

St Mary's Dunedin

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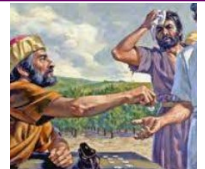
Newsletter.

Friday 5th February 2021 ~ Week One Term One



Te Kupu o te wiki
wānanga = place of learning

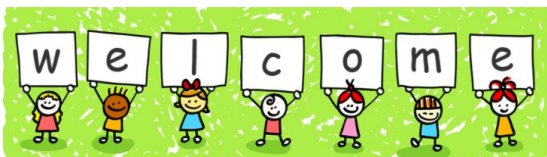
**5th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**
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Welcome back to school!

It has been fantastic to start the school year with our happy children. There is something very special about the start of the school year and we have enjoyed and treasured our times this week to reconnect with your children after their family break time.

We welcome our new entrants Maria, Rhizon and Theiah to our school and they join us in Room 2 with Mrs Dillon. We extend a warm welcome to you and your families.



We will all have the opportunity to welcome these families at our first school mass on Saturday the 20th February at 6pm followed by a gathering at school afterwards to discuss our Health Curriculum and to share with you our journey so far as a Dyslexia friendly school.

We also welcome Mr Michael Jarka to our teaching team. Mr Jarka is teaching in Room 1 Monday to Thursday 9.30 until 12.30. He is teaching literacy and mathematics to our years 3 and 4 and RE with our years 3 to 6.

Exciting News for 2021:

- Every 2nd Friday Mr Tim Lucas (Kavanagh College Maori Dean) will be teaching the children te reo, tikanga and kapahaka. The teachers will also be learning alongside the children strengthening their knowledge. If you would like to know more or would like to contribute your knowledge, please let us know.
- Play then eat. We are now playing first at lunchtime then eating our lunches. This allows the children to run around after their learning session. The children have become more settled and are eating more of their lunch.
- Children are asked to wear their sport uniform every Friday. Remember not to name this as it belongs to school.

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.

School Calendar Term 1:

February:

- 8th Waitangi Day (public holiday)
- 12th Stewy's Birthday
- 15th Teachers Commissioning Mass
- 15th Ngaika's Birthday
- 16th Shrove Tuesday
- 17th Ash Wednesday
- 17th Olivia's Birthday
- 18th 150years Dominican Sisters
- 19th Yr 5/6 Bike School
- 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
- 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

*Join us for
Shrove Tuesday.*



*Pancakes and a cuppa.
After Mass Tuesday.
At School.*



The children will be attending Ash Wednesday mass at the Little Sisters of The Poor chapel on 18th February. We are travelling by bus leaving school at 11am and returning after mass approximately 12 O'clock. If you would like to join us please let us know.

A back to school prayer for children

Dear God,
Thank you for holiday times for freedom, family and friends. Help me to keep happy times in my heart. I am excited to start school. To spend time with my teacher and school friends. Help me to settle back into this school year! Help me to learn, to grow in confidence And to have lots of fun.

Amen

