

St John's School Newsletter

6 Stuart Road
Ranfurly
03 4449514 (ph & fax)
office@sjr.school.nz

Issue 7: 16th June 2017

Principal's Page:

Reports/Portfolios

These have been sent home with your child today.

Please look through the portfolios and write a comment about your child's work in the parent comment box on the self evaluation page.

Portfolios need to be returned to school by **Friday 23rd June**. Reports can be kept.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

You should have received a notice indicating your parent interview time yesterday (if you returned the notice saying you would like an interview).

Mrs Weir worked hard to try and accommodate people's time and day preference. The earlier your notice was returned the more likely you were to get your chosen time!

Interviews are being held on Tuesday 20 June (afternoon and evening) and Wednesday 21st June (afternoon).

Wet Grounds

Children are able to wear gumboots to school at the moment and on any snowy, wet days. They can bring along slippers to wear inside.

Text Messages

Just a reminder that the school cellphone is kept in the Junior Classroom and I do try to check the phone before 3p.m. in case of afternoon messages, but sometimes I do not hear it or forget to do this!

If you leave a text message after 1.15p.m. and you do not get a reply, please try again to make sure the message was received. I will normally text back a quick reply to say OK we got the message.

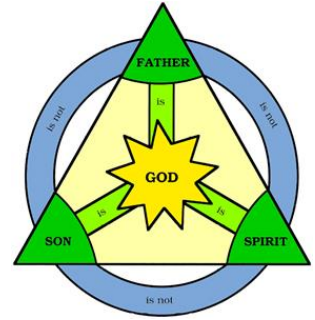
Congratulations

Congratulations to Billy Dougherty who has been selected in the Central Otago Under 38kg and Andrew Fetalver who has been selected in the Central Otago Under 48kg rugby teams. Well done.

Special Character Clipboard:

FAITH FACT FOR WEEK 7

Last Sunday, we celebrated the feast of the Holy Trinity. This is a fundamental Christian belief. Below are the words from the Apostles and Nicæan Creed used as a statement of belief since the 4th Century. This statement was formulated from the lived experience of the church since the time of Christ. Its roots lie in Scripture and the faith of the earliest disciples.



I believe in **one God**

I believe in one Lord **Jesus** Christ

I believe in the **Holy Spirit**

I believe in **one, holy, catholic** and **apostolic Church**

Catholic here means universal and apostolic means from the apostle.

Caritas Lenten Fundraiser

A huge **thank-you** to everyone in the school, who participated in the 2017 Caritas Lenten Fundraiser where we gave up something for a day.

Our school raised **\$936.40**. Amazing! This money will be sent to the Caritas office in Wellington, to be used to help the people in Kiribati, who are facing problems from rising sea levels.



Junior Class News:

* We welcome Harry Jeffries and Arthur Lilley and their families to the Junior Class and to St John's School. Harry starts school on Monday 19th June and Arthur starts on Thursday 29th June.

* The Junior Class children are bringing along lots of picture books that they have read. They retell the story to the class and gain a click on their "Hell Pizza Wheels".

Congratulations to George Dowling, Sam Elworthy and Katelyn Hughes who have completed their wheels and will be looking forward to having a "Hell" pizza next time they are in Dunedin!

Middle Class News:



Thank you for the great feedback concerning our Quick-write's in the last newsletter. I would like to apologise to **Fred Dowling**, who's writing was credited to Ben Gibson. In my excitement to publish the work, I mixed up two books! Therefore, I thought I would put Fred's in again this week.

Topic: Would you rather have a self-driving car, or a spaceship?

*I would have both. I would use my self-drive car to go to Auckland zoo and on my way home I would visit William and stay the night. My space ship will have a spa pool and I'll go to every place in the world. My favourite one would be to go to the moon, and I'll get some cheese. **Fred Dowling***

Hell Pizza Reading Challenge

This has really captured the imagination of some of the children and I would like to congratulate **Annie Dowling, Grace Farquhar and Tessa Steele** who have already finished their wheels. I am looking forward to hearing back from them about how delicious their free pizza's were!



MORE Quick-Writes!

Topic - Would you rather have control over the weather, or control over time?

*I would not like to control the time or the weather because then school will be ruined and I just love maths and the fun games Mrs M does with us. If there was no school I couldn't get a job and I won't know anything. That's why I let the world do the weather and the clock do the time. **Chloe McAuley***

I could go to the future so I can drive a self-driving car and a floating car and see what things Donald Trump does and to see if he gets up to mischief. I could also see how long Mrs M teaches for and how long I will have the same friends. I'll see if I become famous and if I get married or not, and if my favourite books are still getting made. I'll even see how many things will be robots. I would love to see the future – and see what really goes wrong!

Jake Smith

*I would control the weather because I could make it snow and no school! That is a dream that I've had since I was born, which is 7 years ago. I could go to Antarctica and put the sun there. Then the ice would melt and anyone could go there without getting frozen. That would be a dream come true! **Tessa Steele***

I would rather do both. I would control the weather to snow, so we don't need to go to school. I would control the time, so that when we get to school, it would already be time to go home! That would be fun and awesome!

Georgia Elworthy



Senior Class News:



“Impossibility is just someone’s opinion – not fact”

National Young Leaders Day

This was a great event for the year 8s, and they were inspired by the speakers. The above quote was one that they choose to share with us.

Thank you very much to Ro Kinney and The Fetalvers for transporting the children down and back safely. It was a big day, and we really appreciate that we can rely on parents to help us out. Thank you!

Thank you also to the BOT for paying for the childrens and adults tickets.

Central Otago Xtra Newspaper Spelling Bee

We had three teams of children go to this event in Cromwell on Wednesday night. They had a lot of fun and really enjoyed the experience. All of our teams did well, and they were pleased and proud of their results.

Reports and Portfolios

Enjoy reading these. It is very important that you ***please complete the ‘Mid year evaluation’*** sheet with your child as we use this to help us set goals for the remainder of the year. I also need the portfolios returned to school prior to the interviews so I have a chance to read this evaluation.

I have noticed that not all parents have sent their interview time sheets back in. It is your responsibility to make sure this happens if you want an interview.

New Physical Activity Guidelines for children and young people (5-17 years)

I recently read an article on this in the Education Gazette, and below are some of the key points made.

- Up to one in four NZ children do not get enough sleep
- Children who don’t get enough sleep can be hyperactive, impulsive and have a short attention span, as well as be more sedentary and significantly less active than those children getting adequate sleep.

A healthy 24 hours should include

- uninterrupted good-quality sleep of nine to eleven hours per night, with consistent bed and wake-up times
- an accumulation of at least one hour per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity
- no more than 2 hours screen time.

In our busy lives, it is important to keep the basics of good eating, sleeping and regular exercise happening. As our childrens most important role model, lets try and lead the way and show them how to look after themselves well.

Thank you

Geraldine Duncan.

Board of Trustees

* At our Annual Meeting on Wednesday 14 June, Mat Kinney stood down as Treasurer on the Board of Trustees. Mat has been on our Board for 13 years, most as Treasurer and we thank him very much for all the work and advice he has given us to keep our school finances on the plus side in increasingly 'tighter' times.

Ryan Dowling will take over this position.

* A big thanks to the Dads who came along a few Friday afternoons ago and had a clean-up around the multi-turf area and moved the bike stand to the front of the school. Thank you.

* Susan presented a curriculum report to the Board on Reading.

* Susan updated the Board on the Dunstan Community of Learning (COL) that our school is involved with. This COL comprises of all the Alexandra schools, as well as us, Poolburn, Omakau, Clyde and Millers Flat.

* The Board were updated on changes to the new Education Act which takes effect gradually between May 2017 and January 2020.

The Rippa Tournament

Last Thursday the Middle and Senior Classes attended the Rippa Tournament in Alexandra. It was a cold and frosty start, but it was great to see all the children on the field and trying hard.

We had a fantastic day!

Thank you to all the parents that transported and coached/managed and cheered on our teams!

A special thank you to Steve Cormack, Mark Paterson and Ryan Dowling, who gave up many lunchtimes to help our teams practise.

It was much appreciated!

Regards,

Heather Dowling

Finally it was the Rippa Tournament day. I was excited. It was our first game. It was freezing. The frost was slippery and the fog was hovering above our heads.

The other team had the ball and we got lots of rips and then it was turn over.

This was our chance... the ball got passed to me, I sprinted down the field and I got to the try line and scored!

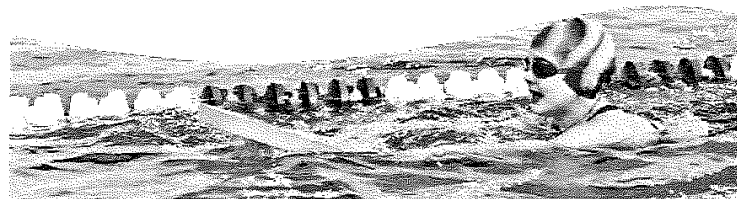
I heard heavy breathing right behind me – phew! That was a close one.

Ryan Shead



Notices and Dates:

Week 8	Tuesday 20 th June Wednesday 21 st June	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Term 3		
Week 5	Tuesday 22 nd August	Middle & Senior Ski Trip
Week 6	Tuesday 29 th August	Postponement date Ski Trip



Book now for Term 3 Lessons
24 July to 25 September 2017

The swim school's Learn to Swim programmes provide a range of classes for all ages and levels of ability.

Book now and let our team help your child gain confidence and enjoyment in the water.

Holiday Programmes - July 2017

10-14 July - Molyneux Aquatic Centre and Cromwell Swim Centre

17 - 21 July - Molyneux Aquatic Centre

Check out the programmes on Council's website www.codc.govt.nz



Phone: (03) 440 0680 or 021 490 264
Email: centralswimschool@codc.govt.nz

