

# St Mary's Dunedin

BELONG, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE.



Newsletter.

Friday 21st May 2021 ~ Week Three Term Two



**Te Kupu o te wiki**  
whakamārama(tia) = to explain

**Pentecost**  
John 7:37-39



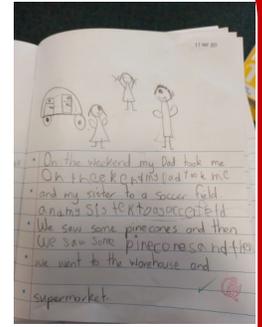
## Junior Room — Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)



This week the children have been working hard during writing lessons and drew pictures to help explain their information. We have focused on sounding out letters to write words and some children orally talked about things they have done and copied the words. Here is Casey and Maria's work!

This week in Maths, Year 2 have been concentrating on adding and subtracting 10 from a given number using a hundreds chart, and learning how to write sums using the correct symbols (+, -, =).

Year 1 have been identifying objects that are the same and different, and learning which number is 1 or 2 more than a given number.



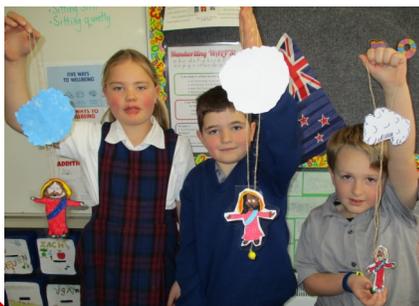
We were also lucky to have a visit from 2 players of the Otago Nuggets basketball team. The children enjoyed asking them questions and finding out about their basketball journey.



## Senior Room — Mrs Guthrie (Whaea Guthrie)

After exploring the playground for inspiration our year 3 and 4 writers used their creative ability to write about Autumn using leaves found in the playground.

Our RE learning has seen the children learning about the Ascension of Jesus into heaven alongside the birth of the Church at Pentecost.



## School Calendar Term 2:

### May:

26th Food for thought Yr5/6's  
26th Board of Trustee's Meeting  
27th Katia's Birthday  
29th Father Fredy's Birthday  
31st Gagan's first day

### June:

4th Teacher Only Day (school closed)  
7th Queen's Birthday (public holiday)  
9th Clyde's Birthday  
18th Life Education (Harold) at school

### June continued.

18th 10th Anniversary of Fr Fredy's ordination.  
25th Alyssa's Birthday  
30th Board of Trustee's Meeting

### July:

1st Kaven's Birthday  
25th Sierra's Birthday

### August:

8th Zach's Birthday  
11th Board of Trustee's Meeting

### Weather Conditions and School Closures:

The decision to delay opening or closing the school is made by a designated group of schools around the Dunedin area. This group then notifies local media, this generally means that we will find out about it in the same way and at the same time as you. If the school is closed for the day, or starting late, a post will be put on our Facebook page and an email sent out to all families. Please be aware that the school phone may not be monitored.

The following radio stations may broadcast school closures from 6.50am:

The Hits (Dunedin) Facebook Page

Radio Dunedin 1305 AM

The Breeze 98.2 FM

More FM 97.4 FM



### A couple of reminders please:

**Please DO NOT park across the driveway when picking up or dropping off children.** We ask that you use the cul-de-sac correctly to avoid congestion in this area and ensure safety for students in particular. At peak times, there is a lot of traffic coming from other directions. We ask that you park in the surrounding streets and walk your child to the driveway. This is for the safety of all. Please share this with all that collect your child/children.

**A reminder that if your child/children will not be attending school, please let the school office know either by phone or email and the reason they are not at school BEFORE 8.45,** this applies also if they have an appointment and will be late. Unless we are already advised of the days they are away, you must let us know each day if they will not be attending school. If we do not hear from you, we then ring to make sure that your child/children are safe.

17th - 21st May (White)

16th The Ascension of Jesus

What is the Ascension? For 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Bible says that Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from Earth. Ascension Day marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.



Thanks again to our amazing Highlander's team who continue to support our families with free tickets!  
Here is Stewy and his family enjoying the Highlanders win last Friday night



**Otago Nuggets visit this week here are some photos:**



**If you are interested in attending their game this Saturday 22nd May at 7.30pm, here is an exciting offer:**



Primary and Intermediate students are FREE with a paying adult.

**Nuggets v Giants 22 May 7.30pm: Children (up to 3) get free entry with a paying adult.**

**Use Giants21 as the voucher code when purchasing on-line.**

Ticketek are working on including this option on their website but if that doesn't work the Nuggets encourage you to get tickets at the door!

[www.otagonuggets.com](http://www.otagonuggets.com)

## WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that in Term Two and Three, children can wear the winter school uniform option of blue track pants or blue tights with the tunic. Sneakers can only be worn on sports day as part of the sport uniform. Please ensure children wear or bring their school jersey/polar fleece as the weather can be quite changeable at this time of the year. A note is required if children are unable to wear correct uniform.



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