

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Athletic Sports

Congratulations to all children who participated in the Maniototo Athletic Sports last Friday 3rd November and a big congratulations to:

O'Neill House

on winning the school sports shield, the first time since 2005 that our school has won the shield. Also congratulations to McAuley House who came 3rd.

O'Neill House 1 st	16.76 points
Danseys (M.A.S.) 2 nd	15.92 points
McAuley House 3 rd	15.13 points

Well done everyone.

Special congratulations to the following children who will represent Maniototo at the Otago Primary School athletic sports in Dunedin on Tuesday 21st November:

Annie Dowling	Toby Duncan	Ryan Crossan	Briar Duncan
Sandee Barroga	Maggie Dowling	Hannah Cormack	Sage Paterson
Andrew Fetalver	Jock Duncan	Kate Kinney	Paige Smith
Billy Dougherty	Caleb McIntyre	Hamish Crossan	Ryan Shead
Ella Gibson			

Attached are the results from the sports day.

A big thank you to Ryan Dowling for organising helpers and the high jump event. Thank you to those parents who gave up their time to help with this event or helped chaperone an age group of children.

School website

A reminder to add the school website:

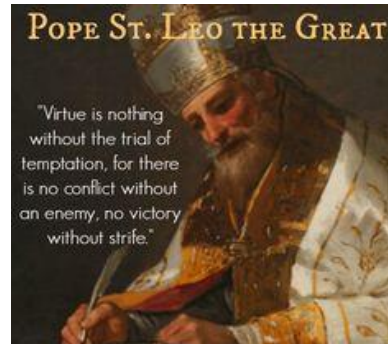
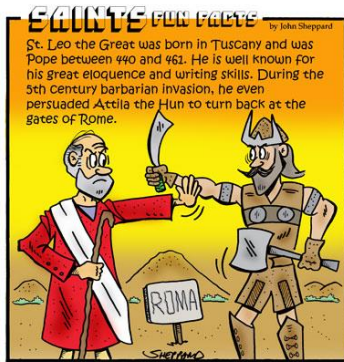
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to your favourites and then it is easier to find and access.

Special Character Clipboard:

Week 4: November 6 – 10

10th St Leo the Great



The Rosary

Thank you to all the children for their wonderful prayerful participation in The Rosary during the month of October. A special thank you to those students who chose to lead us each morning and the time and effort they put into preparing for this. It was lovely to see the range of rosary beads that some of the children own, and have a chance to hear their stories about how they had received them.



End of Year Mass

This will be celebrated with Fr Gerard Aynsley on Monday 11th December at 11.15am. Please put this date on your calendar and remember to invite all your friends and family to come and join us.

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who was able to come along and join us, as well as the members of our PTA who helped set up and clean up our School Shared Lunch on Wednesday, to celebrate the winning of the Primary School Athletics Shield by O'Neill House. A wonderful reason to celebrate the community of our school and the effort put in by the children, parents and staff to support our students in all aspects of their learning.



Junior Class News:

*We welcome McKenna Suddaby to our class, and school. McKenna turned 5 on the 8th November.

*You may hear the Junior Class children talking about coming to the Principal's office for reading tests! At the moment all teachers are busy testing, assessing and evaluating children's achievements. In reading and maths, children are given an individual test/interview, which helps towards building an overall picture of where children are at in these curriculum areas.

Middle Class News:

Congratulations

Well done to the following children who have recently finished another HELLS PIZZA READING WHEEL in the past few weeks:

Paxton Francis and ***Paige Smith*** Enjoy your reward!

I was very proud of each and every one of the class for their effort in their preparation and their spirit of participation, in the Maniototo Primary Schools Athletics Competition last Friday. The Middle class children all worked hard to practice their skills and understanding in all the athletic disciplines, and it was a pleasure to see them competing with confidence and enthusiasm. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

SRA Reading Cards

The class are enjoying a new aspect to our Reading Menu each day – SRA Reading Boxes. These are a levelled set of cards with text on one side and a series of questions on the other. Initial levels were decided by the completion of a test card and the children now have a choice as to which cards they do each day within a colour coded system. This provides plenty of high interest topics, challenge for those with a “competitive streak” and a chance to practice and improve a wide range of comprehension and reading strategy skills. Ask your children about them, as I know they are really enjoying them.



LOST PROPERTY

There is a wide range of unnamed jerseys and sweatshirts hanging in the corridor. Despite trying to find who owns them all, they remain unclaimed. It has been decided that anything left there at the end of the school year will be donated to the Op Shop for resale.

Parents, please come in and look, if your child has lost any school clothing.

Senior Class News:



Character is doing the right thing
when no one is looking.

What a proud class we are – being 1st and 3rd place getters in the Maniototo Athletics Shield. Such an achievement for O’Neill House members, and we all enjoyed the special school celebration on Wednesday. We are also proud to have the McSkimming Cup back with us with Briar winning this on 36 points, following on from Andrews win of this cup last year. Hannah was right behind Briar on 35 points - we certainly have lots of talent in our class.

Otago Athletics Championships

We have a team of 17 children going to this event – that is awesome for a small school. I believe our success is due to a few basic things

- a) We set ourselves goals
- b) We practice with this focus in mind
- c) We have a positive attitude and believe in ourselves
- d) We enjoy learning and improving our skills
- e) We are fit and healthy in our minds and bodies.

These children are aiming to place in Dunedin, and we wish them the best of luck for their events. Give it your best shot!

Camp Calves

These little beauties are doing very well, and are growing like mushrooms. If anybody has any spare milk powder left over from your own calf – rearing, I would really appreciate it being donated to us, as it will keep our costs to a minimum.

In our little calf family we have 3 heifers and 2 bulls. Keep in mind the versatility of these calves – the heifers could be your next nurse cows as they are quiet, and those bull calves will grow lots of beef! These will be auctioned at the school prize-giving on Friday 8th December.

We received 36 entries in our ‘Name the Calf’ competition and I had the ‘VetEnt’ team select the winners.

Toffee – Ella Gibson
Bonnie – Kate Kinney
Big Mac – Billy Dougherty
Steak – Jock Duncan
Rosie – Tessa Steele

We will post photos next week on the website of the winners and their calf.

SMASH Cricket

This started on Monday and the girls had great games – we have some big hitters in our ranks! Thanks to Ryan and Steve for looking after each of our teams. Due to the Otago Athletic Sports we will not be playing on Monday 20th, to allow for families that wish to travel down to the sports on the Monday evening.

Young Vinnies:

On Monday we will have our Commissioning Mass in my classroom for the Young Vinnies members (all of the Senior Class), and the children will receive their badge. These are a symbol of the work that they do following the example of St Vincent de Paul.

The projects are underway:

Work Day: Some children have already completed this; the money needs to be in by December 8th.

Bake Stall: See the information included in this newsletter. The bake stall is happening next Friday and we would appreciate donations of baking.

Bingo afternoon: being held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 23rd November starting at 1.30pm.

Thank you everyone, and lets enjoy our last weeks together as we work towards our summer break. Billy pointed out that he only had 5 weeks left at St Johns School Goodness, where did all those years go!

Kind regards

Geraldine Duncan

Board of Trustees

-Our three year self-review plan has been updated. This reminds the Board of what curriculum areas are being reported on, and when.

-We were notified of our operations grant funding for 2018. A budget for this will be prepared by the Treasurer and Principal.

Notices and Dates:

Week 5	Tuesday 14 th Nov	BOT meeting
Week 6	Tuesday 21 st Nov	Otago Athletics
	Thursday 23 rd Nov	Otago Athletics Postponement
Week 7	Friday 1 st Dec	Reports/Portfolios out
Week 8	Friday 8 th Dec	Concert 7.30pm
Week 9	Monday 11 th Dec	School Mass 11.15am
	Wednesday 13 th Dec	Last day for 2017

Graham Laing

Swimming Lessons

27th – 31st December 2017

Book with Margo 0210528255



Young Vinnies Bake Stall

The Young Vinnies focus this term is helping raise money for the Maniototo Hospital rebuild. One of our activities is a bake stall.

The bake stall will on Friday 17th of November and will be held outside 'More Than Books' starting at 10:30am.

We would love a donation of your yummy baking, as we know you are all amazing chefs!

Could you please send the baking in with your child the morning of the bake stall to the Senior Room.

Thank you so much!

Kind regards

The Senior Class Young Vinnies



2017 Maniototo Area Sports Placegetters

Gender: Female

Year	Place	Name	School	House	No. points
7 years	1	Amelia Smith	MAS	Hamiltons	26
	2	Chloe McAuley	St Johns	McAuley	26
	3	Patricia Noi	MAS	Serpentine	19
	4	Hayley Carter	MAS	Danseys	18
8 years	1	Rugby Hore	MAS	Serpentine	33
	2	Tessa Steele	St Johns	McAuley	27
	3	Georgia Gillespie	MAS	Garibaldi	19
	4	Paige Smith	St Johns	McAuley	16
9 years	1	Lily Blakely	MAS	Serpentine	28
	2	Annie Dowling	St Johns	O'Neill	24
	3	Isabelle Helm	MAS	Hamiltons	23
	4				
10 years	1	Peta Smith	MAS	Danseys	27
	2	Perri Hore	MAS	Serpentine	25
	3	Zoe Simpson	MAS	Serpentine	21
	4				
11 years	1	Briar Duncan	St Johns	McAuley	36
	2	Anya Piertse	MAS	Hamiltons	20
	3	Sandee Baroga	St Johns	McAuley	20
	4	Ella Gibson	St Johns	McAuley	16
12 years	1	Hannah Cormack	St Johns	O'Neill	35
	2	Kate Kinney	St Johns	O'Neill	21
	3	Hope Devitt	MAS	Garibaldi	17
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13 years	1	Harmony Devitt	MAS	Garibaldi	27
	2	Ashleigh Cameron	St Johns	McAuley	20
	3	Lena Hawthorne	MAS	Danseys	15
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2017 Maniototo Area Athletics School Sports Results

Date Held: 3 November 2017

McSkimming Cup

	Name	School	No. Points
1st	Briar Duncan	St Johns	36
2nd	Hannah Cormack	St Johns	35
3rd	William Helm	MAS	34

Matchett Cup

	Name	School	No. Points
1st	Ethan McSkimming	MAS	36
2nd	Thomas Helm	MAS	35
3rd	Ryan Crossan	St Johns	34

House Shield

	House Names	School	No. Points
1st	O'Neill	St Johns	16.76
2nd	Danseys	MAS	15.92
3rd	McAuley	St Johns	15.13

House Points

Danseys	15.92
Garibaldi	11.55
Hamiltons	13.5
Serpentine	12.96
McAuley	15.13
O'Neill	16.76
Rocky Pillar	10.65
Taieri Ridge	8.78

Records Broken

7 year Boys	High Jump	Thomas Helm	1.07m	MAS	Hamiltons
9 year Boys	Long Jump	Ethan McSkimming	4.13m	MAS	Danseys
11 year Girls	High Jump	Briar Duncan	1.30m	St Johns	McAuley
12 year Boys	Long Jump	Andrew Fetalver	4.92m	St Johns	O'Neill
12 year Boys	Distance	Andrew Fetalver	2.33	St Johns	O'Neill

2017 Maniototo Area Sports Placegetters

Gender: Boys

Year	Place	Name	School	House	No. points
<i>7 years</i>	1	Thomas Helm	MAS	Hamiltons	35
	2	Callum McSkimming	MAS	Danseys	28
	3	Fred Dowling	St Johns	O'Neill	22
	4				
<i>8 years</i>	1	Ryan Crossan	St Johns	McAuley	34
	2	Toby Duncan	St Johns	O'Neill	32
	3	Hunter Sutherland	Strath Taieri	Taieri Ridge	22
	4				
<i>9 years</i>	1	Ethan McSkimming	MAS	Danseys	36
	2	Justin Pink	MAS	Serpentine	19
	3	Nicolas Piertse	MAS	Hamiltons	18
	4				
<i>10 years</i>	1	Jock Duncan	St Johns	O'Neill	28
	2	William Tisdall	Strath Taieri	Rock & pillar	26
	3	Charlie Anderson	MAS	Danseys	19
	4				
<i>11 years</i>	1	William Helm	MAS	Hamiltons	34
	2	Sage Paterson	St Johns	McAuley	23
	3	Hayden Becker	MAS	Danseys	28
	4				
<i>12 years</i>	1	Andrew Fetalver	St Johns	O'Neill	32
	2	Patrick Reid	MAS	Serpentine	20
	3=	Todd Duncan	MAS	Danseys	19
	3=	Billy Dougherty	St Johns	McAuley	19
<i>13 years</i>	1	Josh Smith	MAS	Danseys	29
	2	Tom Duffy	MAS	Danseys	25
	3	Jack Mathews-Dowd	Strath Taieri	Ridge	14
	4				