

10th June 2010



Newsletter No 16

Quality + Support + Values

Dear Parents
Kia ora koutou. Greetings

Shared Prayer

Room 2 will lead our Shared Prayer tomorrow. All parents and caregivers are welcome to join us in the Church at 2.40pm

Confirmation

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation has been confirmed with Bishop Colin. It will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21st September. The first parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24th August.

Reconciliation

The Year 3 children who are to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation are now preparing at home and at school. This celebration is to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 22nd June.

Parish Mass

- 9.30am every Sunday – includes a Children’s Liturgy
- Altar Servers – 13th June: Josh Hook and Brenda Garcia

Winter Illness

Just a reminder to please keep children at home if they have influenza symptoms. Also keep them away from school for at least 24 hours after they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea. Thank you.

Board of Trustee News

At this week’s meeting the Board:

- Discussed achievement in The Arts
- Reviewed our - Guidelines for a Pandemic Emergency
 - Outdoor Safety Management Manual
 - Emergency Plans
- Adopted the 2009 Audited Accounts
- Reviewed Policies on Community Partnership, Positive Behaviour/Bullying, Care for Sick or Injured Children, and Learning Experiences Outside the Classroom.
- Discussed playground equipment
- Discussed hand drying facilities

If you have suggestions for the Board of Trustees please contact Peter Christophers (Chairperson), any Board Member or leave a note in the suggestion box in the office.

SCHOOL DISCO
Thursday 24th June
5.00 to 7.00pm
Dunedin Rugby Clubrooms

"Winter Theme" - come wearing something white (optional)
There will be glowsticks, hot soup, hot chips, mini hotdogs, drinks, etc for sale
The bar will be open for adults
Spot prizes for the children

Sports Draws

- **Netball** – Draw for Tuesday 15th June
 - SFX Youngs vs. St Brigids Angels on Court 6 at 4.50pm
 - SFX Shooters vs Brockville Breakers on Court 8 at 3.30pm * **NOTE: Court change**
- **Hockey** – Draw for Wednesday 16th June
The Saints vs. St Clair/Mornington
3.45pm on Pavilion 4
- **Ministicks** – Games from 1-2pm on Saturdays.
Children need to have shin-pads, mouth guard and a stick. The hockey shop at the turf will be open for you to purchase gear. Parents are asked not to go onto the turf during coaching and games but to stay outside the wooden fence or watch from the upstairs pavilion.
- **Miniball** – Thursday 10th June (today)
 - SFX Bullets (seniors) vs. St Bernadettes
5.50pm on Court 1
 - SFX Nuggets (juniors) vs. GB Nuggets
3.30pm on Court 6



SFX Nuggets getting half-time instructions at last weeks game

Consultation

The Board seeks feedback on the following:

1. **Hand Drying Facilities** – We have electric hand driers in our toilets. Please comment if you would like to see any other options provided.
2. **Playground Equipment** – The PTA and the Board have both had brief discussions on our playground equipment. Do we need more? What else is needed? Are you happy with the present situation? Swings and other ideas have been suggested as possibilities. Please give us feedback with your opinion.

NAME:

Feedback: Hand Drying & Playground Equipment

PTA LUNCH
Wednesday 16th June

Murphy - \$2.00

(bread case filled with mince, topped with potato & cheese)

Hot Milo - \$1.00

(bring along a named cup if you can)

Orders in named envelope please - to the office by 9.00am

Gifted & Talented Programme

Commencing today we have 3 children attending the Kaikorai Valley College programme for Year 6 Gifted and Talented. For 1 hour a week they attend Art lessons. Each school in this area is invited to send 3 children to this programme.

When selecting children to go to these programmes we choose children who have performed well in the curriculum area offered. While the curriculum areas for the 2 blocks next term have not been chosen yet, they are likely to be areas such as science, mathematics or drama.

We know some children will be disappointed at their non selection when we chose teams or send children on such programmes. We do endeavour to have a balance of selecting children who deserve the opportunity with sharing the chance for children to be involved in these extras. For example, in the recent Activ8 contest we had to select 4 girls and 4 boys who could run a distance race competitively and could also meet other physical and mental challenges. The Matheletics team for next term will be selected on a problem solving series of tests.

If you want to discuss team selections further, please see your child's teacher or Craig.

Self Review

The Board of Trustees is currently reviewing the following documents:

- Guidelines for a Pandemic Emergency
- Outdoor Safety Management Manual
- Emergency Plans
- Policy of Community Partnership
- Policy on Positive Behaviour/Bullying
- Policy on Care for Sick or Injured Children
- Policy on Learning Experiences Outside the Classroom

Please place comments or suggestions in the office 'Suggestion Box'. Copies of all these documents are available from the office.

Thought for the Week *(Thinking about Thinking)*

"This moment deserves your full attention, for it will not pass this way again."

..... *Dan Millman*

Nga mihi nui
With best wishes
Craig Ward