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Whanaungatanga Whakapono Porotutuki
Newsletter.

Friday 24th February 2023 - Week 4 Term One



Te Kupu o te wiki

Rēneti = Lent

1st Sunday of Lent
Matthew 4:1-11



School Calendar:

February

27th-3rd March - Move it March
- Walk n' Wheel Week

March

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

3rd Otago Basketball Visit

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

31st Yr6 Leadership Retreat

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

SCHOOL CLOSED:
Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 12.30pm
DUE TO

Paid Union Meeting for Teachers

****Please make arrangements to collect your
child/children at 12.30pm****

****Mana is only available from 3pm
as normal****

Senior Room - Mr Woodhouse (Matua Woodhouse)

On Thursday the senior students participated in a scientific popcorn taste test to compare popcorn made in a pot on the stove to microwave popcorn. The most popular was the microwave popcorn variety, however that might be to do with the slight burning in the pot during the stove cooking process. The overall judgement was that it is so much easier, safer and more reliable to cook the popcorn in the microwave.



Junior Room - Miss Rowley (Whaea Rowley)

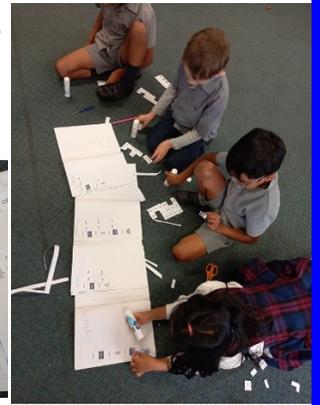
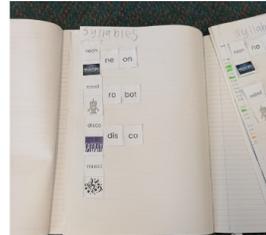
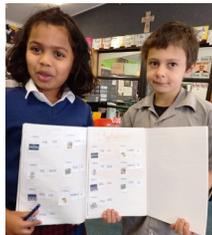
In Room 1 we have been learning about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the start of Lent. During Lent, often we give something up. In the past, people were not allowed to eat foods such as eggs during this time, so to use them before Lent began, they would mix them with other rich foods such as milk and flour to make pancakes. We are now in the season of Lent. During lent we give up things and/ or fast. During Lent we turn to back to God, ask for forgiveness and become closer to Christ. The colour for lent is purple. During lent we fast, give and pray. Lent lasts for 40 days. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. However, if you look at a calendar and count the days, there are more than 40 days. Lent is actually 46 days, however the six Sundays are excluded because there is no obligation to fast on Sundays in Lent.



Middle Room - Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

This week in class we have been learning about syllables. A syllable is a part of a word. We: 1) say the word, 2) break it apart into syllables and 3) identify the letters in each syllable and then write it down. The children also read sentences aloud and then write the sentence by remembering each word in order (dictation). We mark our work by checking if we have the sentence begin with a capital letter, spelt certain focus words correctly, had spacing between words and ended with a . or ?

Here is our work that we did today!



Senior Room - Ms Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly)

Census At School

23/02/2023 by Christine Donnelly

On Monday all the children took part in the CensusAtSchool survey. After logging onto the site, and entering our school code each student filled in the questionnaire. They were asked a range of questions and had their own data cards ready from last week. We have been sent back some of the collated data which will provide interesting reading next week e.g what their favourite icecream flavours are and how many of the class think pineapple belongs on pizza!

CensusAtSchool
NEW ZEALAND

Data Card for:

10. Height:	cm
11 a. Left foot length:	cm
11 b. Right foot length:	cm
12. Left wrist circumference	cm
13. Left thumb circumference	cm
16. School bag weight	kg
19. Standing on left leg:	seconds
20. Standing jump:	cm

Further to our write-up last week regarding
Hearing You Counselling Service, we introduce to you
Our Counsellor here at St Mary's School:
Jameisha Sheridan
Welcome Jameisha



Tēnā Koutou! Ko Jameisha tōku ikoa!
 I am excited to be part of the Catholic Social Services team and Whakarakona Mai this year bringing counselling to your school! I am a bubbly and enthusiastic person with experience and a strong passion for supporting people. I graduated at the end of 2022 with a Bachelor of Social Services Specialising in Counselling and I am a provisional member of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors. I am excited for the year ahead and getting to know everyone throughout the schools and bringing my knowledge and skills to the tamariki, whānau and wider community.

Jameisha Sheridan

Jameisha will be attending our school fortnightly on a Thursday morning.

Jameisha had her first session at our school yesterday.

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

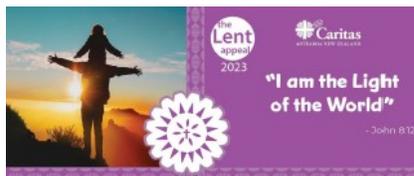
6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	ST MARY'S 25 February 2023
Minister of Communion	
Readers: 1st and Psalm	Maria Rajavatnam
2nd and Gospel Acclam.	Maria Rajavatnam
Introduction & Prayers of the Faithful	Chloe Barton
Altar Servers	Gabriel & Alyssa Kubala
Collections	Roman & Casey Kubala

Week 4 20th - 24th February
22nd Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Marks the beginning of Lent. Our school will be following the Lenten programme. The theme for Lent 2023 - "I am the Light of the World" - reminds us that Jesus brings light to a world often darkened by disease, disaster, violence, lies and hypocrisy. Jesus' life, and his proclamation of the truth, is a challenge to each of us to lead our lives following His example.



Ash Wednesday is the first day in the season of Lent. Lent can be observed by all Christians, and it is a beautiful way to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and prepare us for the Easter season. We pray extra prayers, fast, and give to charity during this season of Lent. Ash Wednesday has many traditions for Catholic families and ways to observe this day, and also, anything you are doing for the length of Lent will start on this day.



**Junior Room
 Class Prayer.**

As a child of God,
 I am called to
 think, talk,
 and act like
 Jesus,
 by the power of
 the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

Ash Wednesday - School Participation



WALK AND WHEEL WEEK IS NEXT WEEK!

Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March

RIDE, SCOOTER OR WALK TO SCHOOL!



27th Feb - 31st Mar 2023

Introducing Move it March!

**An extension of Walk n' Wheel Week.
Let's keep kids moving and join Scout for the
month of March. FREE for all Dunedin primary
schools, with a chance to win a Pizza Party
for the class!**



**Walk n' Wheel
To School Week**

27th Feb - 3rd Mar

**A FREE event to encourage children and
their families to walk or wheel to school.**



Does your child enjoy singing?

We're looking for more children to sing with the St Joseph's Choristers, a small group who sing with the cathedral choir at Sunday Mass once a fortnight. All children aged between 7 and 11 are welcome to join. No previous musical experience is needed, and membership is free.

As well as learning the music sung at Mass, the Choristers learn about musical notation and how to use their voices well. We sing in a variety of musical styles and languages.

We rehearse 3.30–4.15pm on Thursdays in the cathedral chapel, and sing at Mass twice a month with a warm-up rehearsal at 10am.

Please contact the Organist and Choir Director David Burchell on d.c.burchell@outlook.com / 021 135 2535 if you are interested.

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.