

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Welcome

We welcome new 5 year olds, Kaylah McAuley and Xavier Love, and their family to St John's School.

Concert with Father Chris Skinner

On **Tuesday, 26th June** at 10.30a.m Fr Chris Skinner will be performing a concert for us in one of the classrooms at school. Fr Chris is well-known for his songs, particularly his Anzac song "Sons of Gallipoli". We look forward to having him here in Ranfurly.

Ice-skating

On **Tuesday 26 June from 1.15p.m. – 2.30p.m.** the **Junior and Middle Classes** will be going ice-skating. We will leave school at 1p.m. and return at approximately 2.45p.m.

Could you please fill out the form attached and return it to school by Thursday 21st June.

If you are able to provide transport for children, please make sure that we have a copy of your drivers licence. (Just come and ask if unsure). If we don't, please come in and someone will copy it for you.

Please note that all children under 7 years old must use an approved car seat when being transported. This means that children who are not travelling with their own parents, must bring a car seat to school on this day.

Children can wear mufti to school on this day but they will need to wear warm clothes and bring a jacket, warm hat, gloves and waterproof trousers (if possible). Long socks are also a good idea for wearing under ice skating boots.

This year the Junior Class children are to bring a helmet to wear please (a bike helmet is fine). For Middle Class helmets are optional.

The cost of skating with our school is \$7, however the PTA have generously agreed to subsidise this cost and we ask children to bring \$5 each, by Wednesday 20th June, please.

Please let us know if you hold a season pass, as there is not charge.

School Assembly

Parents and extended family are invited to an assembly, celebrating and showing work done during the term. This will be held on: **Friday 29th June at 1.30p.m. in the hall.**

Reports and Portfolios

These will be given out on **Friday 29th June**. A reminder that portfolios must be returned to school but reports can be kept.

(NB Junior Class reports and portfolios were given out today).

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These are being held on **Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July**. A timetable will be sent out.

(NB Junior Class interviews are on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th June. A timetable has been sent home).

End of Term

Term 2 ends on Friday 6th July and Term 3 begins on Monday 23rd July

Last newsletter

This will be the last newsletter for Term 2.

Any further notices will be sent out separately.

Special Character Clipboard:

Suzanne Aubert

In "Focus Time" children recently revised learning about Suzanne Aubert, who is to become New Zealand's first saint. Suzanne Aubert or Mother Aubert, as she became known, came from France and started a home for orphans and the under-privileged in Jerusalem, New Zealand on the Whanganui River in 1885. She founded the religious order called the Sisters of Compassion. Suzanne started 2 hospitals in Wellington and was involved in many works of charity, including in medicine.

Catholic Special Character Review Report

We received our report recently after a 2 day visit from two reviewers. Attached is a copy of the General Comment page from the report. The full report will be available on the school website www.sjr.school.nz or a hard copy is available at school.

St John the Baptist Feastday – School Mass

A reminder that everyone is invited to come and celebrate St John the Baptist's Feastday on **Sunday 24th June at the 4p.m. Mass**.

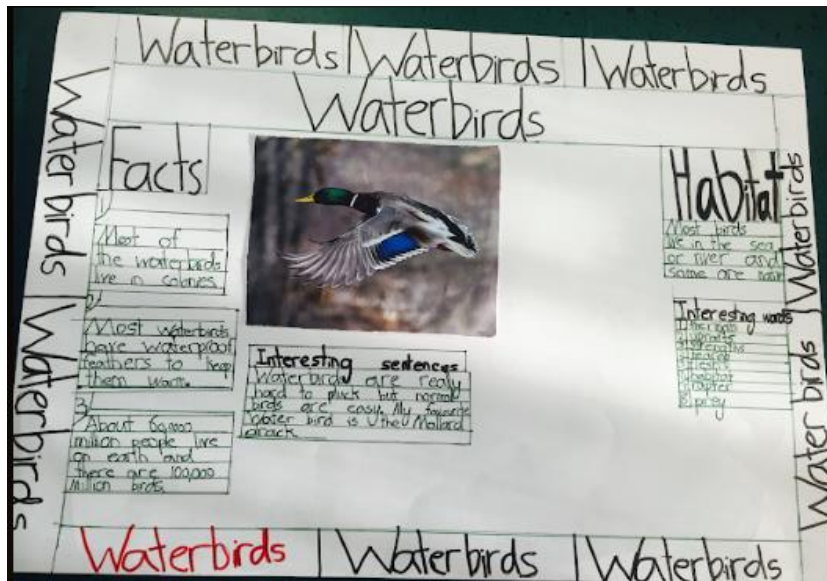
Notices were to be returned to school by Friday 15th June so if you have not done this already please return this on Monday, thank you.

Junior Class News:

Here are some photos of the Junior Class children participating in "On Your Marks" fundamental movement skill development with Greta Mason, from Sport Central Otago, on Monday 11th June. In this session we were practising jumping and landing.



Middle Class News:



Please hunt high and low at home we are missing a few reading books.

Elliot Greer's own choice writing.

Ghostly!

I'm Peter and I work at a mannaquin factory. I work there as a night guard. Sometimes I get scared. It's only when I hear a strange cry that is not from a human. There is something scary about a fake person being hollow on the inside that it sends a chill down my spine. It is trying to say "help me", I am sure of it. The voice is coming from the staunch steps leading to the basement. I heard again "Help Me!". I decided to go down. I gasped as I turned the key to open the door, click went the door. O wait it is all just a bad dream!

I have changed reading groups around to ensure that I am meeting the needs of all children. In turn there are now more reading groups. I am looking for parent and/or grandparent help on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11.10am to 11.45am to help me see all reading groups. If you are able to help, please send a note stating dates for the remainder of the term that you are able to help!

Thanks for your continued support parents!

Senior Class News:



“Don’t let the world change your smile, let your smile change the world”

Bigger and Better’ Farm Trip

Thank you for returning the travel slips. The outline for the day is ...

Date: Tuesday 19th June (next Tuesday)

Wear: Mufti suitable for being in sheep yards (gumboots / old shoes, long trousers, sweatshirt, jacket, hat)

Bring: A packed lunch that does not require heating, a drink bottle.

Drivers please meet at school at 10.45am and come into the Senior Room.

We will have a talk about the expectations for the trip and safety - the adults need to be present for this.

Adults that have offered to come on the trip are:

Phyllicia Jorgensen, Jamee Howell, Ryan Dowling, David Kinney, Janine McIntyre, Phil Dowling, Mark Paterson, Cheryl Cormack.

As you can see we have a generous amount of people so if you find that you need to change your mind on this let me know, as we have plenty of transport options.

Thank you :)

Young Vinnies

The class has gone through the process of voting for our Executive. The leaders are:

President: Hannah

Vice-president: Briar

Secretary: Sandee

Treasurer: Maggie

Prayer leader: Annie

The have already had two meetings and have decided on the following projects:

1. Finding a buddy in Ranfurly that we will contact and send a care package too
2. Visiting the Chalet and spending time with the folk there
3. Holding a Bingo afternoon
4. Sending support cards to farmers affected by m.bovis
5. Helping the elderly in our community in some way.

If you have ideas to help support us with these activities, please get in touch with me.

Spelling Quiz

Was held in Cromwell on Wednesday night and we had four teams competing:

Year 5/6: Annie, Grace, Alivia
Year 7/ 8: Briar, Hannah, Sandee
Freddie, Sage, Jock
Ella, Maia, Bradley.

Thank you to the wonderful parent supporters who helped out.

Exercise Goal:

In the last week of the term everyone in our class will be running between 3 – 6km. Please support your child as they work towards this goal.

PAL – Year 8 Physical activity Leaders

The super year 8 group is going to running two lunchtime sessions a week based around getting school members active. On a Tuesday there will be a Running Club and on Thursday a Games Club. These will be fun and any child is welcome to join in.

Rippa Rugby

This tournament is being held next Thursday the 21st in Alexandra. A notice was sent home yesterday with the details. Any children not attending this come to school as normal.

Thank you everyone for your continued support to your wonderful children in all that they do. The class is in a great 'place' at the moment and are all working hard, enjoying each others company and feeling happy. School is a good place to be!

Kind regards

Mrs. Duncan.

Board of Trustees

*At our June meeting Susan presented a curriculum report on "Technology" to the Board.

*Eric Fetalver resigned as a Proprietor's Representative due to work commitments. We would like to thank Eric for the time he gave to this role on our Board.

Notices and Dates:

Week 7	Friday 15 th June	Junior Class Portfolios & Reports given out
Week 8	Tuesday 19 th June	“Bigger & Better” farm trip for Senior Class
		Junior Class Interviews
	Wednesday 20 th June	Junior Class Interviews
	Thursday 21 st June	Rippa Rugby Tournament in Alexandra
	Friday 22 nd June	Rippa Rugby Tournament in Alexandra – Postponement Date
	Sunday 24 th June	School Mass – 4pm St John the Baptist feastday
Week 9	Tuesday 26 th June	Concert with Fr Chris Skinner
	Tuesday 26 th June	Ice skating for Junior & Middle Class 1.15-2.30pm
	Friday 29 th June	School Assembly 1.30pm
	Friday 29 th June	Reports & Portfolios sent home
Week 10	Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th July	Parent/Teacher interviews
	Friday 6 th July	Last day of Term 2



St John's Catholic School, Ranfurly, is a hidden gem in the Maniototo. From the moment you enter the school, it is very obvious that this is not just a school, but a sacred place where people are highly valued, trusted and respected and where following Jesus is a way of life.

St John's is a welcoming place with a serene, calm and purposeful atmosphere. There is a strong sense of belonging. In the displays in the foyer and school passageways, there are significant reminders of all aspects of the school's Special Catholic Character.

The Focus Assembly-our Special Character in Action- (held each Monday morning) has been identified by the students and teachers as one of the most significant times in the week.

Pastoral Care is a way of life and includes both school and parish.

The children are engaged and feel safe in their learning. They are confident in themselves. They can articulate their learning and are very supportive and understanding of each other, recognising that everyone learns in different ways and that it is a good thing to receive additional help when needed. There is a family atmosphere where children help and include each other.

The school is led very well by the Principal and DRS, with staff working collaboratively as a highly functioning team. Teachers are committed and dedicated, willing to learn and grow. They recognise and use each other's strengths. They live and model the school's values. Everyone working in the school places high value on Special Catholic Character.

Parents are very supportive of the school and many go out of their way to support the children and their teachers, particularly with transport and supervision for events outside the school in which the children are involved and by becoming involved in events and activities at the school.

The Board of Trustees has capable leadership working with a team of experienced and new trustees. A priest has recently been appointed to the Board by the Proprietor, and this contribution is appreciated. The PTA group is very dedicated and recently completed a large project which has enabled the school to have a multi-sport turf. They are also very proactive in pastoral care in the school and parish community.

The contribution of the priests from Mercy Parish in Dunedin, and formerly from Alexandra, is appreciated by the Principal, Director of Religious Studies, teachers and children, enabling regular celebration of Mass and the sacraments, support for the teachers, children and families and opportunities for the children to get to know them.

The Proprietor can be assured that St John's School has demonstrated that the Special Catholic Character is instantly recognisable and a lived reality. The school is "creating confident, compassionate and resilient learners, who reflect their school's Mercy Charism and the teachings of Jesus".

Ice-Skating

I am able to help with transport & supervision at ice-skating on Tuesday
26th June from 1.15 – 2.45pm.

I can take children in my vehicle, including my own.

Name: _____

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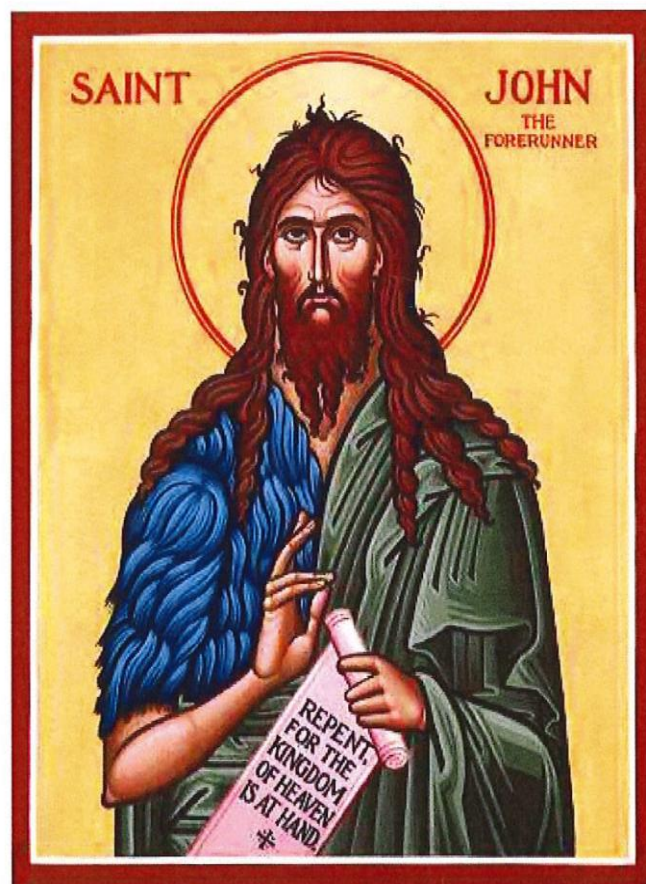
Parents helping with transport need to provide us with a current copy of their driver's
licence.

You are invited to join us
to celebrate the Feast Day of

St John the Baptist

at the Parish Mass
on

Sunday 24th June
4pm





PDP

Year 7 & 8 Player Development Programme



4 v 4



5 v 5



6 v 6



7 v 7

Mother Earth futureFERNs



7 v 7

Muffin Break PDP

An extension opportunity to develop and extend players technical, tactical and athlete development skills.

Players will learn:

- Physical Skills
- Tactical Development
- Neuromuscular Development
- Stage Specific Strength activities



WHEN: A two day live-in camp from 10.00am on

Thursday 12th July until 3.00pm on Friday 13th July

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REGISTER HERE: www.sporty.co.nz/centralotagonetball

then click on the Muffin Break Year 7&8 PDP tab

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