



Belong Believe Achieve
Whanaungatanga Whakapono Porotutuki

St Mary's Dunedin



TE REO MĀORI

Waho- outside

Luke 6:39-45
Can the blind lead the blind?



School Calendar:

March

5th Ash Wednesday Mass 2pm
14th Walk n Wheels - Scout visit
21st Teachers Only Day - Maths
Professional Development Day
24th Otago Anniversary Day

Upcoming Teacher Only Days

30 May
16 June



March

6th- Liya
9th- Saira
11th- Adam
15th- Aithan

What do the new changes to the mathematics curriculum mean at school?

The new maths curriculum in New Zealand focuses on making maths more practical and connected to real life. Children will be learning to understand numbers deeply, solve problems in different ways, and explain their thinking. It brings more focus on real-world maths (e.g., using maths in shopping, cooking, and sports) and encourages students to talk about and explain their thinking. St Mary's we use a structured maths approach. This means every teacher knows what to teach, when to teach it, and how to teach it. To support our delivery of the new curriculum we have chosen to use Oxford Maths. As with anything new, professional development is paramount to success of change and teachers have so far completed some of this, with more planned for 21st March and the 30th May.



Junior Room- Mr Woodhouse (Matua Woodhouse)

This week we have added our photos to the class waka and now only need to create the paddles to complete the display. As new students join the class we can easily add them too.

We continue to develop our reading programme and this involves determining who is in which groups, which readers they get and how many books go home each night. The decisions made are based on their efforts and progress made along the way. If you have any questions or issues then please feel free to ask.



Middle Room- Mrs Dillon (Whaea Dillon)

During art this week, Room 2 watched a learning clip to show us how to draw self portraits. After folding our page we drew a 'u' shape to form the frame of our face. Next where the fold lines intersected, we drew a nose then eyes and followed the steps in sequence to create our portrait. Then we used black markers to outline the features and chose to use crayon, pencil or water colours to finish. These look great hanging in the classroom!



Senior Room- Ms Donnelly (Whaea Donnelly) and Mrs Guthrie (Whaea Guthrie)

This week we have completed some more art using sketching pencils, watercolour pencils and using beautiful hydrangeas from the driveway to inspire us. Come and have a look – the art work is lovely. We have also used the clay – there are some great models on the shelves at the back of the room – come and be inspired. And in Maths we have been adding large numbers in columns – the trick has been to make sure all the numbers are in the right columns – not always easy to do!





WELCOME BACK MRS WHITTY.

It is great to welcome back Mrs Whitty to St Marys'. Mrs Whitty was last here teaching in the Junior Room in 2021. She will be doing the classroom release for our teachers across the school. Mrs Whitty also supervises teacher trainees for the University.

Ash Wednesday next week.

Ash Wednesday is a holy day that marks the start of the season of Lent for the majority of the world's Christians. Lent is a 40-day period that represents the Temptation of Christ, and the journey to Easter. Christians honour it by fasting, praying and taking part in daily devotional activity. Lots of people, including non-Christians, will choose to give up a bad habit or a vice for the period of Lent.



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ST MARY'S (Kaikorai)

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AND SERVICE TIMES – 5 Mar (Day of fasting & abstinence from eating meat)

9:30pm Mass: St Francis Xavier, Mornington: (School attending)

12:00pm (noon) Mass: Cathedral: (School attending)

2:00pm Ashes Service: St Mary's, Kaikorai (School attending)

5:30pm Mass: Cathedral

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS These will be prayed each Friday of Lent in St Joseph's Cathedral, 5:30pm, (excluding Good Friday).

Come and prayer with Christ in these final hours of his life!



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