Island Turbos; Field 2; 4:15pm



### Working Bee for Playground

This will now be held on **Saturday 31st October** - sorry for the inconvenience, this was beyond our control.

Grant Engineering will be here and Nick Sorensen will be leading our school group in how we can help with different tasks. There will be lots of odd jobs and reasonably skilled tasks that we can assist with. Anyone with tools such as portable drills (with attachments), skill saws, wheelbarrows and shovels please bring them along.

### School Swimming@Moana Pool

Starting NEXT Tuesday 20 October. This will be held 3 mornings each week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) for 3 weeks. Last day of school swimming will be Thursday 5 November.



Please ensure children have their togs each of these days (Tuesday - Thursday). We have deliberately structured the swimming three days a week as the coordinator at Moana Pool agreed with our view that children benefit more with a small break instead of swimming over 5 consecutive days.

### Transport help needed for school swimming please

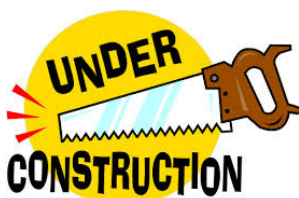
To help keep costs down, we need help with transport. Leaving school at 9 am, returning 10:45 am. We would greatly appreciate help with transport during this time otherwise we may have to consider taxi vans and will have to charge you our parents. If you are able to help on any of these days could you please let Jacque in the office know.

### Electives: Water Skills and Construction Technology.

Starts next Thursday 11 am - 1 pm 22 October and ending Thursday 19 November. Our final two elective options for the year are water skills and technology/construction.

**Water Skills** includes snorkelling skills, kayak use and IRB (inflatable rescue boat) skills.

This elective is held at Moana Pool, these children will stay after school swimming.



**Construction Technology** elective involves refitting the playhouse we purchased including adding some extra features to it. We are very excited about our children having the opportunity to be involved in the process of revamping this outdoor playhouse and having it fitted into our playground. Children are encouraged to bring some older clothes to school for this project.

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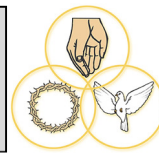
**Ray White.**



*"My goal is to maximise your return and minimise the disruption to your lives."*



# Special Character



October is the month of the **Rosary**.



*The Rosary is a time in which we meditate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. The rosary owes its origin to St. Dominic.*

The Rosary special to our school because it celebrates Mary and St Dominic. We are praying the joyful mysteries this week, with one decade each morning. Parents you are very welcome to join us.

The Joyful Mysteries are:



THE ANNUNCIATION



THE VISITATION



THE NATIVITY



THE PRESENTATION



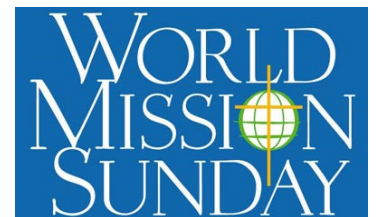
THE FINDING OF  
JESUS IN THE TEMPLE



## Sacramental Programme

This term Riley, Launga, Christian and Allyssa will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Communion. ***A reminder that there is a Parent Meeting with Father and Kath this afternoon at 3pm.***

**World Mission Sunday — MUFTI DAY!**  
**Children are invited to wear mufti to school this Friday 16th October and bring a gold coin donation.**



World **Mission Sunday** is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the **missionary** movement.

This years theme is "Wake up the World!", this phrase comes from Pope Francis. He said it in reference to his declaration that the Church must be attractive.

*"Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living! Wake up the world. It is possible to live differently in this world."*

To Wake up the World through witness , is to make the Gospel values come alive.

"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (Matt 25:35)

this offers a simple but truly divine way of witnessing the joy of the Gospel.



# Room 2 News

**On our first day back this term we had a special visitor to our classroom.....  
Mr Ronald McDonald! He was here to teach us about being safe around roads.**

"We should STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before we cross a road." said Lily

"We need to wear our seatbelt in the car. Make it CLICK." said Gabe

"Walk on the house side of the footpath." said Emilie

"Be careful around sneaky driveways. Look out for cars coming in and out." said Kiera

"Ronald McDonald had a painted face!" said Stani

"Ronald McDonald had massive red shoes, he was super tall and funny!" said Sophie

"Ronald Mc Donald had a big red fluffy wig. He word red and yellow clothes!" said Maddy



In the last week of last term we had a talent show and some children did things like gymnastics, singing and dancing. I played Mary Had a Little Lamb on the guitar.

This week is our first week back at school and we have been doing some testing for spelling and are getting ready for our big tables test on Friday that we do once a term.

## Hot lunches

The staff have decided to continue with hot lunches going throughout this term. Only food suitable for the pie warmer. In a dish and wrapped in tin foil with the child's name on.

## Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Sausage/s \$1.50 each \_\_\_\_\_

Ice Block \$1 only 1 per child \_\_\_\_\_



# PTFA News

This terms fundraiser is our famous christmas hamper.

Last year we raised over 1000 with the help of the families donating time to sell raffles and donating of goods.

Over the next few weeks we will be asking all our families to donate specific items. If these could be place in the golden box in the office that would be fantastic.

This week we would appreciate blocks of chocolate, thanks in advance.



In preparation for the Fair next year if every one could please bring in jars with a large mouth and the lids. We are hoping to get a good collection together before the end of the year.

We will also gathering things for the fair soon so please keep your eye out for our random requests.