

# St Mary's Kaikorai

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## Newsletter

### Friday 20th September 2019 - Week Nine

#### Junior Room - Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)



Yesterday Year 1-3 went to visit the Otago Museum. We had a wonderful time and all the children represented the school extremely well. The children learnt about early exploration, the Kiwi culture and the things that make us unique from the rest of the world. This complimented our studies this term of "people around the world".

No spelling homework will be sent home next week, only home reading and practising weekly sight words.



#### Senior Room - Mrs Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly)

This term 5 students wrote stories for a Feel Brave Competition organised by Avril who works closely with the Life Education Trust (Harold). The story had to be about a problem that most 5 year olds face and then show a solution. Avril wrote comments for every student who entered the competition. I was very proud of these writers and the perseverance they showed recrafting their work many, many times.

Sophie: I like the title 'No Choice' because sometimes we have no choice about a situation (e.g. 'moving') so we have to learn to accept it and make the most of it (make new friends). A really good topic to cover.

Ethan: I just loved the gift in this story about the Grandfather's lamp - a lovely idea to get across. Well done on your story!

Stani: A nice idea to write a story about the first day at school which is always scary but everything can change when we meet a new friend who is kind!

Matthew: Wow - what really stuck out to me in your story were all of the 'GIFTS' - I loved 'Once upon a School' and that the bus driver said 'Unwelcome new kid' - that's just how someone's face might make you feel if it's your first day of school. I also loved that Mr Smee had a crack in him because someone probably dropped him - it made me think of how we might have a scare from something bad happening to us but it makes us who we are! A great story and lovely use of language!

Isobel: It was lovely to read a story about the Feel Brave Characters!!! It's nice to read a story about someone who has been thoughtful enough to leave a note for someone else if something scary has happened. A note is always a lovely way to show someone that you care. It made me curious about who had written that note!

#### **Our cultural performance is next week at Kavanagh.**

It is important to advise if you are unable to come as all children have a part. This will give us time to adjust roles if you are unable to make the performance.

Father Fredy has requested children dress as per the picture attached. White plain shirt, black shorts. The scarf will be given out on the night. Bare feet for the (performance)

It will be a great opportunity for the children and an entertaining night.

**27<sup>th</sup> St Vincent de Paul:** Since the early 1900's, young people have been involved with the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in New Zealand. Many of our schools in the Dunedin Diocese have Young Vinnies groups. The Society was founded by seven people, most of whom were teenagers. The object of having a youth arm of the Society that caters for people from age about 11 to 30ish is to help them to realise that there are people in society in need, and to encourage them to help those people. They are also encouraged to realise that the reason Vincentians help people is not just because they feel good doing this work, but because of the Gospel message to love your neighbour as yourself.



**Young Vinnies:**

Mark from Young Vinnies helped the children to complete their community care packs. Each pack had treats including chocolate and stickers along with art and crafts that the children made. The packs will be delivered within our parish community.



**School Calendar:**

**TERM 3**

**September:**

27th Hot Lunch Day - to be advised

27th Assembly at 2.15pm

**TERM 4**

**October:**

14th 1st day of Term

14th School Photos

**November:**

25th Year 5-6—Kavanagh 10-12.30pm  
Science

26th Lions Magic Show 11am

**December:**

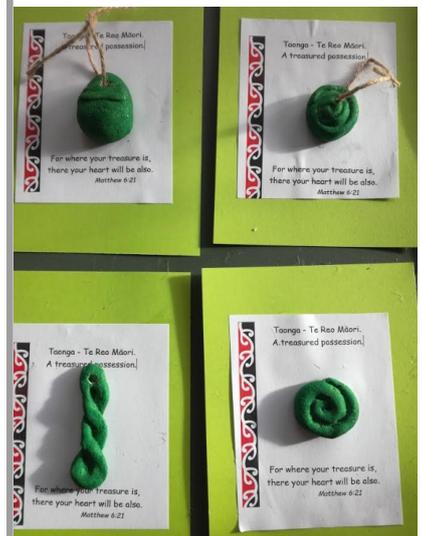
2nd to 13th Swimming lessons

16th Last day of Term

**Taonga**  
**Te reo Māori.**

***A treasured possession.***

The children have made a taonga prayer card for our church family. They are in the church so you can pick one up when you are there next.



**PTA Meeting:**

**Saturday 19th October — time to be confirmed**

**Church Roster:**

<i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>ST MARY'S</b> <b>21 September 2019</b>
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Ulalia Vainikolo
<b>Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> and Psalm</b>	Emila Makasini
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> and Gospel Acclam.</b>	Emila Makasini
<b>Introduction &amp; Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Finau Taungapeau
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sarah Al-Balushi, Gabriel Kubala