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Kia Ora Koutou,

Thought for the Week

Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love, to work, to play, and to look up at the stars.

Assembly

Room 3 will lead us for Assembly tomorrow at 2.30pm in Room 6. All parents and caregivers are invited to join with us. This assembly is a special one for our Year 6 children as they will be making their pledges and receiving their Family Group Leaders badge.

Ash Wednesday Mass

To mark the beginning of Lent, which is a time to prepare for the joy of Easter, we will be attending the parish Ash Wednesday Mass at 2.15pm in our church. If you can come along, we would love you to join with us.

Library Bus

Each Monday morning, the Year 3-6 children are able to visit the Book Bus which stops outside the Memorial Gardens. All children are required to have their own library card. Application forms for a Dunedin library card are available from any Dunedin public library, or online at www.dunedin.govt.nz and follow the links for "library" and "join now". Note that for children under 18, a guarantor is required, and proof of address must be shown at the time you collect the card. Once the children have their card, they can come along to the Book Bus with us each Monday. Please remember to give them a bag to carry their books in too!

Smart Lunches

The menu for Term 1 is now available from the office. Please note that Smart Foods have had to increase their prices, effective immediately. Lunches now cost \$2.50, or \$3.50 for the larger lunch.

Top Ten Book

A reminder that if you have not yet paid for, or returned your Top Ten Book that was sent home at the end of last year, please do so asap. There are still books available for purchase from the office and these would make wonderful keepsakes or gifts.

Book Club

Book club orders are due back to school with payment by Friday, 19th February. Remember that each order you make provides points for our school and enables our library to be well stocked and up to date.

Board News

In 2009 we had two specific achievement targets for our children and we would like to share a summary of those results with you. For a copy of the full reports please see Ursula in the office.

Target 1 - Basic Facts in Year 4-6

Final testing in November indicates that we now have 89% of Year 5/6 children who have achieved the target and 83% of the Year 4 children. When discussing the results staff identified the following as having an impact on achievement:

- Regular speed testing
- Supporting children to make connections (e.g double facts – x2)
- Regular homework and support of parents
- Small group support

Staff also commented on how their increased confidence in basic facts seems to have empowered the children in their numeracy learning.

Target 2 – School-wide spelling

- 100% of our Year 1 and 2 children are spelling at Level 2 or above compared to 36% on entry. This exceeds the specific target of 90%.
- 89% of Year 3 children are spelling at Level 3 or above compared to 61% on entry. This exceeds the specific target set of 80%.
- 73% of Year 4/5/6 children are spelling at Level 4 or above compared to 33% on entry. This is just slightly below the target level of 75%.
- 96% of our control group have control over short vowel sounds and are able to unpack words by heard sounds compared to 59% on entry. This meets the set target of 95%.

Room 2 Portrait Gallery



Uniform

We have a small supply of new school polar fleeces at the office, available for \$32 each. We also have available school sports tops and shorts (\$27.00 for tops and \$13.00 for shorts).

School Uniform for Sale

From Monday there will be available for sale some good second hand school uniform items. These will be displayed in the office area, so please feel free to come and have a look through and see if there is anything you need. All items are available for purchase in return for a donation to our Parents and Friends committee.

T-Ball Draw for Saturday, 13th February

SPC Raiders	vs	SFX Giants	Diamond 1	11.00am
SPC Swingers	vs	Cardinals Hawks	Diamond 7	10.00am
SPC Terminators	vs	St Clair Griffins	Diamond 10	9.00am
SPC Sluggers	vs	Tainui Yellow	Diamond 14	11.00am

Please note that most teams will be playing on a different diamond this year. A map of the diamond layout is on the office noticeboard and is also on display at Bathgate Park outside the clubrooms. Please ensure that all players are at the field at least ten minutes prior to game.

Altar Servers – 14th February

Cross Bearer: Logan
Altar Servers: Myia & Sadie

Hi-Viz Vests

Vests have been issued to all children who returned them last year, and to all new students. Please take care of these and do not swap with others, as each vest is matched to a student, and will be marked off at the end of the year. Remember that if you are walking to or from school, or at other times, it is a great idea to wear these vests so that you will be seen.

Notices

* Wetsuits for sale! Two Bodyglove wetsuits in as new condition – one size 6 and one size 8. \$30 each. Ask in the office or see Mary-Lee.

* Bagpipe, snare drumming and tenor drumming beginner classes – contact Otago School of Piping and Drumming; Victoria McNoe – ph 489 1650 or go to www.ospd.org.nz

* Parenting Toolbox: Discover new skills and find support. Choose from early years (0-5), middle years (6-12) or teen years (12+) course and join us for 6 weeks looking at practical things to build your family. Groups run each term. Courses are run at nights from 7.30 – 9.30 and there are day groups for the early years courses. Also available are Dads groups and therapy groups for mothers. Phone 477 3403 or email sue@cathsocialservices.org.nz

* The St Paul's Cathedral Choristers are inviting children aged 7- 11 to join the choir at St Paul's Cathedral. Children in the choir sing each fortnight at the 10am Sunday service and rehearse Monday and Wednesday at 4pm. Contact David Burchell on 477 2336.

* Rhythmic Gymnastics: Greater Green Island club is looking for new members. Children aged 5 and up can take part. Competitive or non-competitive classes available. Classes are held in South Dunedin. Phone Sonya Hooper on 4879228 or 0274880666 for details.

Upcoming Events for Your Diary

Date	EVENT	Date	EVENT
12 th Feb	Rm 3 Assembly	17 th Feb	Ash Wednesday
19 th Feb	Shared Prayer Rm 4	26 th Feb	Rm 2 Assembly

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