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Newsletter No 4

Quality + Support + Values

Dear Parents

Kia ora koutou. Greetings

Assembly

There will be a School Assembly tomorrow, Friday. All parents and caregivers are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre at 2.30p.m.

School Mass

Thank you for your participation in the Mass to celebrate the new school year held on Sunday. It was a great gathering and a lovely Mass.

Thank you to all who helped in the Mass and Andrea Christophers and the Room 1 parents who helped in preparing, operating and clearing up the BBQ breakfast. Thanks also for lending the BBQ's and to the Baughan family for the nice eggs.

Walk and Wheel Week

The annual Walk and Wheels Week is to be held next week from 1st to 5th March. Children have been issued with progress cards from use during the week. Hand in the cards for awesome prizes. Wednesday 5th is a special day in which we all try to walk or wheel all or part of the way to school.

Cross Country

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have the West Zone Cross Country races on Tuesday 9th March.

Children need their school sports uniform, suitable running shoes, a drink bottle and a jersey or jacket. The timetable is:

- Year 5 girls – 1.00pm
- Year 5 boys – 1.15pm
- Year 6 girls – 1.30pm
- Year 6 boys – 1.45pm.

Transport will be by cars leaving school at 12.30pm. Please let Pauline or Lorraine know if you can help out.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Thank you for your attendance at the Meet the Teacher Information meeting on Tuesday night. I hope you found it informative and enjoyable.

Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are to be held on Wednesday 17th March (2.15pm – 5.00pm and 7.00pm – 8.30pm) and Thursday 18th March (3.15pm – 5.00pm). School will finish for all children at 2.00pm on Wednesday 17th March.

Booking forms will be sent home next week.

Parish Mass – 9.30a.m. Sunday

- Altar Servers – 28th February:- Josh Hook and Brenda Garcia



During Term 4 of 2009 these children played Flipperball at Moana Pool and were the winners of their section. This team was comprised of children from St Francis Xavier, Tainui and St Clair schools.

Thank you to Pauline Kearlsey who coached them to this great win.

PTA Meeting

Next meeting for this group is Tuesday 2nd March at 7.00pm in the staffroom. New members are very welcome.

Sports Draws

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some players are not letting their coach know if they are unable to play for their team. It is important that you tell your coach as soon as you know you are going to be unavailable for a game so that a replacement can be found or the game defaulted if necessary.

- **T Ball** – Saturday 27th February
 - SFX Giants vs. ET Warriors 10.00a.m Ground 1
 - SFX Strikers vs Cardinal Hawks 10.00am Ground 7
 - SFX Youngs BYE
 - SFX Minis vs Abbots Red 11.00am Ground 12
 - SFX Midgets vs. Mornington Majors 10.00am Ground 16
- **Flipperball** – Sunday 28th February
 - 1.55p.m. vs. St Clair Green – Learners Pool.
- **Touch** – Thursday 25th February
 - SFX Hotshots (Year 3 & 4) vs. Maori Hill on Field 1 at 3.30pm
 - SFX (Year 5 & 6) vs. St Clair Storm on Field No 6 at 3.30pm

PTA LUNCH
Wednesday 3rd March

- **Hot Dog on a stick - \$1.50**
- **Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$1.00**

Orders in named envelope please - to the office by 9.00a.m.

Caritas Lenten Prayer

Dear God.

Give your assistance to all who strive to care for
and look after creation.

Board of Trustees Elections

With today's newsletter is information about Boards of Trustees:-

- what they do,
- who is eligible to be a trustee
- how to become a trustee,
- how the election process works, etc.

Parents of Year 6 children who are going to send their children on to an Intermediate School are eligible to enrol and vote in that school's elections.

If you have questions about the up coming elections, please see Lorraine – our Returning Officer, in the school office.

Art Gallery

Classes have their Art gallery visits next week. Thank you for your offers of transport help.

Swimming

Thank you for your assistance with swimming this week. It is greatly appreciated.

Lenten Prayers

We gather together as a school for Lenten Prayers on Friday mornings during Lent. Donations for Gonzaga and Caritas are collected during these prayers.



Art profiles decorate many of our classrooms at the beginning of the year

Postie Plus

Last year we received a \$819.73 donation from Postie Plus from their 'cash back' offer they give us from parents purchasing uniform items. This is a great effort – thank you. Just remember to mention our school name when ever you shop there and we received 10% in cash. A pain-free way to earn extra money for our school

Notices

- College of Education Children's Choir – Thursday at 4.00pm. Information in the blue folder on the office notice board.
- Oncology Unit Fundraising – Sunday 28th March at Kettle Park Model Train Club. 11-4p.m. Bouncy castle, bbq, raffles, rides, etc. To raise funds for patient comfort at the Dunedin Day Unit.
- Gymnastics Open Day – Southern Gymnastics Club, 256b Vogel Street on 7th March from 10.30am – 12.30pm.
- Dunedin Junior Rugby Club – Registrations Days Sunday 7th March 1-3pm and Wednesday 10th March 5.30-7.30pm

God Bless
Craig Ward

Stories from Room 3

On my holiday I went to the beach and collected shells and the name of the shells is cats eyes and mussels. We found a big mussel but there was nothing in it. We used it like a pencil cases but instead we called it a shell case and we put the shells in it. It was hard to open it up. It was fun with Mum and Dad and Ella. We took Ottis too and he sulked.

By Noah

On Sunday I went to the beach. When I was at the beach I was going fishing with my Dad. I got a fish that was little so we had to let it go. My Dad got a big fish. *By Enrique*

In the holidays I went fishing. I got my fishing rod out then put my bait on the hook. Then I cast the line. Now I wait and wait and wait until the fish bites.

By Riley M

In the holidays I went to my Grandad's house. We went fishing. We saw some rabbits on the way. When we got there we fished. We got some nibbles but we didn't catch any. *By Sam*