



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Welcome

On Monday 28th August, we welcome a new five year old to school:
Cyrus Janerol

Cross-country

Congratulations to all the children for their great effort at the cross-country last week. Attached are the results. A special congratulations to Andrew Fetalver, who broke a time record in the Year 8 boys section. Well done, Andrew.

Also special congratulations to the following children who have been selected for the Otago cross-country in Dunedin on Friday 1st September:

Hannah Cormack, Annie Dowling, Briar Duncan, Kate Kinney, Billy Dougherty, Jock Duncan, Andrew Fetalver, Sage Paterson and Luke Shead.

Good luck to those going to this event.

Photos from the cross-country have been uploaded onto our school website at www.sjr.school.nz

Thank you to Mrs Dianna Whyte for sending us these photos.

Middle and Senior Class Ski Trip

The Middle and Senior Class had perfect conditions for their ski trip to Cardrona on Tuesday 22nd August. They enjoyed a fantastic day of skiing and snow-boarding.

A big thank you to Mrs Duncan, Mrs M and Mrs Weir for their organisation and preparation for this day. The behind the scenes paperwork required for this is huge, with increasing health and safety requirements, rules and regulations from the skifield.

SPCA Cupcake Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Cupcake Day.

We raised \$87 at school and \$139 in total. All proceeds will go the SPCA.

From Georgia and Rosa

Also thank you to Georgia and Rosa for organising this event for us. Well done, girls. The cupcakes were delicious!

Kyeburn Bus

The Kyeburn Bus will be another 2 weeks on the shortened run after advise from the CODC and GoBus.

Kelvin Robertson – Bus Controller

Mini Squash Court

All classes enjoyed the use of the mini squash court, which we were lucky enough to have for three weeks. Thanks to those Dads who gave up some of their Sunday time to help put the court up, and take it down again.

Maniototo Area School - Teacher Only Day

Maniototo Area School will be closed on Friday 8th September for a teacher only day.

We will be open, and buses will run as usual.

Soccer Skills

Mr Stephen Dunn will be taking three sessions of soccer skills with each class in September – Thursday 14th, 21st and 28th September.

Clubs

These started this afternoon. Here is the timetable for the next three Friday afternoons:

1 st September	Year 7 & 8	Biking
	Year 5 & 6	Food/Cooking
	Year 3 & 4	Squash
	Year 0, 1 & 2	Handicraft
8 th September	Year 7 & 8	Food/Cooking
	Year 5 & 6	Squash
	Year 3 & 4	Handicraft
	Year 0, 1 & 2	Biking
15 th September	Year 7 & 8	Squash
	Year 5 & 6	Handicraft
	Year 3 & 4	Biking
	Year 0, 1 & 2	Food/Cooking

Speeches/Poems

Children are continuing their preparation for this. A reminder that our school presentation will be on **Tuesday 5th September at 9a.m.** Parents and friends are welcome to come along for this in the school hall.

The programme for the morning is:

9a.m – 10.40a.m.	Year 0, 1 & 2	Poem recital
	Year 3 & 4	Speeches - "If I were a ..."
	Year 5	Speeches - "Good Sorts"
	Morning tea	
11a.m. – 12.30p.m.	Year 6, 7 & 8	Speeches - "Good Sorts"

This will be followed by the announcement of place-getters from Years 3 – 8, who will attend the Maniototo Speech Competition in the Town Hall on Thursday 7th September.

These times are approximate. Morning tea and lunch may be later.

We ask that parents and friends coming to see the speeches and poems are there for the start of the session, 8.55a.m. and 11a.m. so that children giving their speeches are given every opportunity to present their speech without interruptions.

Please note this event is not suitable for pre-schoolers.

Year 0, 1 and 2 children will go back to class after reciting their poems.

The judge for our school competition is Mrs Sarah Paterson.

Special Character Clipboard:

Caritas Challenge

Great news...

You joined with more than **10,500 young people** from all over the country to conquer the **Caritas Challenge for 2017** and we are proud to announce that **more than \$65,000** was raised to help people in Kiribati who are facing many challenges as a direct result of climate change. Matched funding from the New Zealand Government's Aid Programme will enable this fundraising to multiply **beyond half a million dollars** – which is awesome!

Your efforts have helped Caritas continue working in Kiribati to:

- Provide nutrition leadership training for women and youth several times a year giving practical tools towards cooking healthy food
- Research traditional foods and how they can be used
- Manage action plans to promote healthy lifestyles for women and youth
- Support local organisations in skill development

Thanks again! We'll send out more details again soon to keep you up to date. Stay tuned as the Caritas Challenge for 2018 focusing on Timor Leste is not far away too.

Michael Stewart

Social Justice Education Co-ordinator

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

FAITH FACT FOR WEEK 6

Father's Day Sunday 3rd September

On March 19, the feast of St. Joseph, patron saint of the universal church and Jesus' earthly father, Pope Francis urged all dads in the world to stick by their children's side, teaching them, guiding them and loving them.

"I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, to be there, your love!" the pope told fathers present in St. Peter's Square.



God, bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models
and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like You are.
Give them grace and patience
to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen!

Junior Class News:

In writing time, a couple of weeks ago, we did a fun activity called True or False. See if you can work out which statements are true and which are false!

Harriet used to eat crumbs off the floor. Arthur Lilley

I like chocolate ice-cream. George Dowling

Eddie likes cake. Marley Weir

Josie likes sitting in a bird's nest. Josie Herlihy

Hippos wear underpants. Jae McAuley

A giraffe is smaller than me. Harry Jeffries

Birds eat worms. Hamish McIntyre

Mrs Mulholland loves brussel sprouts. Mrs Mulholland

Middle Class News:

Hidden Camera on Cardrona Skifield !

On our recent day at Cardrona Skifield, there must have been a member of the paparazzi keeping a close eye on us, as some action photos of your children have been revealed on the wall in the corridor of our school. The look of terror and excitement on their faces is truly entertaining. Please come in to see how amazing their skiing skills were! We may even be featured in the next ACTION SPORTS Magazine issue!!



Mathletics

Congratulations to Georgia Elworthy and Paige Smith for achieving a Gold Certificate for their weekly Mathletics Tasks.

Word Mania

The children competed very well in the recent Word Mania competition with the Year 3 group placing third in Round 2, Year 4 eighth and Year 5 fourth. Congratulations everyone!

Pizza Wheels

Congratulations to Annie Dowling, Fred Dowling, Alivia Steele and Tom Dowling who have completed a wheel (or a second wheel !) in the Hell Pizza Reading Challenge in August. It is wonderful to see the range of material the children are choosing. A big thank you to all the parents for helping find the books that their children want to read and share with us.

Senior Class News:



'Say what you mean, mean what you say,

but don't say it mean'

There has been very little cruise time in the Senior Room since our last newsletter – life is moving along at pace. Enjoy our contribution to the newsletter :)

Hells Pizza wheel

Congratulations to Maia and Freddie for completing your pizza wheels. Enjoy your reward, and remember to share with the people who first got you into reading – your Mum and Dad.

Mathletics Gold certificate

We continue to have children reach this special achievement of 1000 points for 20 weeks. Congratulations to Jock, Sage, Kate, Briar, Sandee. Well done children.

Quiz event

We are all go for this, and the children involved have bought home a notice regarding transport. We will be doing a little practice at school for this, and can parents please talk with their children around the current topics in the news, and work to improve their general knowledge of world goings on.

Cross-country

I know you were all very proud of your children on cross-country day, and I was incredibly proud also. I admire your children's tenacity and determination with their training, and their bravery on race day, goodness I was nervous for them. Every child in our class completed the course with determination and focus, and I was happy with their efforts. We were all particularly proud of Andrew for setting a new Year 8 boys record – wow!

Lions Computer Capers competition

Mrs. Hazlett led the class through this Otago – Southland wide competition. The brief was to produce a six slide Power Point based on 'What I would do if I were the Prime Minister of NZ'. The children were passionate with their ideas, and they were listened too by the judges. We achieved some fantastic results...

Senior section:

2nd: Emma McIntyre

3rd: Kate Kinney

Junior section:

1st : Maia Macdonald

Highly Commended: Ella Gibson
Jock Duncan
Sage Paterson

Ski Trip

What a fantastic day this was – the sun shone and the snow was great. Thanks to everyone for making this a success. I have contacted Cardrona and we do not have to return the RFID card (the plastic card), as we will be issued a new one next year. If you are heading back to Cardrona for more skiing this season, they can just reload the same pass for you.

Unfortunately I didn't take any photos, so if you have any suitable for the school website ... please email them to Fiona Weir at office@sjr.school.nz

Briar Duncan has shared her reflections on the day...

The ski trip was awesome and the sun shone down on the mountain, it made the snow shine. After we got organised we did our lessons, mine was 'Intermediate'. We skied down McDougall's lots and I practiced my wedge turns. After that I skied with my friends down Whitestar, I fell over lots but I got the hang of it in the end. I loved Captains Basin, and the tunnel – and I refueled with chocolate on the chairlift. This ski trip was really fun and I can't wait until next year.

Speeches

It is practice time – so to help us out the Senior Class will have no other homework next week. Our homework will be practicing our speech at home twice a day (or more) so we are ready for public delivery to you (our wonderful audience) the following week.

Thank you
Geraldine Duncan

Board of Trustees

* At our August meeting two curriculum reports were presented to the Board:

1. Science
2. Maths – Number

The Board have agreed to fund a release teacher for Mrs Geraldine Duncan to enable her to take some children from both the Senior and Middle Class for some extra Maths time, each afternoon, 4 days a week. This has already started and will continue until the middle of Term 4.

* The next BOT meeting is on Tuesday 12th September, at 7p.m.

Notices and Dates:

2017 Naseby Cup Series:

30 athletes competed in the series with close and exciting racing, and lots of personal best times on the best track we've ever had.



Congratulations to Maggie Dowling who was placed 1st in the Junior Womens. Well done.

Hockey End of Year Prizegiving

Year 7&8 KwikSticks - Most Valuable Player - Billy Dougherty

Year 5&6- KiwiSticks

Thursday Night grade

MVP - Ella Gibson

Most Improved Player - Maggie Dowling

Year 5&6 - KiwiSticks

Saturday Grade

Most improved player - Annie Dowling

Maniototo Titans

Most Improved Player - Toby Duncan

Week 6	Friday 1 st September	Otago Cross Country
Week 7	Tuesday 5 th September	St John's Poem & Speeches
	Thursday 7 th September	Maniototo Speech Competiton
Week 8	Tuesday 12 th September	Des Hunt visit
Week 10	Friday 29 th September	Last day of Term 3



2017 CROSS COUNTRY TIMES & PLACINGS

Year 1	Boys Name	School	Girls Name	School
1	George Dowling	St Johns	Marley Weir	St Johns
2	Andrew Becker	MAS	Vanessa Kinney	MAS
3	Axel McAuley	St Johns	Josie Herlihy	St Johns
4	Adam McSkimming	MAS	Laura Paterson	MAS
5	Hugo Paterson	MAS	Ariah Spooner	MAS
6	Ben Geddes	Strath Taieri	Aesha Cairns-Whitcombe	MAS
Year 2	Boys Name	School	Girls Name	School
1	Callum McSkimming	MAS	Hayley Carter	MAS
2	Eddie Weir	St Johns	Ali Leslie	Strath Taieri
3	Jacob Sutherland	Strath Taieri	Indianna Hepi	MAS
4	Max Gregan	MAS	Mary Finlayson	MAS
5	Sam Elworthy	St Johns	Samara Moir	MAS
6	Henry Hope	Strath Taieri	Marley Hore	MAS
Year 3	Boys Name	School	Girls Name	School
1	Thomas Helm	MAS	Tessa Steele	St Johns
2	Bob Tisdall	Strath Taieri	Ameilia Smith	MAS
3	Ollie Scott	Strath Taieri	Grace Paterson	MAS
4	Nat Spooner	MAS	Briar Diack	MAS
5	Fred Dowling	St Johns	Chloe McAuley	St Johns
6	Ben Gibson	St Johns	Alyssa Janerol	St Johns

Year 4	Boys Name	School	Girls Name	School
1	Toby Duncan	St Johns	Ruby Hore	MAS
2	Ethan McSkimming	MAS	Isabelle Helm	MAS
3	Hunter Sutherland	Strath Taieri	Vanessa Paterson	MAS
4	Charlie Falconer	MAS	Lucia Russell	MAS
5	Ryan Crossan	St Johns	Georgia Elworthy	St Johns
6	Joshua Geddes	Strath Taieri	Gina Andrews	MAS
Year 5	Boys Name	School	Girls Name	School
1	Nic Pieterse	MAS	Nicola Kinney	MAS
2	Luke Shead	St Johns	Annie Dowling	St Johns
3	Casey McKenzie	MAS	Georgia Graham	Strath Taieri
4	Lachie Sutherland	Strath Taieri	Lily Blakely	MAS
5	Charlie Anderson	MAS	Kiera O'Neill	MAS
6	Mita Ratana	MAS	Lucy Falconer	MAS
Year 6	Boys Name	School	Girls Name	School
1	William Tisdall	Strath Taieri	Peta Smith	MAS
2	Sage Paterson	St Johns	Zoe Simpson	MAS
3	Jack Duncan	St Johns	Anya Pieterse	MAS
4	Caleb McIntyre	St Johns	Abby Ferdinands	MAS
5	Jack Steele	MAS	Ella Gibson	St Johns
6	Case McDonald	MAS	Isabella De Haas	MAS
Year 7	Boys Name	School	Girls Name	School
1	Max Hore	MAS	Briar Duncan	St Johns
2	William Helm	MAS	Emma Kinney	MAS

3	Hayden Becker	MAS	Jasmin Balloch	MAS
4	Ben Kinney	Strath Taieri	Sandee Barroga	St Johns
5	Phoenix Tapatu	MAS	Hope Devitt	MAS
6	Chase Moir	MAS	Kass Pont	MAS
Year 8	Boys Name	School	Girls Name	School
1	Andrew Fetalver	St Johns	Kate Kinney	St Johns
2	Billy Dougherty	St Johns	Ashleigh Cameron	St Johns
3	Josh Smith	MAS	Harmony Devitt	MAS
4	Mark Smith	MAS	Amy Simpson	MAS
5	Harry McAslan	MAS	Tayla Munro	MAS
6	Tom Duffy	MAS	Charlotte Gregan	MAS