

# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

### Speeches/Poems

We were very proud of all the children last Tuesday when they presented their poems and speeches to an audience of parents, grandparents and friends. They all did an amazing job and thank you for coming along to support them. Attached are the results from the judged sections.

Congratulations to these children.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September the first 2 or 3 place-getters (depending on class size – over 10 in the class, 3 place-getters) took part in a Maniototo competition at the Ranfurly Town Hall. The competition included Maniototo Area School, Strath Taieri School, Poolburn School, Omakau School and us, and once again, we were very proud of the St John's children who represented our school in an excellent manner.

Attached are the results from this and congratulations to all those who took part.

### Social Studies Quiz

Twelve Year 5 – 8 children took part in a Social Studies quiz in Cromwell on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you to Mrs Duncan for organising these children and going with them. Also thank you to the other parents who helped out with transport and supervision.

A huge congratulations to Paxton Francis, Ella Gibson and Freddie Hore who won the Year 5 and 6 section with a score of 95/100! Wow!

Well done to all teams who had fun and enjoyed the experience.



### **Des Hunt, children's author**

On Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, children's author, Des Hunt, visited our school. He presented a workshop on writing to the Middle and Senior Classes. As he was once a Science teacher, he incorporated some Science experiments into his presentation. The children enjoyed his workshops and came away enthusiastic and eager to try his ideas in writing, and to read more of his books.

### **Gathering of Catholic Teachers**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, all 3 teachers will be away in Alexandra attending a gathering of all Otago and Southland Catholic School teachers. We will be listening to speakers and attending workshops related to Religious Education in our schools.

Mrs Erin Elworthy will be teaching in the Junior Class, Mrs Sarah Paterson in the Middle Class and Mrs Jayne Hazlett in the Senior Class.

### **El Gregore Magician**

We have been invited by Maniototo Area School to attend a performance by El Gregore. He is a magician, but through his show he shares anti-bullying messages about positive attitudes, respect and acceptance.

We will be going to this show on Monday 25 September from 9.30 – 10.30a.m.

The cost is \$4 for each child. Could children please bring this money to school anytime between now and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Thank you.

Children will come to school as normal and we will walk to and from Maniototo Area School.

### **Last day of Term 3/Loud Shirt Day**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September is the last day of Term 3.**

**Term 4 begins on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September is also Loud Shirt Day, a fundraiser for cochlear implants in New Zealand. The theme is "At the Beach". Children can dress-up for this theme or just wear mufti for the day. We ask that children bring along a gold coin to help people who need cochlear implants.

Thank you.

### **Friday afternoon clubs**

Children have enjoyed participating in our Friday afternoon clubs over the last 4 weeks.

A special thank you to Natalie Bruhns and Phillipa Pope and the patchwork ladies: Liz, Noela, Jo, Shona and Joyce for their different handicraft activity each week and for giving up their free time to come along and help with this.

## Special Character Clipboard:



### A BIG Thank You

Thank you to all the families that joined us for mass at the end of last month, at our Parish/School Mass. Fr Gerard Aynsley invited the children to join him on the altar for the consecration – a pretty special chance to be fully involved in the mass !! It was also a lovely opportunity for members of the parish to catch up with the parents and families of the children at school.

### God Strand Teaching

All classes at school are now teaching and learning about the God Strand in our Religious Education Curriculum. Each class has a different focus in their work:

Junior Class	Our Gracious God
Middle Class	God is Love
Senior Class	The Mystery of God

A parent information booklet in relation to the work your child will be doing at school, will be sent home after approval by the BOT at their September meeting.



## Junior Class News:

\*We welcome Cyrus Janerol and Harry Dowling to the Junior Class.

Then we welcome McKinley Francis who starts school just before the end of the term, on the 27<sup>th</sup> September.

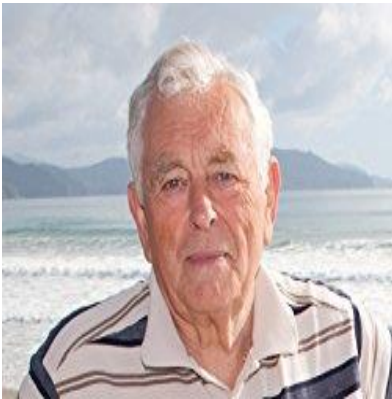
\*Congratulations to George Dowling who has just finished his second Hell Pizza wheel and Sam Elworthy, who has now finished his third pizza wheel.

Also to Hayley Barroga and Arthur Lilley who have completed their first pizza wheel.

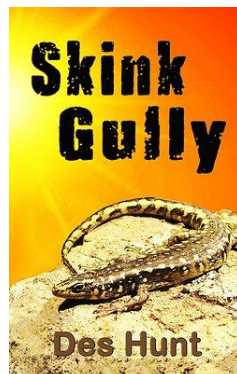
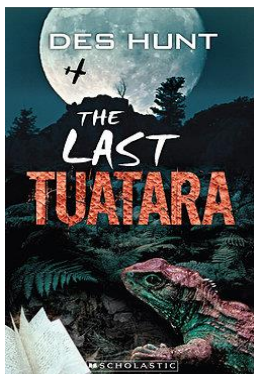
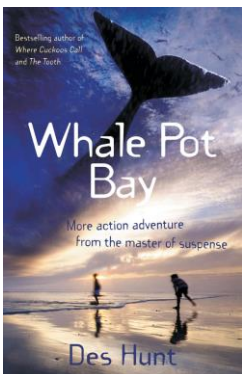
Well done to you all.

\*We have had a puffer vest mix-up in the Junior Class. Could parents please check any puffer vests you have at home. Harry Dowling has lost a black puffer vest that has the name Tom in it. If you have it at home could you please bring it along to school for Harry. Thank you.

## Middle Class News:

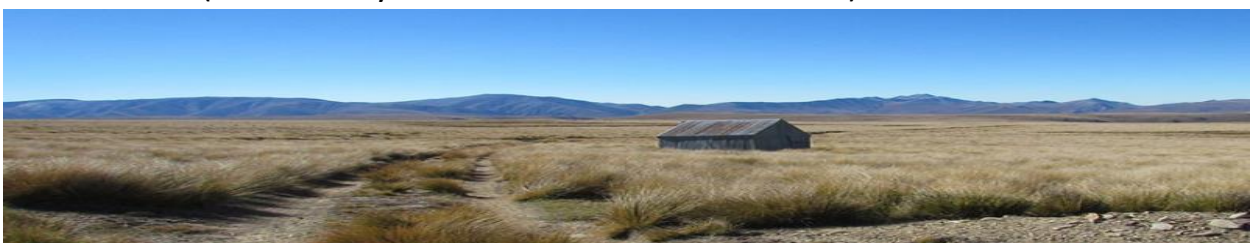


Our classroom was visited by the NZ author Des Hunt and his presentation about writing was also supported by some exciting science demonstrations! In his “former life” Des was a science teacher and he used his knowledge and skills in this area, to give us metaphors for aspects of the writing process. We have been inspired to look out for his books in the library, as they are all set in New Zealand and have young characters who get into the most “interesting” situations!



## Maniototo Projects

We are continuing to work hard to have our finished projects ready to present by the end of the term. There is a huge variety of people and places that have been researched and a notice about when the presentations will take place, will be sent out when we have finalised the date. (This is likely to be in the last week of term)



## Senior Class News:



### 'A child has a special way of bringing joy to everyday'

A busy and successful few weeks have flown by for the senior students.

#### **Puberty:**

Our learning in this area went on hold for two weeks while we focused on speeches, but we are now back on track. We had a fun session learning about skin care on Monday, and hopefully you noticed that your children's faces were shiny clean when they got home after school. One aspect of skin care that we do well is using sunblock, and now we are trying to develop the good routines of daily face washing, and using cleanser and moisturizer if needed. Our learning on this topic will continue with activities based around self-esteem, body image, and assertive behaviour.

#### **Extra Current Events Quiz:**

Three year 5 and 6 teams, and one year 7 and 8 team travelled to Cromwell last week to participate in this fun event. All children enjoyed the quiz, and we were particularly proud of the team made up of Freddie, Ella and Paxton who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the year 5 and 6 section. You may have seen their smiling faces in the photo in the Otago Daily Times last week – well done children, we are so proud of you. Their winning plaque is on display in the school foyer.

#### **Ski photos:**

If you have any photos from this day, please email them to Fiona at [office@sjr.school.nz](mailto:office@sjr.school.nz) so we can add them to our website photo page.

#### **Gold Certificate:**

Congratulations to our latest recipients of the Athletics Gold certificate. Well done Ashleigh, Maggie and Bianca, a fine achievement.

#### **Otago Cross-Country:**

A wet and muddy day made for a fun, slippery course at Kaikorai College. We had 6 children running, and they all did really well and walked away proud of their efforts. Andrew told me that at his first time at this event in year 6 he came last, and this year in the year 8 boys section he placed 8<sup>th</sup>! That's an impressive move through the ranks. Results can be found on the [opssa.org.nz](http://opssa.org.nz) website.

#### **Speech competitions:**

All children put their best foot forward and delivered an interesting and engaging speech at our St Johns School Speech competition, and showed that the great listening that you did at home to all their practice runs paid off. Our place getters then went on to do very well at the Maniototo Speech competition between Strath Taieri, Maniototo Area School, Omakau School, Poolburn School and ourselves. I was really chuffed with not only how well the children delivered their speeches but also by how good they looked in their uniforms. Your children are great examples to others of what our school is like – they give challenges / new activities a go, and they do so as best as they can.

#### **Parent Transport:**

Thank you very much for your transport to various school activities lately – curling, cross-country, Extra! Quiz, ski trip. We really appreciate this support and simply couldn't do things without your help.

### Young Vinnies:

We recently had a meeting, and then the executive had a discussion around what they felt our focus would be and what projects we would complete. See below for the details.

Des Hunt – NZ Author: Mr. Hunt visited our classroom on Tuesday and we enjoyed a great session with him.

Thanks

Geraldine Duncan :)

## **Board of Trustees**

\*At our September meeting, Susan presented a summary of comments from the recent “Health and PE” consultation, sent out to parents in June.

Attached is this summary, for your information.

\*Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7p.m.

## **Notices and Dates:**

### Young Vinnies report

Our Project for the rest of the year is: To raise money for the Maniototo Hospital rebuild.

We will achieve this in four fun ways:

- Bingo afternoon
- Work day in the weekend or holidays
- Bake stall
- Sponsored biking

Thank you - from the Young Vinnies Executive

Billy, Andrew, Kate, Ella, Freddie and Maia.

<b>Week 10</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	El Gregore Musician at MAS
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Loud Shirt Day
		Last Day Term 3
<b>Term 4 Week 1</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	First Day of Term 4



## Otago Country Cricket School Holiday programme

Where: Dunstan High Gymnasium

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Time: 10am– 12pm (year 3-5) 12:30pm – 3pm (year 6-8)

Cost: \$40

To register please visit: [www.otagocountrycricket.co.nz/junior-cricket.html](http://www.otagocountrycricket.co.nz/junior-cricket.html)

And click the holiday programme button.

These programmes prove very popular right throughout Otago. It is a chance for kids to come along have some fun and to put some existing skill into action through bowling batting and fielding games. It also gives opportunity to improve on these skill sets

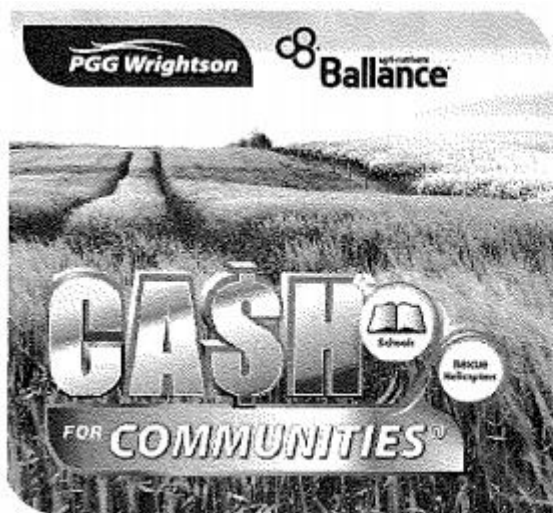
Any questions please contact Willie Miller at [willie@otagocricket.co.nz](mailto:willie@otagocricket.co.nz) or 0212790979

### Maniototo Junior Cricket:

Meeting for coaches & any interested parents Wednesday 4th Oct 7.30pm at Ranfurly Lion.

Junior cricket registration (Year 0-8) Thursday 19th Oct 3pm at MAS, Cost \$10 per child.

Any queries please call Lauren Shaw 0274171130 or 4449026.



Purchase Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser this spring to raise funds for your local community.

We'll donate \$1 for every tonne you buy!\*

**Register and nominate your school or Rescue Helicopter at [www.cashforcommunities.co.nz](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz)**

\*Open to PGG Wrightson Ltd account holders only. \$1 per tonne of Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser products purchased (excluding Lime and Gypsum) between 1 September and 30 November 2017, will be donated to your nominated school or Rescue Helicopter. See full terms and conditions at [www.cashforcommunities.co.nz](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz). Minimum donation per cause applies.







**2017 Maniototo Primary Schools Speech  
Competition Results**

Year 3

1<sup>st</sup> = Tessa Steele, Paige Smith      St Johns School  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alyssa Janerol                      St Johns School

Year 4

1<sup>st</sup> Kate Williams                      Omakau School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy Stevens                      Poolburn School  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alexi Mackenzie                  Maniototo Area School

Year 5

1<sup>st</sup> Annie Dowling                      St Johns School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nicola Kinney                      Maniototo Area School  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Farquhar                      St Johns School

Year 6

1<sup>st</sup> Maia Macdonald                      St Johns School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anya Pieterse                      Maniototo Area school  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jock Duncan                      St Johns School

Year 7

1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Cormack                      St Johns School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Briar Duncan                      St Johns School  
3<sup>rd</sup> Judde Paris                      Omakau School

Year 8

1<sup>st</sup> Kate Kinney                      St Johns School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tayla Munro                      Maniototo Area School  
3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Fetalver                      St Johns School

**2017 St John's School Speech  
Competition Results**

**Year 3**

1<sup>st</sup> Paige Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tessa Steele  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alyssa Janerol

**Year 4**

1<sup>st</sup> Toby Duncan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Elworthy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Crossan

**Year 5**

1<sup>st</sup> Annie Dowling  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Farquhar  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jake Smith

**Year 6**

1<sup>st</sup> Jock Duncan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Maia Macdonald  
3<sup>rd</sup> Freddie Hore

**Year 7**

1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Cormack  
2<sup>nd</sup> Briar Duncan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sandee Barroga

**Year 8**

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Fetalver  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Kinney  
3<sup>rd</sup> Billy Dougherty

## Summary from Health and PE consultation sent out to parents – June 2017

\*35 forms were sent out and 22 were returned so 63% returned.

\*Of the 4 key learning areas in Health:

11 people rated Mental Health as the most important.

5 “ Food and Nutrition

5 “ Body care and physical safety

No one rated Sexuality most important.

\*There were a good range of comments at both ends, i.e. recognition of good things being done in our school and also areas for development.

Some examples of things we do well:

-sports like curling, ice-skating, ski-ing

-provide a good environment

-Life Education bus

-footsteps dance lessons

-awareness of others health conditions

-try to keep kids active

-provide opportunities for kids to try lots of sports

-provide outside expertise

-encourage positive relations between children

\*Things that came through strongly were concerns about:

-mental health issues

-cybersafety

Also mentioned as an area for development is more PE, focussing on skill development and teaching, eg, ball skills, skipping.

\*How we are going to address the above areas?

-Our Health and PE curriculum needs to be updated in 2018 so it will be a good time for staff to put into place a timetable for skill development in specified areas, eg ball skills, gymnastics.

-Also, as part of updating our Health and PE curriculum, we will look at what we teach for Health as some of the topics we already teach would be an appropriate place for discussing mental health issues such as self-esteem, self-image, feelings, people and resources who can help us.

-An ideal opportunity will arise for parents in February 2018 to attend a cybersafety evening with John Parsons. John is a well-known internet safety consultant. Our Board, along with the Board from Maniototo Area School, have both agreed to contribute to the cost of getting John to come and work with each class here at school on cybersafety and there will be an evening opportunity for parents, so it would be great if parents took up this opportunity as cybersafety continues to be an ongoing issue for many young people.

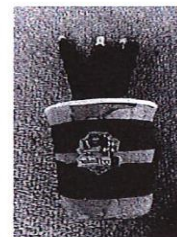
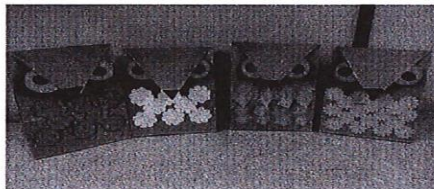


## SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary release  
of the First Harry Potter Book!

Discover what house you would be in, and make your own identity  
cards, gain a wand permit, and learn to use a quill!

Create your very own wand, and get your own Owl for special  
deliveries!



**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. CONTACT YOUR LIBRARY TO  
SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT!**

Holiday programmes are being held on the following days and times at  
the Maniototo Library from 2-3pm.  
Phone 444-9348

Sorting Hat and ID's	Monday	2 October
Wands and Pencil Holders	Wednesday	4 October
Wizards	Monday	9 October
Owls	Wednesday	11 October

Ask our librarians for times and dates at our other libraries if you are  
unable to make this one!

Under 5's to be accompanied by an adult.

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# RAINBOW RUN

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER, 11AM START • MOLYNEUX PARK



5km fun run/walk

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5 rainbow  
colour stations

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**Tickets:**

\$10 per person

Family \$30

(2 adults/2 children, extra children \$5)

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Spot prizes

Wear white or black to get the full burst of colour!

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