



Belong Believe Achieve  
Whanaungatanga Whakapono Porotutuki

**St Mary's Dunedin**

8th March  
Term 1 - Week 6



**TE REO MĀORI**

Te Kupu o te wiki

Tepu- table



John 3:14-21  
God sent his Son  
so that through  
him the world  
might be saved

**School Calendar:**

**March**

9th School Family Mass 6pm

12th Move It March - Scout visit

18th - 22nd Late start - morning club

19th Four year old Club

25th Otago

Anniversary Day

29th Good Friday



**March birthdays**

9th - Saira

11th- Adam

15th- Aithan

Morning club starts  
later at 8am 18th to  
22nd March

**Junior Room - Miss Rowley (Whaea Rowley)**

This week we had some fire fighters come into the classroom and continue our Fire wise lessons. We talked about smoke alarms, tools vs toys (e.g a lighter is a tool adults use) and practiced getting down, getting low and getting out FAST!

Meeting point stickers went home with the children. Please chat with your child and family about what to do and where to meet in case of an emergency.

The firemen will also replace and install fire alarms in homes for free, so please reach out if you need this service!



### Middle Room - Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

This week we have been learning about fires. We looked at posters showing different types of fire and discussed what was safe and unsafe about them. 3 Fire fighters visited our class from Roslyn Fire brigade to help us to know what to do if there is a fire at home. We recognised the importance of setting up a meeting place with our family and practiced how to 'get down', 'get low', & 'get out'. Next week the fire truck is coming to school which we are excited about.



### Senior Room- Mrs Guthrie (Whaea Guthrie)

The learners worked through a rotation of stations to explore the concept of gravity using everyday objects and to understand gravity's influence on the weight and motion of various items.



### Four Year Old Club

We invite you and your little ones to join us for our Term  
Four dates which are 27th February and 19th March  
11:00am to 12:00pm.

During our Four Year Old Club, parents are welcomed  
and encouraged into our school during this time.

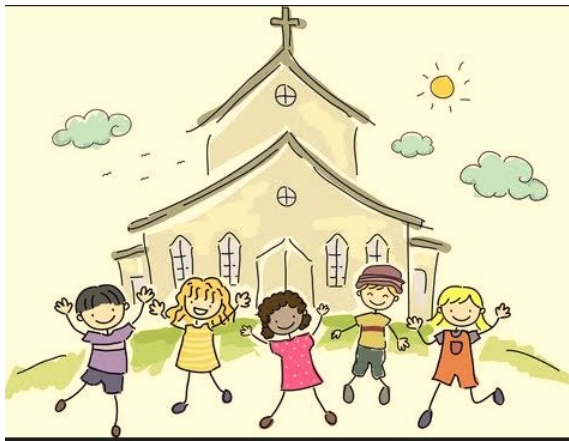


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School Mass tomorrow.

See you there!

Saturday 9th March  
6pm start.

### **In school councillor service.**

Did you know you can make a referral to our in-school counselling service for your child?

Email Jamiesha at:

[jameisha@cathsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:jameisha@cathsocialservices.org.nz)



### **Laudato Si' reflection**

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...' Jn 3:16

How do we love and care for God's world?

"In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward." (LS 245)

## About Lent

Not eating meat on Fridays. The rule that Catholics cannot eat meat on Fridays during Lent is not quite right and it is much more lenient now than what most Catholics in history have had to observe. Nowadays meat is only prohibited on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday. The idea was that Catholics should fast or take light meals and asking us/them to not eat meat was a sure way of ensuring everyone fasting. Now people are asked to fast and can choose what is best for their situation. The purpose of fasting is spiritual focus, self-discipline, in the imitation of Christ and a way of showing sorrow.

We are halfway through Lent and every year Catholics try to answer the age old question: What should I do for Lent? Well, Pope Francis had some great ideas back in 2015.

**Pray: Make our hearts like yours!**

“During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: ‘Make our hearts like yours.’ In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalisation of indifference.”



**Take part in the sacraments**

“Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.



## Cathedral & Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL  
ST MARY'S (Kaikorai)

ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Mornington)  
ST JOSEPH'S (Brockville)

**LENTEN CAROLS – ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL Wednesday 13 March, following the 5:30pm Cathedral Mass**

A selection of Lenten music will be performed by the Cathedral Choir and Director/Organist David Burchell during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:15-6:45pm, concluding with Benediction.  
Everyone most welcome to attend.



## NZ TOUR!

### OAMARU

Sat 16th March  
*Opera House*

### DUNEDIN

Sun 17th March  
*Regent Theatre*

### GORE

Sat 23rd March  
*St James Theatre*

### INVERCARGILL

Sun 24th March  
*Civic Theatre*

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for tickets & info



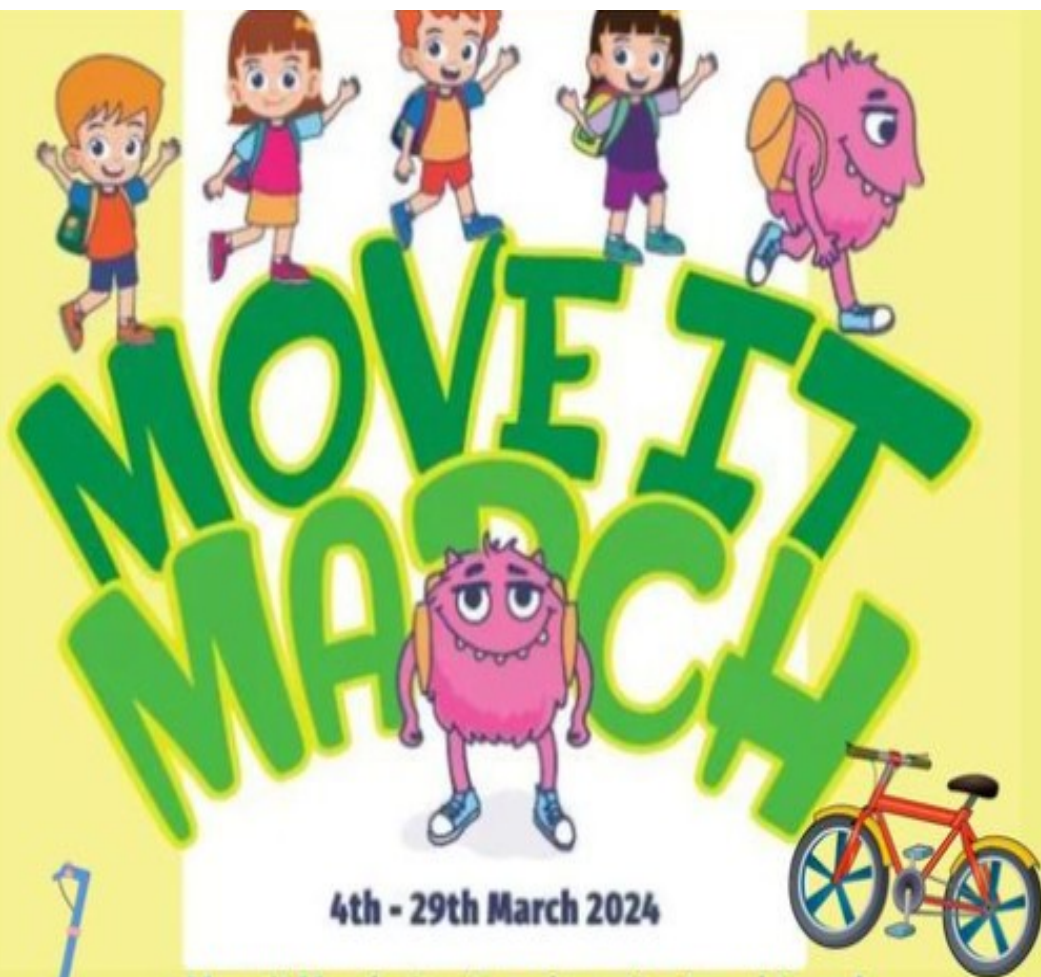
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You can access these by visiting <https://st-marys.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon>

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**4th - 29th March 2024**

Move it March aims to make active travel to and from school a healthy habit, reducing congestion at the school gate, encouraging student wellbeing, and reducing emissions.



## Challenge Cards

Every student at school will have a challenge card to tick off each day they actively travel to school. Spot prizes to be won in each class!

## Whānau Challenge

Collect a copy of the whānau challenge from the office. This has a range of activities to do during Move It March. Prizes to be won!



Come to school dressed in bright colours to celebrate being visible on your way to school.