

St Mary's Dunedin

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Newsletter.

Friday 19th February 2021 ~ Week Three Term One



Te Kupu o te wiki
maumahara(tia) = remember

1st Sunday of Lent
Mark 1:12-15



Junior Room — Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

We have been busy this week celebrating Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent, by preparing to be closer to Jesus. We wrote a Lenten promise, burnt the paper to use as ashes on our forehead. During craft time, we had fun making lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year and enjoyed reading about this festival.



We are looking forward to Mr Lucas joining us in class each fortnight, to learn Te Reo Maori and about the Maori culture and dance practices too.



Senior Room — Mrs Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly)

Over the last 2 weeks all the children have created a lovely piece of art. The task was to create a self-portrait using objects. First of all they chose two colours + white and sponged a background. They then painted things in their world that are important to them. The following day, they painted again. The next stage was adding details with pastels and the final stage was using gold and silver paint to highlight different parts of their painting. The children worked downstairs and I was impressed with the way everyone shared the resources, complimented one another and worked hard to produce a piece of art they are proud of. The paintings are hanging in Room 3 to enjoy.



17th Ash Wednesday (Violet)

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent in preparation for Easter. It is also the start of the Caritas Lenten Program. The theme for Lent 2021 is "A New Way Forward" - taken from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. This theme reminds us that God provides everything we need to overcome obstacles and push through the walls of fear and uncertainty throughout our life's journey.



School Calendar Term 1:

February:

20th School Mass 6pm
22nd Parent/Teacher Goal Settings 1.30-5pm
23rd Nikai's Birthday

March:

5th Kahui Ako Sports Day (Stadium)
5th Jam's Birthday
7th Sharvyin's Birthday
8th Teacher Only Day
12th Axten's Birthday
17th St Patricks Day
22nd Otago Anniversary Day (public holiday)

April:

2nd-6th Easter (public holiday)
3rd Daniel's Birthday
12th Sinead's Birthday
16th Last day of Term 1

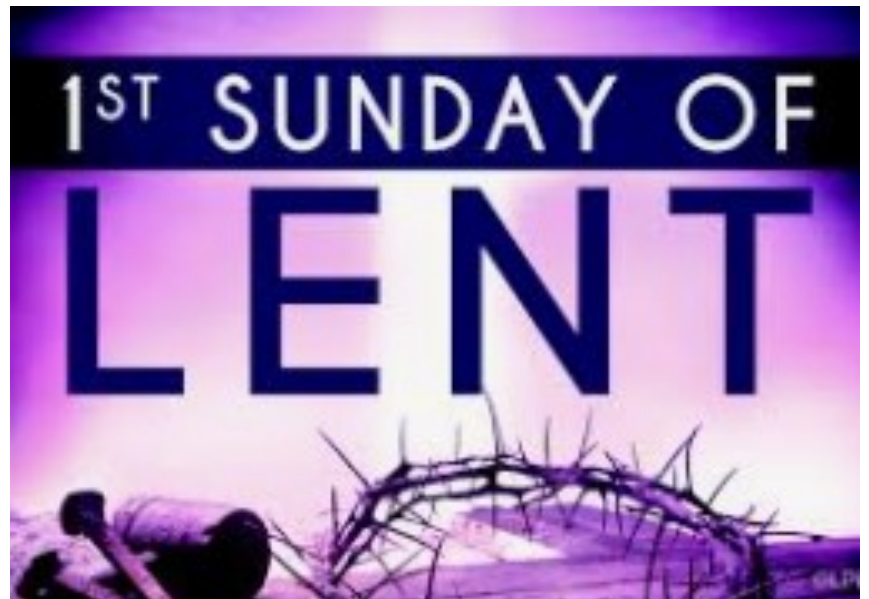
May:

3rd First day of Term 2

Reminders:

- Term One children are to wear **summer school uniform** including sun hats.
- Lunches that need heating in our **pie warmer** need to come in tinfoil.
- Lunches that need heating in the **microwave** need to be in a microwave safe container or packaging.
- **Noodles** need to be cup noodles please.
- **Friday Hot Lunches** have recommenced. Children will play at 12 then eat their lunch at 12.30. The PTA have requested that children bring cash for this. Prices are the same as last year \$2.50 hot meal - \$1.50 flavoured milk - \$1.00 cookie (\$5.00 combo). Please watch the PTA Facebook page to see what is for hot lunch.
- Child **absent** - If your child is unwell and is going to be absent, you must ring the school to inform us the reason for absence before 9am.
- If your child is going to be **late** please ring before 9am with an approximate time for arrival.
- If your **contact details** including phone numbers and address have changed, please let the office know by email.
- We ask all children to bring their own **drink bottles** to school to avoid drinking from a shared facility. Please remember a **fork or spoon** if they need one for their lunch.
- Please check that **school uniform** (not sports) has your child name on it, to help them get to the right child.
- For the safety of our children please do not use the **school carpark** between 8.30am and 9.00am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow for our first school mass and gathering as a school whanau.



At our gathering after mass we will look at the Sexuality Plan for this year and we will get the opportunity to share with you our journey so far in becoming a Dyslexia friendly school.

Saturday 6pm at the Church then at school afterwards. Children to please wear school uniform and a plate to share at our gathering.

During this term, the teachers are moving towards real time reporting using Educa. We look forward to sharing this with you after Mass on the 20th of February (next Saturday). We will also share our Health Curriculum and talk about our journey so far with structured Literacy.

