Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Well done to our children (and no doubt parents) who got into the spirit of St Patrick’s Day yesterday as they came to school clad in all different types of clothing, and hair and accessories that were green. Thank you once more to Linda who came up the hill as she does every year with her wonderful green cupcakes and we also got to enjoy birthday cake of Gabriel thanks to Susanne and Roman on his sixth birthday yesterday.

A warm (but rather cold weather wise) welcome back to school also to our own Deanne after a week in warmer climates, and likewise to Father Cipriano who returned from India over the weekend after around two months away celebrating the wedding of his nephew. The weather over the last couple of days has been significantly cooler but we’re all positive about a really pleasant April before we head into the colder months beyond.

Well done to the ski camp parents who participated in the sausage sizzle at Mitre 10 Mega on Sunday. Apparently around 200 sausages were sold which was a really good effort.

We urgently require any final ski camp firewood raffle cards and money back to the school office please, as it is a legal requirement and so that the raffle can be drawn

Tot gauw  (Dutch farewell)

Richard Duffy

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

Wheels Day
Assembly
Otago Anniversary Day
End of Term/Liturgy
Easter
Start of Term 2
Friday 20 March
Friday 20 March@2:30 pm
Monday 23 March - No School
Thursday 2 April
Friday 3 April—Monday 6 April
Monday 20 April

Altar Servers
21 Mar Jean Luc and Angelique Peyroux
28 Mar Kata Moata'ane and Sam Al-Balushi
4 April Emila Makasini and Summer Paulin

Sports News ...
St Mary’s T Ball Tigers
Draw for Saturday 14 March: St Mary’s Flyers Diamond 6 10 am
We had a fun game on Saturday, as Bernie’s Busters were short of players. We mixed the teams up and even persuaded a couple of parents to join in. Younger ones even had a hit—well done. Evalyn Wilson and Will Deerness, we can’t wait for you to join the team in a couple of years.

Thanks to Bronwyn Wilson for running the bases for the parents.

We had a lot of fun. Our players of the day were Dylan Preston and Janivah Moata’ane for awesome all round fielding and batting.

Our last for the season is this week with Prizegiving on 28 March at 10 am. All the team to be in full school sports uniform please.

Many thanks again to all our wonderful supporters.

Coach Panz

Touch
Draw for Thursday 12 March: St Mary’s Maroon vs ?? Field ?? 4:15 pm

Electives 2015

With tomorrow being our last electives session which has involved children ice skating at the ice stadium and master builder Bob Taylor working in school, we would like to thank all of the parents who provided transport for us to the ice stadium. Without your support we could have hired a mini van taxi to transport which would have proven very costly. Many thanks again to those parents who were able to help us over the past 5 weeks.

Science Information
Last week we sent home an information sheet asking for parents alongside their children to give us some feedback on what they felt was important learning in science and what children viewed as being of interest to learn in the area of science. We would greatly appreciate them all back in order to give us a broader understanding of what our school community sees as priorities in science.
St Patrick’s Day

- St. Patrick Feast Day is celebrated on March 17th in honour of the anniversary of his death.
- At the age of 16 St. Patrick was sold into slavery. He was brought to Ireland and worked as a shepherd.
- At the age of 22 he escaped slavery.
- He dedicated himself to the Christian religion. He studied in a monastery off the coast of France.
- St. Patrick returned to Ireland in his 30’s.
- He is credited for bringing the religion of Christianity to Ireland.
- Legend says that St. Patrick used a shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to the Irish. He used the clover to represent three separate parts of the same being. The first leaf was God the Father, second leaf the Son and the third leaf the Holy Spirit.

The Annunciation

The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady is celebrated on March 25 each year. The Feast commemorates the announcement by the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would become incarnate and enter into this world through her. We will have a small liturgy on Wednesday 25 March at 9am in Room 1. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Mufti and Wheels Day
This Friday 20 March

Children are welcome to bring along bikes, scooters, roller blades and skateboards. We will be having a bike dress up competition with things we have at school and some other fun competitions.

Brought to by the Year 6 Exec.
Yesterday we listened to the story “The Leprechaun who lost his Rainbow”, and spent the morning being creative!

Each day of the week some of us are involved in Tutor reading with some school parents and other people in our school. We read some books with these people and have a bit of a talk with them as well. We thank you all for reading with us.

In maths my group is working on fractions and looking at how whole numbers and fractions go together.

My reading group read a poem about a motorbike and we looked at things in the poem like rhymes, rhythm and describing words.

We have our last two days of electives this week and we are finishing our bird houses. We might be doing some painting.

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

Name ________________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________ Ice blocks $1.00 ____________