

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Welcome back

Welcome back to everyone for Term 3. We especially welcome two new 5 year olds to school:

Finn Dowling, who started at the beginning of the term and **Jae McAuley** who starts on Monday 7th August.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who have recently been selected for the Central Otago Year 5 & 6 hockey team:

Maggie Dowling, Ella Gibson and Maia Macdonald.

A very big congratulations to **Andrew Fetalver** who has been selected for the Otago U48kg rugby team. Well done, Andrew.

Also congratulations to the following Maniototo Junior Rugby players who received a Harcourts medal for good sportsmanship to their fellow players, coaches and opposition. They also displayed a good all round attitude to their rugby. Well done to: **Toby Duncan (Under 9), Fred Dowling (Under 8), and Shannlee Fetalver (Under 7).**

Thank You

Now that we have had the official opening of the multi-turf on Friday 28th July, I would like to thank the PTA for this fantastic addition to our school. What a great effort to raise the money and get this up and running so quickly. The children are really enjoying using this facility.

Cross-country

The Maniototo cross-country is to be held on **Monday 14th August** with the postponement date being Friday 18th August. This is held at the Maniototo Stadium rugby ground area.

In previous years this event has started at 12.30p.m. Details will be confirmed nearer the time in a separate letter.

Children are training at school for this event and we ask you to also encourage children to go for a run at home as well, to build up fitness.

Mini Squash Court

In the hall we have a mini squash court set up for 2 weeks. All classes are using this. You are welcome to pop in and have a look at this.

Speeches/Poems

This term all children will be preparing speeches or poems to present to the school on **Tuesday 5th September**.

Years 0, 1 and 2 will present a nursery rhyme or simple poem and Year 3 – 8 speeches.

Years 3 & 4 speech topic is “If I were a” and Years 5 – 8 topic is “Good Sorts.”

Mrs Sarah Paterson will judge our school speeches and the finalists will deliver their speeches in the Maniototo competition to be held in the Town Hall on **Thursday 7th September**.

School Website

This is now live and you can visit the website on:

www.sjr.school.nz

As we become familiar with the website information will be updated regularly, eg, winter bus notices.

Uniform Orders

Uniform order forms have been given to children today. If you require any uniform, please have the forms back to school by next Friday 11th August. Thank you.

Special Character Clipboard:


FAITH FACT FOR NEXT WEEK - WEEK 3

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Clare was the foundress of the "Poor Clares", an order of nuns. After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. St. Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear.

She and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat lived in a poor house and kept silent most times.

She carried the Blessed Sacrament to the walls of the convent to ward off attackers. She dropped to her knees and prayed and the attack was aborted. Her feast day is August 11th.



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7th August - 11th August

8th St Mary of The Cross – Mary MacKillop

10th St Lawrence

11th St Clare

St Clare of Assisi - [Patron](#) of eye disease, goldsmiths, laundry, television

Caritas and Catholic Principals Fundraising

Day

Thank you to everyone for dressing up in their pyjamas and bringing a gold coin to donate money for Nawi Primary School in Fiji at the end of last term. We raised \$123 😊

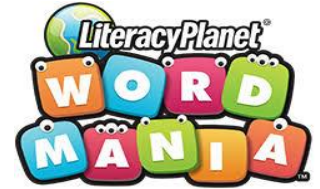


Junior Class News:

- * The Junior Class are busy running each day to get fit for the cross-country. All the Juniors run between 800metres and 1km for the cross-country, so please encourage them to do a bit of running at home as well.
- * We are enjoying using the mini squash court, which is up in the hall. There are enough squash rackets and balls for everyone so we are practising hitting the ball on the racket, patting the ball with the racket and hitting the ball against the wall of the squash court. We are getting better each time!
- * In Maths, older children, are working on fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$, as well as basic Number Knowledge.
- * In topic time, with Mrs Elworthy, we are going to be working on Science experiments.
- * On a Wednesday with Mrs Hazlett, we will be learning our nursery rhymes or poems to present to the school and parents on Tuesday 5th September.

Middle Class News:

The children in the Middle Class are all involved in WordMania, an online word challenge for Week 2 – 4. This involves schools from Australia and New Zealand and is hosted by the website www.literacyplanet.com.



How to Play



From a board of 15 randomly generated letter tiles, players have three minutes to create as many words as they can.

By dragging and rearranging letter tiles into the word panel, players build, extend and rebuild words in a race against the countdown!

Word building is a great challenge for developing literacy skills and fun for all ages. It involves phonemes, morphemes including affixes and plurals, spelling, word recognition, vocabulary and word knowledge.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!!

Parent Helper Roster

A letter regarding this is coming home to Middle Class parents on Friday 4th August.

Squash Court

We currently have the Sport Otago mini squash court at school and the middle class is having daily PE sessions in the hall, focusing on racket and ball skills, as well as the game of squash. Already the children's skill levels are improving and we are having a lot of fun.

Cross Country

Preparation for this event on Monday 14th August involves a daily run for all children in the Middle Class. Parents, could you please ensure that the children have suitable shoes for running in, either being worn to school, or bought to use at school – Thank You 😊

Senior Class News:



If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you.

Welcome back for term 3! We have another fabulous term ahead with lots of great activities planned.

Cross country / Ski trip fitness training

We are underway with this, and I know that we all feel good when we reach the end of each session. Part of our training is simply getting out and running (both at school and at the Stadium) and the other aspect is circuit training which we call 'tabata'. It's quite fun. If you want to come in and join us, let me know as the more the merrier.

If you would like to pay your ski money via internet banking, the account number is:

St John's School Board of Trustees

03 0951 0066195 000

Please make sure you reference your name and ski trip so we know who has paid.

Des Hunt

We are looking forward to having Des Hunt visit and work with us on the 12th September. The children are enjoying his novels and we have a collection here at school. In the holidays I visited the Maniototo Community Library and there are a number of his books on the shelves there, so go and borrow them. Two of my favourites are 'Shadows in the Ice' and 'The Crocodile Nest'.

Goal setting

We have set our goals for this term and there are learning goals, fitness goals, and home goals. A photocopy of these are attached, as I would like your support for your child in working towards achieving them.

Learning

In our writing this term we are working on our speech writing and delivery skills. Our speeches are an informative style, and are based around the topic of 'Good Sorts'. Once written, be prepared to sit back at home and enjoy hearing your child's speech repeatedly, as they practice getting ready for delivery to the school on Tuesday 5th September. This aspect is scary for all the children but with practice, positive support and some fun we will all be ok! Personally I can't wait for speech day as I love seeing the children being able to share their skills with you.

In maths we are currently all learning different aspects (year 5 – Equations and Rules, year 6 – Probability, year 7 – Algebra, year 8 – Statistics) and then we will all be developing our Addition and Subtraction skills, and then moving onto Measurement. Maths is a busy time, and I appreciate the efforts the children make with Mathematics – this gives them great support with their learning.

In our Health learning we are focusing on Puberty. Thank you for coming along to the recent parent information evening. I enjoy your input, and being able to share resources with you all.

We are also playing some squash in the micro-court (which is at school for two weeks), learning gymnastics skills, creating our Peace posters for The Lions competition, and working on our Young Vinnies project.

It's all go in the senior room!

Young Vinnies

Our executive for 2017 has been elected, and these children hold these offices:

President – Billy Dougherty

Vice President – Andrew Fetalver

Secretary – Kate Kinney

Treasurer – Ella Gibson, Freddie Hore

Prayer leader – Maia Macdonald

We are currently making milo for those children who want them on a Tuesday, and we will be deciding on our main project soon.

Mathletics Gold Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who have reached Gold Certificate status... Annie Dowling, Maia Macdonald, Ella Gibson, Billy Dougherty, Hamish Crossan, Paxton Francis, Jake Smith, Freddie Hore and Emma McIntyre. Well done children for achieving 1000+points for twenty weeks.

Hells Pizza Reading Wheel

We continue to celebrate our children who have completed 7 book reviews to the class. *Congratulations to Hannah Cormack, Bradley Shaw, Freddie Hore, David Hore* enjoy your delicious pizza when you get to have it.

School Character

Below is an extract from an email that Mrs Mulholland received recently. It is from the organiser of the 'Maniototo Clued Up Kids Day' that was recently held in Ranfurly for the year 5 and 6 children. I was so thrilled with her comments, as were all the staff and proud of our children for being helpful. I hope you feel proud also.

Thanks Susan, I meant to email you when I got home from Maniototo and congratulate you on the values shown by the children from St Johns. When I was cleaning up after the event, four children came up and asked to help. I accepted and it wasn't a shallow offer they got in and helped beautifully then more came, they were all from St Johns. Your children also thanked all the volunteers, it was amazing and stood out to all of us. Well done.

Marie Roxburgh

Southern District Health Board

Sports Update

Kwik Sticks Year 7 & 8 hockey team (Billy, Andrew, Briar, Hannah & Hamish C) have made it to the final of their competition. The game is at 5.45pm on Wednesday 9th August in Cromwell. Come along & support them. Good luck kids.

Thank you everyone

Geraldine :)

Board of Trustees

We have had a quiet month as we did not have a Board meeting in July because of the school holidays. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th August at 7p.m.

Notices and Dates:

Week 4	Monday 14 th August	Cross Country
	Friday 18 th August	Postponement date for Cross Country
Week 5	Tuesday 22 nd August	Middle & Senior Ski Trip
Week 6	Tuesday 29 th August	Postponement date for ski trip
Week 7	Tuesday 5 th September	St John's School Poem & Speech Competition
	Thursday 7 th September	Maniototo Speech Competition
Week 8	Tuesday 12 th September	Des Hunt – children's author visiting and working with the middle & senior classes
Week 10	Friday 29 th September	Last day of Term 3

