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Mission Statement: St Mary's will provide opportunities within a Christian, Catholic environment where children receive an education that enables them to develop fully.

Friday 24th March 2023

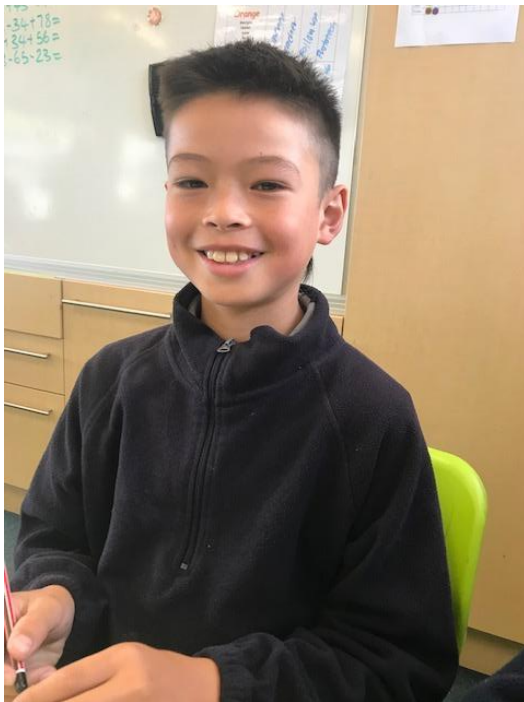
Dear Parents

Congratulations

Congratulations Sandro U'ren – for qualifying Long Jump, for the Southland Primary Athletic Championships in Invercargill on Saturday. Well done and good luck!



Jesus took my place on the cross to give me a place in Heaven.
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Swimming

Just a reminder, that we have one more swimming session on Friday 31st March. The times will be **1.30 – 2.40 pm**. If you could help us with groups – that would be amazing – thank you!

BOT Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees on **Monday 27th March** at 6 pm. You are welcome to attend.

Camp Meeting

There will be a meeting of Camp parents on **Wednesday 29th March in Room 4 at 5.30 pm**. If your child is in Year 5/6 – he/she will be going on Camp and your attendance at the meeting is required so that decisions can be made.

Annunciation of Mary

The children learned about the Annunciation of Mary. This refers to the time when the angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus. Mary was the first to hear and believe that God would do what he promised the world.

Stationery

PLEASE!!

Parents - please pay for your child/ren's stationery! There are parents who have not done so and we, as a BOT - are not funded for this. **You will receive a further account - by email and/or put into your child/ren's school bag. PLEASE pay by MONDAY 27th MARCH! I will be phoning parents if there is no payment received.**

St Mary's Board of Trustees - 06-09360002396300

St John's First Aide

All children will be taking part in a St John's First Aid programme on Wednesday.

Lab in a Box

The Museum is coming to us! This will happen on Thursday. They will be teaching a programme called Tūhura Tuarangi which ties in with our learning this term on Space. The younger children will be involved in rocket science. They will visit each class and we are excited about hosting them again!

Official School Hours

Just so that you are aware – our school hours are from 8.55 until 3 pm.

Sacramental Programme







Later on, this year, we will be offering children the opportunity to take part in the **Sacraments of Reconciliation** (Term 3) and the **Sacrament of First Communion** (Term 4). In order to be able to take part in these Sacraments – your child will need to have been Baptised so **that they may become adopted sons and daughters of God and receive the grace of the Holy Spirit.**

Jesus said that the kingdom of God also belongs to children (see Mt 18:4; Mk 10:14).

If you wish your child to be Baptised – could you please let either myself, Mrs Reardon or Father Jacob know, so that we can begin the process for you.

Passover Feast

We will be having a **"Passover Feast"** in the Hall at **12.30 pm on Thursday 6th April**. You are asked to supply food for this. We will also need helpers to prepare, serve and clear up afterwards. Can you help? Please let us know.

| NE/Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Cranberry Juice & Lemonade | Fruit – apples, grapes, pears, watermelon | Lettuce, tomatoes, beetroot | Vegetables, carrots, cucumber | Red steaks, potatoes | Chopped apples, nut & raisin mixture, beetroot |

We also require 4 legs of lamb – Mrs Clark will donate one and so will I. Is there anybody out there who would be willing to donate some more? If so, could you please let us know?

The children will also be asked to dress up for the Passover Feast – in costumes like the clothing worn in Jesus' day. Here are some ideas but you may help your child/ren to look up the internet to get more information.

Congratulations!



Here he is – Carter Calder – winner of Milton Swimming Club – Most Improved Swimmer – 2022 – 2023!!! Well done Carter – we are so proud of you!!!



Assembly

There will be no assembly this week or next because of swimming!

Home and School Meeting

There will be a Meeting of the Home and School on Monday 3rd April at 6.30 pm. PLEASE come along and support our wonderful school!

Home and School Fundraiser

We are doing a Hot Cross Bun & Pie Fundraiser. The link to order and payment details are on the Home and School Facebook Page and the Skool Loop App.

All payments and orders need to be in by **Monday 27th March**. Collection will be at the School Hall on Saturday 1st April.


There seems to be much negativity in the press about life in Aotearoa in 2023. There is no doubt that our country is being subjected to all sorts of pressures that are impacting negatively on our lives. As a society, we have to be sensitive to the needs of those most affected and where possible, support those individuals. However, there is still much to be thankful for and observing as communities come together in support of each other through our recent weather events, is an example of what is best about humanity. I hope that in the weeks and months ahead that there will be opportunities for us to appreciate and celebrate all the gifts that we enjoy in our country and all of the wonderful people who are part of our community.

School CALENDAR OF DATES FOR TERM 1 2023

Calendar for Term 1

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| Week 10 | | 3/4 | 4 /4 - Football Tournament – Y3 – 6 – Balclutha – pp – 6/4 6/4 – Holy Thursday – LAST SUPPER |
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| Super Work | Values -  AKO AWARDS | PRINCIPALS AWARD |
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| Emmerson Ruby Skye Carson | Harper Kaleb Emma Bree | |

*E te Atua Manaki mai, E te Atua Awhina mai, E te Atua Aroha mai, Amine
 May God guide us, May God support, May God love us,
 Amen*

*Kind Regards
 Diane Hayes
 Principal*