

Belong Believe Achieve Whanaungatanga Whakapono Porotutuki

St Mary's Dunedin



TE REO MĀORI

Ruma moe-bedroom

Mark 9:30-37
Anyone who welcomes
one of these little
children in my name
welcomes me



School Calendar:

September

24th 4 year old Club (information evening from 4.30pm)

27th Last Day Term 3

October 14th First Day Term 4



<u>Sept</u>

Aloysius- 21st Casey- 23rd Evan - 25th

<u>October</u>

Jeoffrey -1st Kenzo- 3rd Nathan- 4th Laumanu'uli- 8th Bethany- 13th Alex- 26th Adeline-30th

Junior Room - Miss Rowley (Whaea Rowley)

We have been learning about different ways we can pray. It is good to learn lots of ways to pray, and sometimes different ways feel right or are more enjoyable to us than others. That is OK, and it is important to give our children opportunities with many different ways of praying so they can explore this for themselves, and their prayer skills can grow. Praying with words (out loud and in our hearts), music (singing and using instruments), dance and actions, response prayers, stillness and silence and art works are some different ways to pray to help our friendship with God become real and grow. There are many different ways to take part in prayer. Sometimes children think they are only taking part in prayer if they are leading it, but this is the time to unpack that listening and praying with the prayer/liturgy/Eucharist leaders is just as important. When we come together to pray, everyone can actively take part. We can take part in the responses, we can sing, we can listen and we can share the prayers in our hearts. We often hear important message from the Bible when we pray or at liturgies and Eucharist. Another way to take part in this prayer is to think about how we can put the messages we are hearing into action in our lives .



Middle Room-Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

This week in reading we have been focusing on predicting. During the story, "Who's for dinner?" the children had to think about what the fox might find in the hen house by using clues from the pictures and their own knowledge of a farm. Here are their predictions.





Senior Room- Ms Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly)

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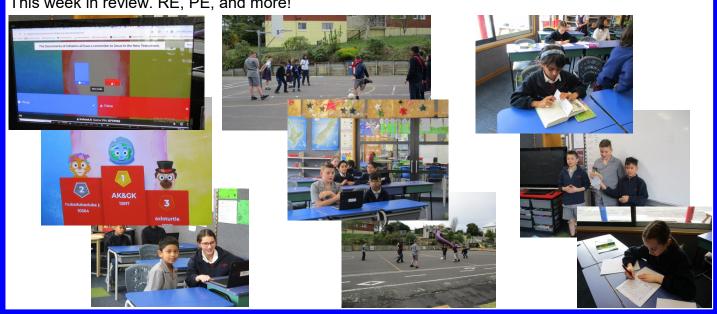
This week we have been playing soccer – when it is not snowing! – with Alexie M and Reuben having the daunting task of choosing three teams. Their task was to make sure the teams had our passionate soccer players evenly spread. They did an amazing job. The teams played 3 minute games – two teams playing and one watching or strategising their next game. After the first set - 2 games each - the teams had to work out what they had done well and what improvements they needed to make before their next round of games. Reuben was a very fair referee – complete with his own whistle. I was thrilled to see the teams working together and coming up with game plans.



Alexie M. Ngaika and Casey were our team leaders.

Senior Room- Mrs Guthrie (Whaea Guthrie)

This week in review. RE, PE, and more!





A Prayer for Women's History

We remember those women whose courage paved the way for so many.

Thank you for all the cherished women in our lives and in our histories.

God, may women across the globe continue to be empowered, knowing the love you offer.

Amen





"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." [Mk 9: 35]

Regarding Earth, our common home, Pope Francis notes that 'We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will ... the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor...' [LS 2]

How, instead, can we offer service and love to our world?

For ideas, see the Laudato Si' Action Platform, https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/



Cathedral & Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL ST MARY'S (Kaikorai) ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Mornington) ST JOSEPH'S (Brockville)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor are looking for volunteer drivers to assist with the pick-up of elderly persons in the surrounding communities to spend the day with us every Tuesday. The pick-up will be mid-morning with a return to their homes in mid-afternoon. Should be able to drive a manual transmission Transit van.

If interested, please contact Grace at (03) 476-2028, or dt@lspdun.co.nz.



This week Xenia started at St Mary's in the Junior Room.

Welcome to you and your whanau.

We pray that your time here is blessed.

In school counsellor 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



Polyfest Performance Highlights



To see our performance you can search for Otago Polyfest 2024 live stream (https://livestream.com/accounts/15197514/otagopolyfest24/videos/250824483)

Our performance is at 2 hours and 40minutes

All of our school policies are held in one place on our SchoolDocs website. You can access these by visiting https://st-marys.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon





Information Evening for Prospective Families

Join us on Tuesday 24th September from 4:30pm as we showcase the exceptional learning experiences and opportunities that await ākonga at St Mary's Dunedin.

Whether you are a prospective student, a parent, or a community member, this is the wonderful opportunity to explore what makes our school special.

For more information please contact us:

https://stmaryskaikorai.edublogs.org/

Call : <u>03 476 4277</u>

