Dear Parents and Friends

Wednesday 22 April 2015

It’s nice to be back in school as we begin Term 2. We’re looking forward to what it brings along including Miss Thurlow and Miss Todd running the classrooms for a time during the term and an overriding learning theme of Enterprise from which we will develop some learning experiences and aim to increase our skills and knowledge relating to this concept.

Once again, coming in on Monday morning I was struck by the appearance of our children in their uniforms. All children were in correct school uniform and all very tidily presented with hair, shoes and clothing all very clean and smart. Thank you school parents and children for the pride you all take in your appearance at school.

The staff would like to wish you all a wonderful Anzac weekend. We should all feel very proud of our country on this day as we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice through war. We also remember those who died in the horror of war regardless of who or what they were fighting for.

Ia mānui le aso (Samoan farewell)

Richard Duffy

ANZAC Day

We will have a small liturgy to commemorate ANZAC Day this Friday at 2.40pm in Room 1. Families are very welcome join us.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.
Dates for your Diaries

PTFA Meeting
Thursday 23 April @ 3 pm in Staffroom

ANZAC Day Liturgy
Friday 24 April @ 2:40 pm in Room 1

ANZAC Day observed
Monday 27 April—No School

Electives start
Tuesday 28 April

BOT Meeting
Monday 4 May @ 7 pm in the Staffroom

Altar Servers
25 April Kata Maoata’aene and Sam Al-Balushi
2 May Jean-Luc and Angelique Peyroux
9 May School Mass

School/Library Books Amnesty
Don’t forget about our school/library book amnesty. Box is in the office. Just pop the books in there, no questions asked.

Electives Term 2
We really enjoyed our electives programme in Term 1 and it is lovely to have the bird feeders on site as an end product of our building option. This term we are involved in dance with the Rasa Dance Company and instrumental learning of the guitar instructed by Moira Gallagher (a grade A pianist) with Launga’s brother Andrew Muasika as her assistant.

These electives begin in week 2 (on Tuesday April 28) and run each Tuesday and Thursday for an hour each day. These sessions will run in the mornings at 11:30 - 12:

Both of these electives are based at school. We have been advised that it would be beneficial for dancers to bring track pants/leggings and gym shoes or sneakers to change into during dance.

Winter Term Lunches
Children have the opportunity to have hot lunches at school over terms 2 & 3. All lunches will be put in pie warmer mid morning and warmed in one large group. Lunches need to be brought to school in tinfoil and named. Nothing that needs to be microwaved please!

They can be placed in a box which will be in the classrooms before school.

Possible Winter Term Postponements or Cancellations
It’s prudent to remind you at this stage about postponements and cancellations of school. School closures are made by a member of the Otago Primary Principal's Association in conjunction with the Dunedin Police. These are broadcast usually from 6:30 am on most local Dunedin radio stations eg. Classic Hits.

The same decisions can be made for late starts due to weather, however on occasions individual schools can make the decision for a late start.

If or when this type of thing happens, we will post this information on both our facebook page and homepage of our school website.

If at any time you believe it is unsafe to transport or for your child to walk to school because of the road or general footpath conditions please feel free to make that decision and simply inform us at school.
Prayer Module
Prayer is about being with God.
This week in our RE lessons we are learning about different ways to pray.

Year 0-2 are learning to use their imagination to pray, and also learn the art of meditation.

Year 3-4 are learning to pray using art. Looking for God’s messages and creating their own artworks.

Year 5-6 are creating a prayer tree.

Year 5/6 Miniball Tournament
This Friday morning most of our Year 5 & 6 children are involved in a miniball tournament at the Edgar Centre from 9:30 -12:30pm. We are leaving school shortly after 9am. If you are able to help with transport could you please let Jacquie or Richard know.

PTFA Meeting
Thursday 3 pm at school
All most welcome, you don’t need to be a PTFA member. Come along and use it as a way to get to know families in our school.

Kindling for Sale
We have 5 bags of bone dry kindling for sale priced at $15 per bag. Proceeds are going towards this years senior ski camp. If you are interested please see Richard.

Sausage sizzle/Hot Chocolate Order Form – Friday Lunchtimes
Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ___________ Hot Chocolate 50 cents ___________
We have been writing about our holidays. 

Dad and I went to Oma’s and Opa’s. I played with the trains. 
By Matthew

I had fun at Moana Pool. It was hot. I went on the fast slide. 
I raced my dad. 
By La Charna

I went to the Sounds in the holidays. I grabbed all the starfish and I got a prickly kina. I was scared of jumping off the end of the jetty, but I did it 2 times. In the holidays I went to get a necklace with Aunty Ezzie, then we went to the movies and then we went to the pool. I went down the slow one first and then the fast one, it was cool. I went to Leap and it has trampolines on the sides of the wall, it was cool to jump on! 
By Sophie.

In the holidays I moved house, we moved next door. We had a friend over to help, her name is Christine. Me and mum were moving a bed and we saw that a bookshelf was gone, Christine moved it herself. After, we had Nutella cake. We went to Queenstown, we went on the cruise ship, we went to a little island, we saw 14 mountains. We had a drink and a biscuit on the ship. In Queenstown we went on the luge, it wasn’t on ice, it was on a race track. It was awesome! 
By Kiera

I had fun at the ice-skating rink. There was a disco. I went with my family. 
By Stanislav

Gallipoli Information Report
It has been over 100 years the young blood of 8,556 people was spilled over the soft fields of millions of poppies in Gallipoli. On the 25th of April 1915 many Anzac soldiers landed in the now named Anzac Cove in the dead of night. With bad planning and the wrong map made the attack onto the land very difficult. Many donkeys and other animals came on ships too. They were used as water carriers and walking ambulances. Soldiers or diggers spent a lot of time digging trenches coupled with sleepless nights. Wounded soldiers were taken to a hospital ship where they were treated before returning to the front line or having to return home. The war in Gallipoli finally ended after 9 months of bullets and blood shed. The Anzacs were withdrawn because of the disastrous campaign. Even though they failed we still celebrate their strength and courage on the 25th of April, Anzac Day.

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

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