Principal’s Message

Monday 25 July 2016

Although an end of term break is always nice, staff look forward to catching up with our children again in school at the beginning of the new school term. Naturally enough with the Olympics beginning shortly in Brazil there will be learning in classes related to this international event which comes about every four years.

Tomorrow we celebrate Saints Anne and Joachim who are Patron Saints for Grandparents and Mrs Deerness has extended an invitation to parents and grandparents in our school community to join us for afternoon tea, buddy reading and games. We are looking forward to enjoying their company tomorrow.

Many thanks must go to our own Mrs Barton (Deanne) who is kindly making pikelets for us all to share for afternoon tea.

Kite wawe koutou (see you all soon)

Richard Duffy

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

**July**
- Tuesday 26 - Grandparents afternoon

**August**
- Tuesday 2 - School Cross Country @ 11:30 am
- Tuesday 2 - Room 3 Parents meeting for camp @ 7:00 pm
- Thursday 4 - Yr 6 to Edgar Centre for Catholic Sports morning

**September**
- Thursday 15 - Quiz Night at the Kensington

**Altar Servers**
- **July**
  - Saturday 30 - David & Atu Makasini
- **August**
  - Saturday 6 - Jean Luc & Angelique Peyroux
  - Saturday 13 - Emila Makasini & Chloe Deerness
  - Saturday 20 - Soni & Semisi Taungapeau

**Cross Country**
Our school cross country is set for Wednesday August 10 from 11:30 am. We’ll be doing quite a bit of training at the moment and would like children to have running shoes at school daily. They are welcome to leave their running shoes here at school over the next couple of weeks if they wish.

**Year 6 Catholic Sports**
Next Thursday morning (4 August). If you can help with transport please let Richard know.

**Possible Winter Term Postponements or Cancellations**
With it being the beginning of the term it is worth reminding our families again about possible postponements and cancellations of school due to snow or treacherous conditions. 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 our school Facebook page.

In the event of a late start, please come down to the school buildings to check that school is actually open. There can be occasions where the decision is made as late as 8:30 am to close for the day.

**Fundraising Hot Lunches on Friday**
This term the PTA are doing hot lunches of Macaroni Cheese and Lasagne. These will need to be pre-ordered so we know there will be enough for everyone. (Some Gluten Free ones have been made as well.)

**Miniball**
This Thursday’s draw: St Mary’s Magic vrs Balaclava Yellow, Court 4; 4:15 pm

**Hockey**
Wednesday 27th July

Year 3&4 Storm play at 3.40pm on Pav 4
Year 5&6 Strikers play at 5.20pm on Pav 4

*Both games are at the McMillan Turf.*
*Please try to be there 15min before your game.*

**Hot Lunch Friday— This Week Mac Cheese Orders in by Thursday,**

**Name ____________________________**

Hot Lunches $2.50 each __________
Hot Chocolate (free) only 1 per child__________
Family Masses for Term 3

There will be TWO Saturday night Family Masses this term. We would love your support at both. Here are the dates for your calendar!

- **Father’s Day Mass** -  
  Week 6: Saturday 3rd September at 6:00 pm.

- **First Holy Communion** -  
  Week 8: Saturday 17th September at 6:00 pm.

Grandparent’s Afternoon:

Tuesday 26th July, 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Anne and St Joachim who were Jesus’ grandparents.

We are holding a Grandparent Afternoon to celebrate our grandparents.

*Short liturgy, reading together, playing cards & board games and sharing in afternoon tea - Deanne’s famous pikelets!*

Parents you are more than welcome to join us too!

Representative Trials

Congratulations to Janivah on being selected as part of the Otago 12th Grade Football Team.

A wonderful achievement - Well done Janivah.

Save the Date

**PTA Quiz Night Thursday 15 September at 7:00 pm,**

New Venue - **Kensington** by the Oval

$5 person - Extra money for drinks and raffles

A fun great night out with family and friends.

A great collection of prizes is coming in for the raffle.

If you can donate prize or know someone that owns a business who would like to donate please contact Jacquie for more details.
Here we are! Back from our holidays and excited about the term ahead!

We had an extra long Buzz Group session today so that we could tell each other about our holiday adventures.

We are looking forward to reading and playing games with our grandparents tomorrow!

Term 3 Electives
We are intending to run our electives programme later this term beginning around week 5 of the term (the week of August 22). We are in the process of finalising our elective options and are hoping that we can offer gymnastics and guitar this term.

Thank you to all the students, I love my winter wonderland window display.

Jacquie