

St Mary's Kaikorai

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Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2019 - Week Eight

Junior Room - Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

The children have enjoyed swimming this week and have been very sensible walking to and from the pool. A reminder that all children need goggles each day when swimming.

On Wednesday we look forward to celebrating the learning of the children this year. The play and prize giving starts promptly at 6pm. This is also a great opportunity to farewell Sophie, Ethan, La Charna and their families as they leave St Mary's. Please ensure your child wears school uniform on the night.

Next week is the last week to return all library and home reading books.

No homework either next week as we wind down to the end of term.

Senior Room - Mrs Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly)

It was very exciting yesterday to receive an e-mail from Meg - the dog who was lost for 5 weeks. She barked "Well, what a great surprise for Dad and me when we got the lovely package containing a beautifully bound set of letters and artwork from the children from St Mary's Dunedin.....I nearly barked my socks off!"

She and Andy are hoping to visit us on Wednesday - a real treat to look forward to. The letters and art we sent are displayed in Room 1. Here is an example - Stani's letter and Alexie and Casey's pictures.

"Hi Andy, our teacher has recently read a book about your beautiful dog and it's called 'Remarkable Meg'. Your love to Meg and Meg to you is so close and it's amazing. It's like you two can't be split from each other. So that's why I think it must have been very hard to cope when

Meg went missing. I nearly cried myself when the book was read. I don't think you could have survived if Meg wasn't around. If you

didn't get her, you would be home in a wheelchair right now. You and

Meg are so inspiring to everyone, you never gave up on finding Meg and Meg never gave up either. God bless you two and may you always be happy. From Stani."



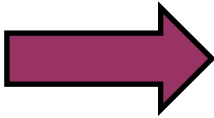
Swimming lessons continue on Monday (9th December) and run every day for that week. Children to wear sports uniform for each of these days. Children will need to bring a towel, swimmers and goggles. We will be walking together to Wakari School pool leaving school at 1.15 and returning to school before 3pm. Friday 13th lesson is at 9.30am so leaving school at 9.15am — please make sure your child is here on time please. Also please send a note with your child if they are not swimming. As previously mentioned swimming costs per child is \$20, we will invoice you for this but if you wish to pay now, our bank account details are ASB 123150-0165429-00. Thank you.



Love to Learn



Did you see us in the Newspaper:



St Mary's – A dyslexia friendly school

At St Mary's, Dunedin, our teachers are trained with the knowledge and strategies to deliver a rich, engaging learning programme for children with dyslexia. Teachers are able to recognise the signs of dyslexia early and can use screening tools to assist them in making informed judgements to develop learning programmes that target the next steps for their students.

Our experienced teachers know that children learn best when they feel accepted, when they enjoy positive

relationships with other learners and teachers, and when they are able to be active and visible members of the learning community. Being dyslexia friendly is just one of the things that make St Mary's a great school.

Our school provides warm, modern and well-resourced classrooms, an extensive library along with an expansive playground area. Supervised breakfast club from 7.45am and afterschool club until 5.30pm help our families to manage before and after-school care.

Ask us how your whanau can become part of our inclusive learning environment for 2020.

REMINDER:

Xmas Hamper Raffle Cards and Money to be back in this Monday 9th December please

School Calendar:

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December:

- 2nd to 13th Swimming lessons
- 9th Xmas Hamper Raffle Cards and money back in please.
- 11th Play & Prize giving 6pm at School
- 14th School Mass 6pm Followed by a carols and a BBQ at school
- 16th Last day of Term 12 pm (no after school care)
- 25th Christmas Day Mass 9.30am At St Mary's Church

2020:

First day of school is Wednesday the 29th January.

Prayer During the Second Week of Advent



Mary, for you this time before
Jesus' birthday,
was a quiet time, a growing time
Now we are all waiting for your Son Jesus
Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother
Show us how to be ready for your son.
Come Jesus!
The whole world is waiting for you.
Amen

Church Roster:

| <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> | ST MARY'S 7 December 2019 |
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| Ministers of Communion | Finau Taungapeau |
| Readers: 1st and Psalm | Chloe Barton |
| 2nd and Gospel Acclam. | Chloe Barton |
| Introduction & Prayers of the Faithful | Sarah Al-Balushi |
| Altar Servers | La Charna & Janivah Moata'ane |

Remember to mark in your diaries the following important dates:

Play & Prize giving
Wednesday 11th December at 6pm
&
School Mass
Saturday 14th December at 6pm

