



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Dear Parents

Swim Week

This is on next week, **Monday 26th February – Friday 1st March.**

After a cold spell this week, the water temperatures will have dropped. If you think your child needs to wear a wetsuit, please send one along for them to wear.

Children need to bring swimming togs, 2 towels and goggles each day. If they have 2 pairs of togs, bring both please but this is not absolutely necessary. Also a swimming cap, if children have them. The Swim School does provide some swim caps.

Extra food during Swim Week would also be beneficial and plenty to drink.

Please note children in the **Sharks** and **Whales** groups can meet at the pool each morning at 8.50a.m. (ready to start at 9a.m.) and be collected from the pool at 2.50p.m. each day. We have organised the bus to come to the pool each day after school to collect bus children.

Because the funding of our swim week now comes from the Water Safety Council, the emphasis for all lessons is strongly on water safety.

A reminder that Junior Class children need to bring a car seat every day next week to enable them to be legally transported to the pool.

Swimming Sports

These have been set for **Thursday March 15th**, starting at 1.15p.m.

It is later than usual, because after our Swim Week, Maniototo Area School have their swim week and swimming sports.

Newsletter Correction

A correction to the last newsletter:-

A big thank you to:

Vaughan Dowling and **Mark McAuley**, who helped put up the tennis net.

Sorry I left you out last newsletter!!

PTA Meeting

Tuesday 27th February at 7.30p.m at school.

Apologies to Geraldine Dowling 0274859693

School Bank Account Numbers

Please see below the different account numbers that we have for school. Please make sure that you pay money into the right account.

St John's School Board of Trustees	03 0951 0066195 000
Camp Account	03 0951 0064739 000
Uniform Account	03 0951 0045351 000

Photo of School

At the end of 2017, the Dougherty Family, presented to our school, a great canvas aerial photo of the school. This photo was taken by Charles Dougherty with a drone. It is hanging in the office/foyer area for all to see. Please come and have a look anytime.

Start of year Stationery

A reminder that school stationery needs to be paid for a.s.a.p. Those still owing an amount will be sent a reminder account. Thank you.

Special Character Clipboard:



The theme for Lent 2018 is inspired by a quote from Suzanne Aubert: 'Let us go together'. We are personally called to go on a journey - with each other and with God. In the course of the journey we are changed and we change the world around us.

STOP IT - Me Kati



Give up something for 24 hours. Stop using electricity, technology, eating food, or something else you take for granted. Experience hardship like the world's poor endure daily. Through being sponsored in this act of solidarity, participants can experience going without.

We will be taking part in this Lenten project again this year, although the actual date has not been set yet. Could you begin to talk with your children about what they may give up for a 12 hour period – from 7am to 7pm. Last year we had some quite inventive ideas that were very meaningful for the children. The idea is to give something up that would actually be somewhat challenging for each child. More details to follow 😊

Junior Class News:

We have had a busy start to the year.

On Friday 9th February we had a visit from Snow White. We had read the story of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" during the week and as part of our oral language programme, Snow White visited and we asked her questions.

Here is a photo.



On Friday morning, 16th February, our monarch butterfly emerged out of its cocoon. We left it to dry its wings and get used to the world, before we let it fly off outside in the afternoon.



Middle Class News:

Monarch Butterflies

Please come in to the Middle Class to have a look at our Monster swan plant (thank you to Jamee Howell ☺) that is home to 7 of our 9 cocooned caterpillars. One other is still feeding on the plant and the other has chosen to hang in its cocoon underneath one of the class computer tables!! God's creatures are truly amazing and every morning there are many wee faces checking them all out! Everyone is welcome to drop in to have a look.



Online Learning

All members of the Middle Class have their own access to two great learning websites – www.mathletics.co.nz and www.literacyplanet.co.nz . One is to enhance our maths teaching and learning and the other is for literacy. Parents please encourage your children to spend time on these websites during their computer sessions at home. They both support the learning your children are doing at their own levels.

St John First Aid Workshop

On Monday we took part in an excellent workshop of First Aid activities including making an emergency call, identifying the Drs ABC, bandaging arms and legs, and practising how to put each other into the recovery position. (Thank you Ryan Crossan!) Following our session with Felicia, each of the Middle Class have been asked to fill in a fridge magnet with their address and phone number, so that they have it as reference if they need to ring 111. Children in the Middle Class should know both these pieces of information off by heart, so please help your children memorise these two important details.



Senior Class News:



Taking care of the little things, helps the big things take care of themselves.

Well we all go in the S.R and we do not have time to pause! There are lots of great things coming up, and interesting learning to be done in the next couple of months.

Looking ahead we have on

Swim Week – next week. Make sure you know when your child is swimming and if they need to go straight to the pool in the morning. Bus children that go via MAS to school have my permission to walk to the pool from there.

Tues 27th: Boys and Girls cricket in Weston and Dunedin (those involved know about this).

Mon 5th March: Our bike ride to Hyde (32.5km).

Thurs 15th March: Swimming Sports.

Friday 16th March: Walk Little Kyeburn.

Sunday 18th March: Taieri Primary Schools Equestrian event (those involved know about this).

Wed 21st March: Dunstan Zone Triathlon (information went home on Tuesday, please return to me by next Tuesday so we can form teams).

Thursday 29th March: Our goal day for our fitness goals we have set ourselves.

Wednesday 4th April: C.O Triathlon Champs.

Saturday 7th April: Otago Swimming Champs.

What a term!

Swimming

Our class swimming lessons have gone well, and thank you to the mums that popped in during the week to transport us to and from the pool in the rain. Having had one drenching while getting to the pool in week one was enough for us!

Each of the children chose a swimming challenge group to be in, and they have worked towards achieving these standards this week. Swimming in clothes was hard work! Everybody has improved his or her fitness as well as swimming technique. We are ready to take on swim week!

Hyde bike ride

Our bike ride is Monday 5th March, and the information that you need to know is included here. The distance is 32.5km, and travel guides estimate that this could take us 3.5 hours.

Bikes need to be at school that morning ready for an 8:50am bike check, or they can be dropped off the previous week and left in the school hall. Make sure the bike is in good riding condition – oiled chain, pumped up tyres, working brakes.

Children will need to carry a backpack with their food, water and spare clothing in it.

Gear list: You need to check this at home

- Wear comfortable sneakers, socks, shorts, top, and sweatshirt
- Pack a light jacket
- Pack a pair of trackpants or leggings
- Packed lunch and snacks
- Drink bottle (or more if needed)
- Bike helmet
- Children might like to wear a pair of sunglasses.

Biking the Rail Trail with us is: Ange Francis, Jo Dowling, Tracy Crossan, Trina Steele, Cheryl Cormack.

Our transport arrangements back to school from Hyde are: (29 bikes, 29 seats needed)

- a) Judy Hore with a horse float: Jo Dowling, Freddie, Jayson, Ella, Bianca, Maggie
- b) Danielle Paterson: Sage, Jeremy, Maia, Sandee
- c) Lauren Shaw: Bradley (extra bikes: Ange Francis, Luke, Paxtons)
- d) Gavin Crossan: Tracy, Hamish, Caleb
- e) Becky Bruhns: Grace, David, Jake, Emma
- f) Geraldine Dowling: Ange Francis, Trina Steele, Annie, Paxton, Alivia
- g) Cheryl Cormack: Mrs Duncan, Hannah, Briar, Jock, Luke
- h) Ben Kinney goes home from Hyde.

We are leaving St John's school at 9am. Can the parents picking us up please be at Hyde by noon at the latest – you are welcome to wait at Daisy Bank to see us go by. It is hard to predict an accurate time, so be prepared to relax and await our arrival! I was wondering if one of our travelling parents would be happy to meet us at Waipiata and Daisy Bank so we can refill our drink bottles? If you can, please contact me.

Finally I want to reiterate my quote at the top of our section. This is very true. The little things are being organised, returning notices, knowing what is coming up, presenting work neatly etc. These all make the bigger things slip into place easier.

Dykes Dam walk

This was great and we all really enjoyed it. The walkway was hot, the water was cool and we enjoyed learning about the history associated with the walkway, and being out and about in the beautiful Maniototo. Thank you to the accompanying parents, your support was appreciated.

Kind regards

Geraldine Duncan



Board of Trustees

-At our February meeting we welcomed Father Sani Lam and Father Gerard Anyesley.

Father Sani has been appointed to our Board as a Proprietor's representative (Bishop's rep).

-Susan presented the annual reporting requirements for the Ministry of Education, ie, Annual Plan 2018, Strategic Plan 2018 – 2020, Analysis of Variance report 2017, Targets 2018.

-The Board reviewed our school policy on "Home Learning". It is on the Schooldocs website for parents to also look at and give feedback on, if you wish to.

A reminder on how to do this below:

Go into the website: www.schooldocs.co.nz

Then search the school tab to find St Johns School Ranfurly

Enter sjr as the user name, and sjr as the password.

Notices and Dates:

Week 5	Monday 26 th Feb – Friday 2 nd March	Swim Week
Week 6	Monday 5 th March	Senior Class – Ride to Hyde
Week 7	Thursday 15 th March	Swimming Sports
	Friday 16 th March	Senior Class – Walk Little Kyeburn
Week 8	Wednesday 21 st March	Central Otago Triathlon





WANT A CHANCE FOR RICHIE MCCAOW TO LAND AT YOUR SCHOOL?

The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is turning 5! To mark the big occasion, Richie is helping Fonterra and its farmers make a special milk delivery to four lucky primary schools, by helicopter. Nominate your local school, tell us why he should land there and he could be on his way.

ENTER NOW AT RICHIESMILKRUN.CO.NZ

Terms and conditions apply. For safety, Richie will bring regular size milk packs.

