



# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

### End of term

The end of another term is upon us with Term 2 finishing today!  
School begins again for **Term 3 on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

### Thank You

Thank you to all those parents who helped with transport to Naseby last Friday for ice-skating. Also for all the putting on, and doing up of ice-skates! The children all enjoyed their session. We hope to book another session early next term, weather permitting.

### Congratulations

A special congratulations to the following children who have been selected for rep sports teams:

Hatch Cup – hockey	Billy Dougherty
Collier Cup - hockey	Briar Duncan
Girls Development team - hockey	Hannah Cormack

### Official opening of multi-turf and toilet areas

On **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July** we are planning to have an official opening of our new toilet area and multi-turf ground. The proposed format is:

- a lunchtime sausage sizzle for pupils (orders will be taken at the start of next term).
- 1.20p.m. Blessing of both areas by Father Pat McGettigan and official opening.
- Games on multi-turf
- Afternoon tea provided by the PTA 2p.m.
- Family & friends are welcome to join us for the official opening of our new toilet area and multi-turf ground.

## Special Character Clipboard:

### FAITH FACT FOR WEEK 10



Holiday. The word holiday comes from the words Holy Day and was originally a religious day to rest and celebrate a significant day in the church as, Christmas day or Easter Sunday. It was a day of recreation. So let's hope that in today's world that the original meaning is still very relevant and that the days of Holiday can be a time of rest, joy and recreation for all. We pray that all may have an opportunity to holiday and relax. That all have the vision to make this a priority at these special holy times in life.



Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser today!

## Junior Class News:

Mrs Elworthy recently took the Junior Class for a walk around Ranfurly to look at the various shops and services we have in our town. This was part of a unit on "Magnificent Maniototo".

As you will read – More Than Books was a very popular shop!

Here are some stories the children wrote afterwards.

On Thursday we went for a walk. I went to Vetlife. After that we walked to More Than Books and we got an ice-cream. The ice-cream was a rainbow ice-cream. It was awesome.

By Eddie Weir

On Thursday we went for a walk. First we went to the old house. It was the oldest shop in Ranfurly. We went to the Hardware shop. I saw some knives and we got some balloons. At More Than Books I got an ice-cream. It was a strawberry flavour.

By Hayley Barroga

*On Thursday we went for a walk to the ice-cream shop. I got a chocolate ice-cream. It was sprinkly.*

*By Axel McAuley*

On Thursday we went for a walk to the Hardware shop. I saw some nails and I saw some bolts. We got an ice-cream.

By Ethan Chisholm

On Thursday we went for a walk to the ice-cream shop. I got a rainbow ice-cream. It tasted good.

By Harry Jeffries

## Middle Class News:



Congratulations to **Alivia Steele** and **Paxton Francis** who completed their Hell Pizza Reading Wheel recently. There is good news for all you avid readers out there! Hell Pizza have said that you can fill as many pizza wheels as you are able to within the year, meaning that our keen readers are going to be enjoying themselves in more ways than one this year!! This applies to anyone in the school, so keep those books coming in everyone 😊

## **Class-ified** - Understand how people view and use places differently. CREATING EMPATHY AND REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN RURAL AND CITY KIDS.

### **WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?**

- Using the language of direction and distance to specify location.
- Using a range of processing and comprehension strategies.
- Understanding the similarities and differences between rural and urban lifestyles in NZ.

We have been spending the past two weeks learning how to use Google maps to identify places within New Zealand, as part of the School Kit project called Class-ified. We were partnered up with another school in New Zealand, who we then had to Skype call, and find out where they were by asking them a series of yes or no questions. Each school took photos for 10 scavenger hunt clues, which are able to be seen on [doyouseewhatweseesee.tumblr.com](http://doyouseewhatweseesee.tumblr.com).



We had a lot of fun taking the photos, practicing guessing where schools were with our questioning techniques, learning our way around Google maps, Skyping Mrs Hazlett as a practice call, as well as talking with our secret school which was Tahatai Coast School, in Papamoa (a suburb of Tauranga) in the Bay of Plenty which has a role of 870 students!

### **Many Thanks**

A BIG thank you to all the parents who have come into our class this term to help with reading. It is wonderful to have adults so engaged in listening and discussing what our students are working on. A new request for reading help will come out in Week One of next term.

## Senior Class News:



**Mistakes are proof that you are trying!**

### **Mathletics Gold Certificates**

When your child has completed their Mathletics homework twenty times, they receive their GOLD Certificate. This is an awesome achievement that reflects their hard work, self-management and learning with this program.

We have our first recipients for 2017 who reached this milestone two weeks ago...

Congratulations to

*Grace Farquhar, Hannah Cormack, Andrew Fetalver and Bradley Shaw.*

The following week these children achieved their Gold Certificates:

*Annie Dowling and Maia Macdonald.*

These children are recognised at School Focus, get into the prize box and do not have to complete 1000points weekly on Mathletics any longer – although they will still need to complete any tasks I assign them.

### **Hells Pizza Reading Wheel**

We have also celebrated our first children to complete 7 book reviews to the class. *Congratulations to Kate Kinney and Briar Duncan, enjoy your delicious pizza when you get to have it.*

I am proud of the efforts all children in the senior class are making with their personal reading. Please encourage your children to share their completed books to the class (they also get a bonus Curly Wurly for their efforts) and to keep reading over the holidays.

### **Puberty Education**

This is one of my favourite topics to learn about with the children as it empowers them to look after, and to respect and understand their bodies. The children often start this unit with a little bit of dread but they end up being really into it, and learning so much.

I will start this teaching in term 3, and at times Pauline Stringer who is our school Health Nurse will co-teach lessons with me. I will be inviting you in for an information and resource sharing evening at a date that will be advised at the start of the term.

I have attached a pamphlet that will help you understand the place of Sexuality Education in the NZ Curriculum.

### **My Dream Holiday**

Last week I started the process of collecting an end of term writing sample from your children, and we have had fun doing this! Yes writing is actually really fun! The writing brief was that for the two weeks of the holiday the children could choose wherever they wanted to go on holiday. They had a passport each and money was no problem, and the last paragraph had to include the word 'unfortunately' as this isn't actually going to happen. I have enjoyed these pieces of writing, and each child has photocopied their sample to bring home and share with you.

When I collect a sample like this, I spend time discussing ideas, guiding planning and reminding children of writing structure and then they create the writing on their own, which gives me a good indication of current strengths and where we need to head to next.

### **Reading helpers**

Over the last two terms I have had parents coming in three times a week to help me with reading. I have really appreciated this as it meant all reading groups have had an adult to discuss ideas and language with, and I have been able to challenge all readers as my super helpers were able to check up on comprehension for me 😊. Thank you so much for giving up your time and helping us out.

In term 3 we are all going to be reading novels, and in particular having a focus on Des Hunt (a NZ author). He will be visiting school during the term. He has a website, so feel welcome to look him up.

### **Clued Up Kids**

The year 6 children attended this last Thursday. They had a great day, and were buzzing with the learning and experiences they gained. We have written away to thank each person who took a section of the day, and over the holidays it would be great to practice an earthquake and fire drill at your house. Being prepared for these sort of events makes a big difference.

### **Learning Acceleration**

During term 3, we will continue to offer children small group opportunities to accelerate their learning.

The following children will be working with Heather Dowling on reading twice a week

-Ella, Maia, Freddie, David, Caleb, Hamish, Jeremy, Jayson, Emma, Ashleigh, Ryan.

The following children will continue to accelerate their writing with me four times a week

-Sage, Hamish, David, Bradley, Jock, Caleb, Maggie and Bianca.

If you have any questions, or would like clarification on how you can support your child at home – please come and talk with me.

### **Milo**

The Super Seniors will be whipping up yummy milo's for the children every Tuesday in term 3. Send along a named mug, and \$5 for this. The money will go towards the Young Vinnie project.

If you want to donate milo or milk towards this, let me know and I'll help make it happen 😊

### **Looking ahead to term 3:**

Ski Trip: A fun day at Cardrona, not compulsory for all children.

Cross-country: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August. We will all be training towards this during the term.

Young Vinnies: Will be electing the Executive and planning what they will support, and how they will do this.

Milo: Every Tuesday.

**Lastly** – does anyone have a container that we could use in our sports shed to store hockey sticks, cricket bats in please? If so, let me know. I'm happy to come and pick it up.

Happy holidays everyone, and thanks for another great term in our classroom 😊

## **Board of Trustees**

\* We have no meeting in July due to the school holidays. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7p.m.

\* Mrs Weir has been working with Kivischools on our new school website. We hope to have this up and running early in Term 3.

\* At our August meeting the Board will be looking at, and reviewing the policy "Students with Special Needs".

If you are interested in reading and reviewing this, you can:

1. Log onto [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)
2. Click Search for your school.
3. Start typing the school name and then select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the community username and password: sjr sjr
5. Put the name of the policy in the search section and it should come up for you to read.
6. Select your role (board member, staff member or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

## Notices and Dates:

<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Start of Term 3
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Opening of multi-turf and toilet area
<b>Week 2 &amp; 3</b>	31 July – 11 August	Micro-squash court will be set up in the hall
<b>Week 4</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Maniototo Cross Country
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Middle & Senior Class Ski trip
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Postponement date for ski trip

Hi

My name is Stephen Dunn and I moved to the Maniototo a couple of years back from Dunedin with my wife Kay.

I have been involved in Football (Soccer) all my life ;

- Having played from 7 years old to National League level in the mid 1980's.
- Co-ordinated our Junior club (Dunedin Technical AFC) for over 5 years.
- During this time I coached Junior teams from age 6 years to 15 years.
- Coached some senior teams also
- I also went on to be President of the club for 4 years.

I am very interested in helping out in the Maniototo with Football skills training and general coaching of Children/Students that may be interested in giving this great game a go.

If there is enough interest, I am happy to work with the school and Parents to perhaps help get Football on the Map in the Maniototo.

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