



Belong Believe Achieve
Whanaungatanga Whakapono Porotutuki
Newsletter.

Friday 17th February 2023 - Week 3 Term One



Te Kupu o te wiki
whiti(a) = shine

**7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:38-48**



School Calendar:

February

22nd Ash Wednesday

March

1st Paid Union Meeting for
Teachers - School closes
at 12.30pm

5th Jam's Birthday

9th Saira's Birthday (new student)

11th Adam's Birthday (new student)

15th Aithan's Birthday (new student)

20th Otago Anniversary Day

22nd Board Meeting

24th No Tuck Shop

April

3rd Daniels Birthday

6th Last Day of Term 1

7th Good Friday

11th Zeth's Birthday

12th Sinead's Birthday

19th Amelia's Birthday

25th Alexie's Birthday

25th Eniya's Birthday

REMINDERS:

Entry into the school by car is restricted between 8.30am to 9.30am and again from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Please share this with family/friends that may drop/pick up your child.

At 3pm, we continue to use Taieri Road as the point for collecting your child, however if you use Cromwell Street, please **DO NOT** park across the driveway when dropping off or collecting your 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.

Junior Room - Mrs Rowley (Whaea Rowley)

In Room 1 we have been learning about the 5 Senses; touch, smell, sight, hearing, taste. The children went on a scavenger hunt for different pictures and words around the room that relate to our senses. The children worked together to sort the pictures and words into the right places. Here is our finished scavenger hunt sort!

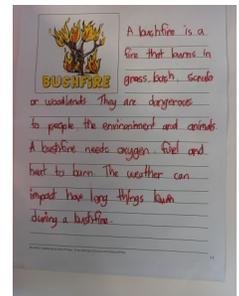


Middle Room - Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

This week Room 2 started our Science unit on "Natural disasters". The children learnt about bushfires and things that can cause them. We found out that they can harm people, animals and the environment. We created a poster with this information and are moving onto avalanches next. During art we tried to create an optical illusion using line and colour. First we brainstormed different types of ways we can draw lines.

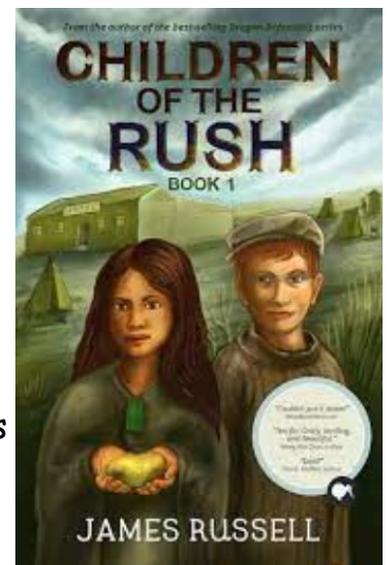


outline of a fish and had to draw different types of lines inside the body and tail. The children chose 3 colours using felts and carefully followed the outline of their fish!



Senior Room - Ms Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly)

We have started our new class novel - Children of the Rush by James Russell who wrote The Dragon Defenders Books. The novel is set in 1861 in Otago and is told through the eyes of Michael and Atarangi who have both lost a parent. They first meet in the gold mining settlement in Gabriel's Gully. After only a few chapters, Sinead predicted what she thought had happened to Michael's father when we first met him. Several chapter later, she was proven correct. The children take notes as they listen and several pages have been photocopied and displayed. Pop in and have a look.



Hearing You Counselling Service



Our Catholic Kahui Ako primary schools have got together to find a possible way to provide this support which makes such a big difference to the well-being of our students. In partnership with Catholic Social Services and with the support of Works of Mercy and the Catholic Caring Foundation we have now been able to engage a counsellor who will work across our nine Catholic primary schools.

We are very excited about having this support service for our students, it is called "Hearing You". Attached is more information about the service.

If you think that the service is right for your child you can refer using this link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b73GS047hDlsM1lI3cBjRd2BnlwXcsmHfWBT7FBOJtg/edit>

Or you can request a consent form by emailing the office.

This service resumes on Thursday 23rd February.

Week 3 13th - 17th February

6th Waitangi Day

11th World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Valentines Day

Saint Valentine with whom we associate Valentine's Day was a Catholic priest who lived in the 3rd Century in Rome. One story is that Valentine was secretly marrying Christian couples, a practice which had been outlawed by the Emperor. He was executed on 14 February in the year 270. St Valentine is the patron of love, young people and happy marriages. It was in the Middle Ages that St Valentine was connected with courtly love. Poets such as Geoffrey Chaucer built on the legends surrounding St Valentine and began the tradition of associating Saint Valentine with romantic love that we celebrate today.



Celebrating
Saint Valentine

Prayer

God of love, you give us St. Valentine as an example of love. As we celebrate this feast of this loving and caring saint we ask you to bless our friendships. May the love and affection we share with each other always come from a sense of care and respect. May we always follow the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



As a St Mary's School Student,
I am a child of God
created in His image
and likeness.

I come to school each
day on time, ready to
learn.

I listen to my teachers
and show respect for
all. I work hard to hon-
our my responsibilities
and participate fully in
activities.

I am a St. Mary's
Catholic School
student, and I make my
family and school proud
of me every day.

REMINDER :

*****DRINK BOTTLES ARE RE-
QUIRED AT SCHOOL EVERYDAY*****

***** SUNHATS ARE ALSO RE-
QUIRED IN TERM 1 AND 4*****

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are amazing
already.
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help them
prove it.**



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THE NEW ZEALAND
TUTORING ASSOCIATION



"3 years ago
my daughter was just
trying to keep her head
above water. Now she
is doing extension work
and is a completely
different person."

- KAREN I



Catholic Social Services
Dunedin and Central Otago



An invitation from Catholic Social Services Dunedin

Significant loss or change happens to us all but not everyone is equipped to manage their reaction to it. Children need our support to navigate their way through loss, change and grief.

Apply to become a companion for the Season for Growth® Children's Programme.

This 2-day Companion/facilitator training would be helpful for those working in areas of health, social services or education with children or young people who have experienced: parental separation, a death, a change of primary caregiver, or have experienced some other form of significant life change such as moving home or school.

Venue: 146 Victoria Road, St Kilda, Dunedin (Former Forbury Racecourse)

Dates: Thursday 16th of March (9.30-4pm) and Friday 17th of March (9-3.30pm) 2023

Cost: \$200.00. This includes: training in a small group setting, a course journal, morning, afternoon tea and lunch. (A companion manual is available to purchase at the completion of your training and other resources are available from your Coordinator).

Enrol before **Friday the 10th of March** by contacting Christine Burgin, Seasons for Growth Coordinator 034553838 or 0273288688

Christine@cathsocialservices.org.nz

