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

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**March**

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**Altar Servers**

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**School Slide**

We have been having some issues with our school slide recently with some children again getting grazes as they slide down. We are in the process of purchasing some special wax that should help with this. We apologise for this issue and hope to be able to rectify it over the next week or two.

**Tutor Reading Volunteers**

Children’s reading benefits from the tutor reading programme that has been running over the past few years. We are very keen to continue the programme once more this year and are looking for volunteers to work alongside our children. If you would like more information or may be interested in being involved any time or day of the week, please let Richard know.

**Summer Hot Swimming Days**

With the exceptional heat of the last few days we are asking parents to send togs along to school for children as we may at short notice make an impromptu trip to the St Clair salt water pool. If children could bring and keep togs at school over the next few days we would look at this option. It would also involve having one or two parents available at short notice who can assist with transport. If you may be able to help with that could you please let Richard know.

**Sports**

**Tball**

TBall began last Saturday for our combined St Mary’s/St Brigid’s under 7 team. We will display weekly draws as soon as they become available on the Otago Softball website. Simply google search “Otago Softball” and the option for tball draws will show as one of the age options. Our team plays in section 13.

**Touch**

This begins on Thursday 25 February. The cost per player is $15 for the season. Last years players have all indicated that they wish to continue. If there are any other Year 4-6 children who wish to play, please let Mr Duffy know.

**Weetbix Tryathlon Morning Tea - Sunday 28 February @ Memorial Park, Mosgiel.**

We have been given the amazing opportunity to provide morning tea and lunch for the Marshals at the Weetbix Tryathlon.

This is a great fundraiser and we need people to provide baking as in muffins and slices. If you can’t or don’t bake providing flour, sugar or butter instead is a great way to help.

Donations help keep costs down and gives us the maximum profit. Please let Jacqui in the office know what you can donate: Baking, Items for the bakers, or helping on the day. A list of what we need is attached separately.

We also need helpers on the day to go and deliver the morning tea to various areas.
**FAMILY MASS**

Thank you to those who joined us for our Family Mass on Saturday night. It was a lovely way to officially begin our school year as a school and parish family. Our children read and sang beautifully - well done and thank you!

**LENT**

We are now in the Season of Lent.
It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s resurrection at Easter.

We begin our Lent lessons next week during RE.
Our focus will be on Prayer, Fasting and almsgiving.

*During Lent, we need to...*
- Try to practise goodness. Do good things for other people.
- Spend more time talking to God through prayer each day.
- Try to do without something we enjoy.

**White Elephant Stall/Books/Clothes/Toys**

If you have any quality second hand items, please bring them to school, we are collecting clothes in the music room and other items such as house ware, books and toys in the basement, there are signs up for you to place these items in the assigned places.

For any information on this please contact Mike Mullens on 021-112-6137. If you have any plastic bags in good condition these would be very useful also.

**Fair Raffle**

Our raffle selling over the weekend was very successful at Fresh Choice and thanks to the parents who gave their time on either Saturday or Sunday to support this.

Selling slots are two hours duration and we have 3 slots to fill for the final two weeks outlined below.
If you are able to assist could you please let Jacquie know or have a look at the sheet in the office.

- **Saturday 20 February**
  - The Warehouse Maclaggan St
  - 4pm – 6pm

- **Saturday 27 February**
  - Countdown Centre City
  - 10am –12pm and 4pm - 6pm

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

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each ____________

Ice Block $1 only 1 per child__________

**Saturday 5 March 11:00 am**
Last week we made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.
They were delicious.
We saved 2 so that we could have a pancake race at the end!

By Chloe & Ally

Last week we did our self portraits!
We are pleased with how they turned out.
Do you think they look like us?

By Chloe & Ally