

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Welcome back

Welcome back for Term 4. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are ready for another busy term.

Labour Weekend

School is closed on **Monday 23rd October** for Labour Weekend.

Loud Shirt Day

Thank you for the gold coin donations for "Loud Shirt Day". We raised \$108.30 for NZ cochlear implants.

There are photos of the children dressed up on our school website: www.sjr.school.nz

Head Lice

It has been brought to our attention that head lice has been round over the holidays. Please check your child's hair regularly for this and treat if necessary.

End of Year dates

Friday 1st December

Reports/Portfolios sent home. Report can be kept. Portfolios need to be returned to school.

Friday 8th December

Concert/Prizegiving at 7.30p.m. in the Ranfurly Town Hall.

Tuesday 12th December

Entertaining at The Chalet/Hospital 10.30a.m.

Wednesday 13th December

Last day of school for 2017.

Athletic Sports

We have two practises at school for athletic sports – **Friday 20th October and Friday 27th October from 1.20 – 2.30p.m.** If you indicated you could help on both or either of these days please just turn up at 1.15p.m. Thank you.

The Maniototo Athletic Sports will take place on **Friday 3rd November** at the Stadium. The postponement date is **Monday 6th November**. Postponement notices will be on Burn Radio station and MAS and St John's School websites.

* Children 7 years and older (ages as at 1st October) are to be at the Stadium by 9a.m. Children will be organised into ages, ready to begin at 9.30a.m.

* 5 and 6 year olds are to meet Mrs Hazlett in the front of the squash court area of the Stadium at 9.20a.m. Junior Sports begin at 9.30a.m. Junior sports will be finished by 12p.m. (approximately) and children are then free to go home with parents.

The format for the Junior Sports is the same as other years with a round robin format involving high jump, long jump, hurdles and a target throw event.

* Children will need:

drink

lunch (7 years and over)

shoes suitable to run in

school sports shirt (these will be given out nearer the day)

shorts/trackpants

sunhats/sunblock

* There is a gold coin entry fee for all adults. This is used to help with running costs.

* Year 11 students will be selling sausages and drinks on the day. Sausages will be \$2.

* St John's School is in charge of running the high jump event at the sports. Ryan Dowling will be organising parents to help with this, so if you are asked to help, please be willing to give some time to help. Alternately give Ryan a ring on 0274347239. The more people who can help on the day, the smoother the event runs. Thank you.

* To those who earlier indicated they can chaperone an age group – thank you. Your names were given to organisers and the following have been allocated:

12 year girls Rowena Kinney

11 year boys Lauren Shaw

11 year girls Natalie Bruhns

8 year girls Cate Herlihy

7 year boys Anna Greer

Special Character Clipboard:

October 22 Mission Sunday

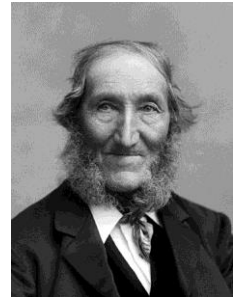


Pope Francis's message for the 91st World Mission Day, "Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith".

Young people are the hope of mission. The person of Jesus Christ and the Good News he proclaimed continue to attract many young people. They seek ways to put themselves with courage and enthusiasm at the service of humanity. "There are many young people who offer their solidarity in the face of the evils of the world and engage in various forms of militancy and volunteering... How beautiful it is to see that young people are 'street preachers', joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!"

October 23rd Labour Day

Labour Day commemorates the struggle for an eight-hour working day. New Zealand workers were among the first in the world to claim this right when, in 1840, the carpenter [Samuel Parnell](#) won an eight-hour day in Wellington. Labour Day was first celebrated in New Zealand on 28 October 1890



Praying the Rosary



This month we gather as a school each morning to pray The Rosary. Children are most welcome to bring their own Rosary beads to school to use.

Altar Servers

Thank you to the following children who served on the altar during the holiday break, and to their supportive parents. Their involvement in our parish is really appreciated.

Bradley Shaw, Andrew Fetalver, Tom Dowling, Jock and Toby Duncan, Maggie Dowling, Sage Paterson, Ryan and Luke Shead and Annie and Fred Dowling.

Junior Class News:

The Junior Class did some great writing on Tuesday about their holidays. Several children wrote about going to see the dinosaurs at the Otago Museum and told us how much they enjoyed this.

This term we are going to be doing imaginative writing using pictures to inspire us!

Middle Class News:



Hell Pizza Reading Challenge

It was great to see that some of the Middle Class children spent some of their holidays enjoying a good book. There is nothing more relaxing than having the time to sit and read. Congratulations to the following children who have recently completed a pizza wheel, which entitles them to a free child's pizza at Hell's Pizza. Enjoy! 😊

*Annie Dowling *Phoebe Hore *Rosa Herlihy *Fred Dowling *Ben Gibson

Athletics Preparation

Each day, the Middle Class will be practising an event of the Athletics Competition. Can all children please bring suitable footwear for running.



Parent Reading Help Roster

Thank you to all the parents who have made themselves available to help with reading in our class this term. The roster will be sent out this week.

Senior Class News:



It's cool to be kind.

Term 4 is upon us! And it brings the last ten weeks with our lovely year 8's – so although an exciting term with many fun activities, it is also tinged with some sadness as we prepare to farewell our 'big' kids to high school. This is an exciting step in their learning journey, but saying goodbye is never easy ... so we'll just have to make the most of our time left together.

Exciting news!

The senior class is going to become guardians to 5 beautiful beef-cross calves, which have kindly been donated to us from the Maniototo Dairy Farm. We will be keeping these calves in one of the parish paddocks, and feeding them and befriending them ready for a child run auction at the end of the year (coached by local star auctioneer Ryan Dowling) so be ready to be blown away by their high speed, selling lingo! They'll be looking forward to yelling out 'Sold!' We will keep you updated with photos and videos on the school webpage, and will be running a school

competition to come up with names for our calves. Get those thinking caps on! The money raised from these calves will go into the camp account, and will be used for our 'Camp Columba' camp next October.

Homework

This continues as normal this term, with children having spelling words and a sheet every week. With our Athletics it is no longer compulsory to get 1000 points, as by the end of this week, all of our children should have achieved their Gold Certificates. Reading homework is based upon children's selecting their own book to read each night (fiction or non-fiction material) but if you would like me to be more directive in selecting reading material for your child please let me know and I can easily organise this.

So to summarise

Spelling words – tested on a Friday

Spelling activity sheet – completed by Thursday

Mathletics – no 'set' point value required, just practice skills set by myself

Reading – personal reading every night for 15 – 30minutes.

Athletics

We are developing our skills as we work towards reaching our goals that we have set for the Athletic Sports. The children are welcome to bring along 'sports gear' to wear for our class practices, these will be happening everyday between now and Friday 3rd November.

Young Vinnies

The chosen focus is service to our community, and fundraising towards the Maniototo Hospital rebuild.

The projects have been selected by the Young Vinnies executive and are underway. The brief details are...

- a) Bingo afternoon held in our school hall for parish members and grandparents etc: Thursday 23rd November
- b) Bake stall outside More than Books – 10.30am on Friday November 17th
- c) Work Day in a weekend – completed by December 8th
- d) A bike ride in the Naseby Forest – Wednesday 13th December.

The group will be in touch with further details for you all.

Missing Books

We are missing some books, can you please look at home for these and if you find them send them into school.

Thanks

Night Vision by Ella West

The Great Big Boom by Judd Winick

SAFE for Animals

We get a newsletter called Animal Bites each term, and currently they are running a competition for children aged 8-14 years. Some of the class has shown an interest in this but we won't have time to work on it at the moment, so please feel welcome to do this at home.

The website is SafeAnimalSquad.org.nz and entries close on 3rd November.

Thank you everyone, and lets enjoy our last weeks together as we work towards our summer break.

Kind regards

Geraldine Duncan

Board of Trustees

* Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th November.

* At our October meeting we discussed the purchase of a new cup for our prizegiving this year. The Dux cup will not be given out, instead we will have a new cup, yet to be named, which will be given to someone in Year 8 who consistently displays our school values of honesty, respect and Catholic faith, works hard in school and participates and leads to the best of their ability.

Notices and Dates:

Week 7	Friday 1 st December	Reports/Portfolios sent home
Week 8	Friday 8 th December	School Concert
Week 9	Wednesday 13 th December	Last day of school for 2017

Hey Kids!!!
Poem & Photo Competition



FIRST PRIZE
\$100
 VETERINARY CENTRE VOUCHER

+
\$250
 CHEQUE
 FOR YOUR SCHOOL

- Write a poem and attach a cool photo of your pet
- Then either send by email to oamaru@vet111.co.nz or take it into your Blue Cross Veterinary Centre before Friday 27th October
- Don't forget to include your name, age and school

