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Whanaungatanga Whakapono Porotutuki
Newsletter.
Friday 10th March 2023 - Week 6 Term One



Te Kupu o te wiki
Kaiko = teacher

3rd Sunday of Lent
John 4:5-42



School Calendar:

March

- 11th Adam's Birthday (new student)
- 15th Aithan's Birthday (new student)
- 16th Teacher Strike - School Closed
- 17th St Patricks Day
Karen's final day
- 20th Otago Anniversary Day
- 23rd Counsellor: Jameisha (am)
- 31st Yr6 Leadership Retreat

April

- 3rd Daniels Birthday
- 6th Easter Dress-up Day
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

Current Issues

The next week or so is quite messy with disruptions and celebrations and we appreciate your support as we work through these.

Teacher Strike The teachers of all primary and secondary schools in the country have voted to strike on Thursday 16 March. This means that the school will be closed for that day.

St Patricks Day On Friday 17 March it is St Patrick's Day. This is an opportunity to do 'Irish' things such as dressing in green and having green food, for the day.

Karen Crawford's last day That Friday is also Karen's final day at the school as office administrator, teacher aide and canteen operator. I would like to say thank you for your service to the school and we wish you all the best at your new/old job at Ross Dowling Marquet and Griffin.

Otago Anniversary Day On Monday 20 March the school is closed for the Otago Anniversary Day public holiday.

Senior Room - Mr Woodhouse (Matua Woodhouse)

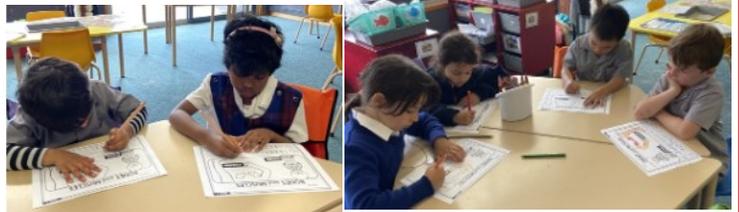
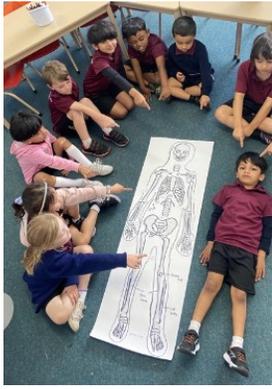
This week the seniors have started coding using the Edison version of Python. Here is an example of the type of code that they are learning to write and experiment with, and over the next couple of weeks they will learn various new instructions.

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2 #-----Setup-----
3
4 import Ed
5
6 Ed.EdisonVersion = Ed.V2
7
8 Ed.DistanceUnits = Ed.CM
9 Ed.Tempo = Ed.TEMPO_MEDIUM
10
11 #-----Your code below-----
12 Ed.Drive(Ed.FORWARD, Ed.SPEED_5, 100)
13 Ed.Drive(Ed.FORWARD_RIGHT, Ed.SPEED_5, 90)
14 Ed.Drive(Ed.FORWARD, Ed.SPEED_5, 75)
15 Ed.Drive(Ed.FORWARD_LEFT, Ed.SPEED_5, 45)
16 Ed.Drive(Ed.FORWARD, Ed.SPEED_5, 50)
17
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Junior Room - Miss Rowley (Whaea Rowley)

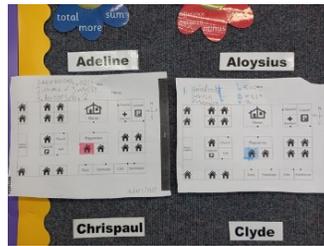
We have been learning about our body and how it works! We have been learning about muscles and our skeleton and why they are important.

The Room one children have been exploring how our body moves and what keeps us up right!



Middle Room - Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

Over the next few weeks during Maths lessons, the children will be learning about 'position and orientation' concepts. This involves describing the position of an object in relation to another object/s. Year 2/3 used 3D shapes to create a structure and were trying to say where the blocks were in relation to another. Year 3/4 looked at mapping and the information that they can show. The children will be exploring specific language we use to describe position, such as- (Yr 2) above, next to, to the left/right, behind, back-to-back and (Yr 3/4) using compass directions of north, south, east, west, moving left/right, up/down when following a path.



Senior Room - Ms Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly)



SOMEWHERE IN OUR SCHOOL TODAY

A Grandad admires little athletes tumbling along blue mats.

Students scream with joy as they eat dripping ice-creams.

Little builders shout as they find the playhouse left broken and destroyed.

Fantails watch from high perches as almost the entire school plays non-stop tag.

Mini race car drivers zoom down the slide while the seniors get friction burns on their elbows.

And ants watch as a delicacy appears in front of their beady eyes from the children above.

PARISH MINISTRIES (for next week)



3 rd Sunday of Lent	ST MARY'S 11 March 2023
Ministers of Communion	
Readers: 1st and Psalm	Lawrence Finnerty
2nd and Gospel Acclam.	Lawrence Finnerty
Introduction & Prayers of the Faithful	Colleen Howard
Altar Servers	Gabriel & Alyssa Kubala

Week 6 Why do we see the colour violet in churches and the classrooms in Lent?

6th In the ancient world the colour violet, often called "purple", was associated with royalty. When the Roman soldiers mocked Jesus before his crucifixion, they "clothed him in a purple cloak, and a crown of thorns" (Mark 15:17). Then

To Pilate showed Jesus to the crowd, saying, "what shall I do with the man whom you call the **King** of the Jews?" (Mark 15:12).

10th

March Violet became a perfect colour for the Lenten season, calling to mind Jesus' passion, our call to repentance, and even the reality that Jesus is the true "King of kings".



Each week, we will present to you our newly elected Board of Trustees as of September 2022 and their profile.

Today we share our re-elected Board of Trustee member as a Parent Representative:

Kyle Milner



Kia Ora, I am Kyle Milner. My wife Sharna and my daughter Scarlet attended St Mary's up till last year when she finished year 6.

I am currently working as a temperer / production manager at OCHO chocolate factory.

I hope to bring my critical thinking and attention to detail to better the opportunities of the children and school community. Also to bring my previous board experience to the current board.

Over on the next page we also present to you newly elected Board of Trustee Members

Please refer  **SchoolDocs** Policies and Procedures to for St Mary's School Dunedin's Policies and Procedures.

Visit the website <https://st-marys.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm> on a regular basis by entering: username (st-marys) and password (dominic).

We present to you newly elected Board Members as of September 2022. Today we share Board of Trustee members: Burton Francis as Proprietor Representative and, Karen Alfonso and Angela Johnston as Parent Representatives. We have now presented all of our Board Members to you.

Burton Francis

Burton Francis, married to Annie. We have two kids Georgina who is in year one and Michael who is in childcare. We moved to Dunedin three years ago. Work has taken us to a few places. We moved from Melbourne and before that we were in Adelaide, Perth and South Africa. Annie and I are both from India originally.

I work as a management consultant and it's my first time on a school board.



Karen Alfonso

Kia ora, my name is Karen Alfonso, I'm Sebastian's and Santiago's mom. this is my first term as a board member and I'm happy to contribute with our school community. I do love children and education, I'm currently working in a Montessori daycare, my background is in HR and administration. I hope my contribution to the school is helpful and we all together make the St. Mary's the best school for our tamariki.

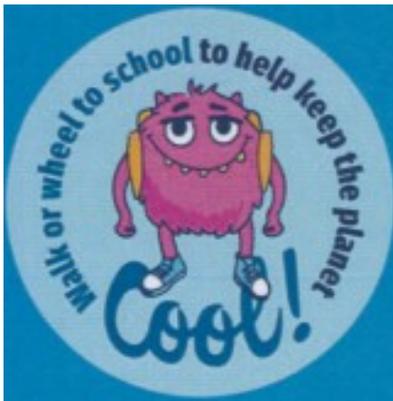


Angela Johnston

Hi my name is Angela. I am proud mum of Aria yr 6 and Lillian yr 2. I am working as a mental health needs assessor. I love my job. I love showing people kindness and making a small difference to peoples lives. I work with children and adults. I have joined the school board just this last intake. I hope while I am on the board I can contribute by sharing knowledge and empathy from my experience working with children for many years. I look forward to seeing how our small school can grow whilst remaining a friendly family environment. I look forward to meeting you all.



We have been given Whānau challenge packs to hand out to families re Move It March. If you would like one please email the office. There are not enough for every family so first in first serve. Here are some samples of what is included:



MOVE IT MARCH

27th Feb - 31st Mar 2023

Whānau Challenge

Choose a different activity for each day of March you walk or wheel to school. See how many activities your whānau can complete!

Sing or create a walking song	Be as bright as you can	Count how many steps between each lamp post	Always stop, look and listen before you cross the road	Dress up your shoes
Pick up any litter you see on your walk to school	Try a different route to school	Try a game of I-spy from A-Z	Count the number of E-cars that pass you	See how many friends you can get to walk or wheel with you
Write a chalk message on the footpath	Use a pedestrian crossing	Find a road sign and find out what it means	Do Scout's scavenger hunt	Play a game of copy the leader
Play a game of colour cars	Use a compass to work out which direction you are going	Dress up day, you choose the theme	Play a game of 20 questions	Count how many people you see on bikes

Send a copy showing how many tasks your whānau completed to April 2023 and you will go into the draw to win a **voucher and other spot prizes!**

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Scout's Scavenger Hunt

Tick off each item as you find it!

<input type="checkbox"/> A stop sign	<input type="checkbox"/> A courier van	<input type="checkbox"/> A blue door
<input type="checkbox"/> A bird's nest	<input type="checkbox"/> A scooter	<input type="checkbox"/> An electric car
<input type="checkbox"/> A for sale sign	<input type="checkbox"/> A school zone sign	<input type="checkbox"/> A yellow car
<input type="checkbox"/> A number 3	<input type="checkbox"/> A cat	

For more of a challenge, record how many of each you see!

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I-Spy

Take an I-spy walk to school. See if you can spot 26 things (1 for each letter of the alphabet)

a _____	n _____
b _____	o _____
c _____	p _____
d _____	q _____
e _____	r _____
f _____	s _____
g _____	t _____
h _____	u _____
i _____	v _____
j _____	w _____
k _____	x _____
l _____	y _____
m _____	z _____

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Spot Scout

Colour in Scout & share with others in your neighbourhood by sticking on your window. Next time you are out & about walking or wheeling see if you can spot Scout!

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Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser



***Please ask your family and friends if they would like to order some. YUM YUM.

***If you would like to order, please complete the order form and return to the office by Friday 24th March with monies please. Another option is that the total amount of all your orders can be banked to the School Bank account if easier. Bank Account details are:

St Mary's School Dunedin

Account no 12-3150-0165429-00

***Please put reference "hot cross bun and student's name".
But please only the total of all your orders you have collected otherwise will be very time consuming.

***You can purchase:

- Traditional Hot Cross Buns 6 pack for \$5.00 each
- Choc Hot Cross Buns 6 pack for \$5.00 each
- Cranberry Cross Buns 6 pack for \$5.00 each

***Your orders will be available to be collected from the office on Monday 3rd April 2023

Thank you for your support with our Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser.

After School Care - Onsite from 3.00pm



Our After School Care provider is "Mana After School Care".

Mana is Oscar approved.

Bookings are essential.

Please contact them via their Website: www.manaafterschoolcare.com

Or phone 027 521 8373

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.

PRIMARY YEARS 5-11

**TOOL
BOX**



Build a great family team and have fun along the way!

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of aroha and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Discipline and boundaries
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- And lots more!

Cost: \$75 per person or \$110 per couple

However, if you're unable to contribute in this way, we'd still love you to join us. Get in touch and we'll get you booked in.

Toolbox Parenting Course: Primary
- 6 week course, 2 hour sessions
Sign Up Your School Community
to host a Toolbox Parenting course!!!

Be in touch to sign up your school :
www.cathsocalservices.org.nz
Dates and times to be negotiated!
Ph 4553838, michelle@cathsocalservices.org.nz

Book online parentingplace.nz/toolbox

They are offering our school community a **special discount code** if you are interested in going. If you are keen to go let us know and we can sort.

The Flying Femmes Circus Show

18 & 19 March 2023

Dunedin
Fringe Festival

THE FLYING FEMMES

CIRCUS SHOW

ALL AGES!

SAT. 18 MARCH
7 PM

MAYFAIR THEATRE
100 KING EDWARD STREET, SOUTH DUNEDIN

SUN. 19 MARCH
2 PM & 7 PM

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TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

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The Flying Femmes is here to bring the joy and allure of traditional circus to the Pōneke community. The accomplished all-female cast will take the audience on a journey to explore the history and progression of circus as an artform, paying tribute to its roots but offering a modern twist.

The Flying Femmes is a celebration of female artists and the diversity of styles, skills, and personalities that found their place in the circus world.

Expect high-caliber circus, glamorous costumes and first-rate entertainment in a charming family-friendly atmosphere.

Saturday 18 March 2023

7 pm

Sunday 19 March 2023

2 pm and 7 pm

Mayfair Theatre

100 King Edward Street, South Dunedin

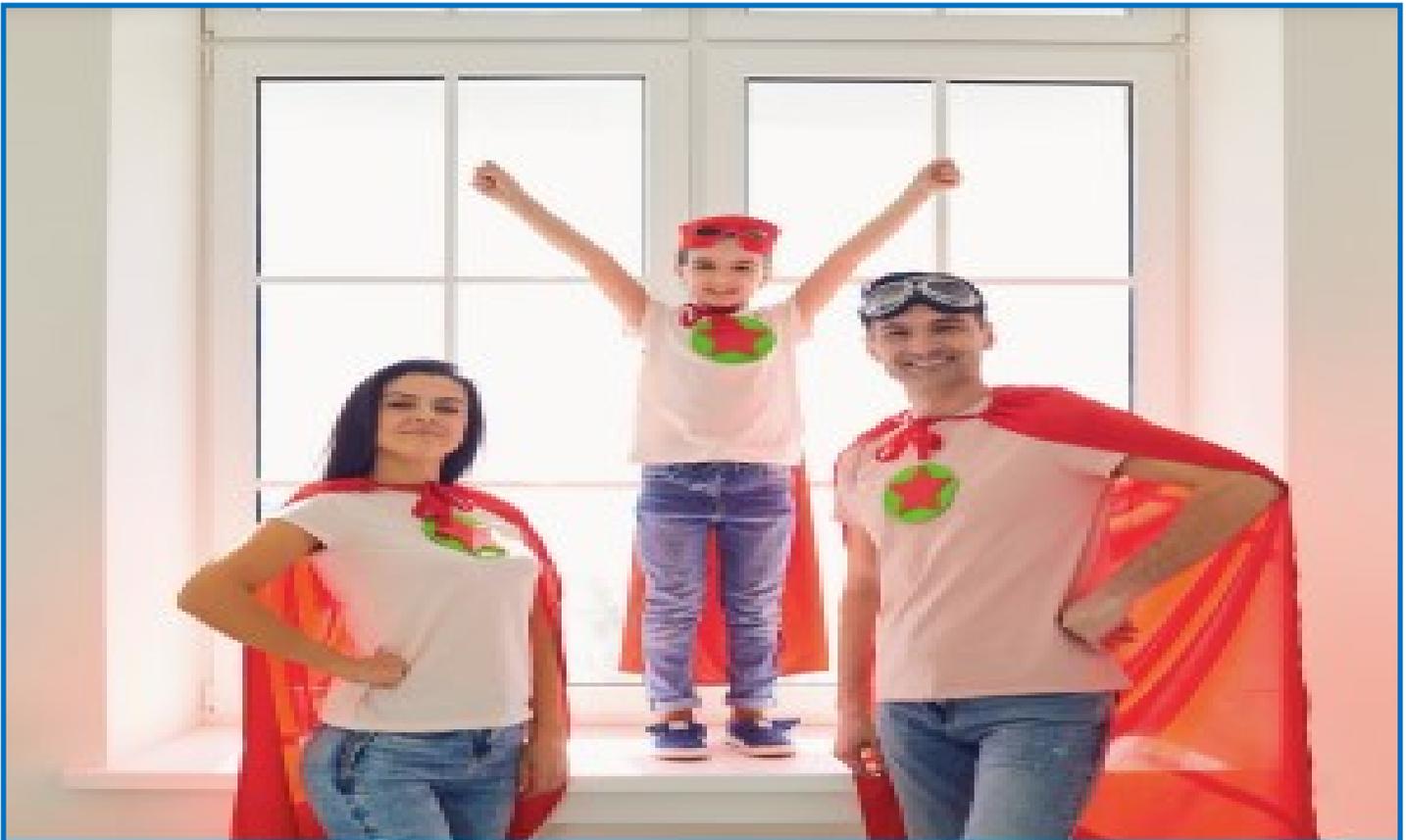
"Multiskilled, playful, and exciting"
Deb Pope, Theatreview

"Fun for the whole family"
Carly Fisher, Theatretravles

**Get your tickets
online**



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**Everyday people
doing extraordinary things**
Become a caregiver

We are seeking to expand our caregiver team and provide opportunities for Dunedin whānau to recharge their batteries and look after themselves.

Quality training and support are provided

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RE: Dunedin schools - Bus delays info for school newsletters

Delays to buses

The Orbus Team wants to update you about delays to buses which are having an impact on journey times and will be frustrating for students, parents and school staff.

The number of roadworks in the city mean there are multiple diversions from the normal bus routes. The extra time needed for this, and the increased volume of post-holiday traffic, is causing delays of around 20 minutes during peak times.

The roadworks are ongoing which means the delays will continue for some time. Our apologies for this but there is no quick fix.

The delays also have an impact on the reliability of the Transit App (which many parents use) as the buses drop off the system when they deviate from the route. They do appear on the system again when they return to the route but the fact they vanish can cause confusion. Passengers can check the ORC website (details below) to see if their bus is cancelled. If it's not on the website then it is delayed in traffic.

In summary:

Diversions causing bus delays

- George Street is closed to most buses until further notice.
- This means many buses have diverted from their usual routes and are going onto new streets because of the roadworks. This is causing delays of up to 20 minutes in peak hour traffic.
- The information on your Transit App is not as reliable at the minute as it can't track buses when they are off their normal route.
- To find out if your bus is cancelled go to [Dunedin buses \(orc.govt.nz\)](http://Dunedin buses (orc.govt.nz)) and click the red banner. If your bus shows up there it is cancelled. If it is not showing up there then it is delayed because of traffic.
- Thank you for bearing with us as our city changes. Let's look out for each other on the roads so everyone gets home safe.

Charlotte

Charlotte Flaherty