

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Welcome

We welcome new 5 year old, Isla Jeffries to St John's School on the 27th August.

Elgregoe (magician) Show

We will be going to El Gregoe the magician at Maniototo Area School on **Wednesday 22 August** for an afternoon show. El Gregoe's show includes magic as well as messages about treating other people with respect.

The PTA have kindly agreed to pay the total cost for all our children to attend this, so thank you to them.

We will be walking to Maniototo Area School after lunch and children can be collected from here or catch their bus at 2.50p.m. Parents picking children up should park in the MAS gymnasium carpark.

Mrs Duncan will be supervising children in this area and Mrs Hazlett will supervise bus children and get them to bus areas.

Cross Country

This is on **Tuesday 28th August** at the Maniototo Stadium beginning at 12.30p.m. The cross country will be followed by a prize-giving.

In the event of bad weather, the cross-country postponement notice will be on the school website www.sjr.school.nz or on the Burn radio station.

The postponement date is Thursday 30th August.

We will be joining Maniototo Area School and Strath Taieri School for this event.

We will have an early lunch at 11.15a.m. and then walk to the stadium grounds. Children will take their bags to the stadium. Please let your class teacher know if you take your child early from this event.

Children need to wear:

*trackpants/shorts

*shoes suitable for running

*school sports shirts (these will be given out to children at the end of next week)

Children will need to bring plenty to drink and a snack to have after the run.

Please do not park or drive on the grass areas at the stadium. This is an expectation from the council. Please use the car park. Thank you.

Confirmation

13 children are participating in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be officiated by Bishop Michael Dooley on **Sunday 26th August** at 4p.m, Mass. Everyone is welcome to come along to this.

A special congratulations to:

Hayley Barroga, Fred Dowling, Mac Dowling, Tom Dowling, Shannlee Fetalver, Elliot Greer, Alyssa Janerol, Chloe McAuley, Hamish McIntyre, Paige Smith, Tessa Steele, Logan Suddaby and Eddie Weir.

“The Woolshed”

We have a container called “The Woolshed” coming to school for a week from the 27th – 31st August. We imagine that it will be similar to the Life Education Trust mobile classroom. It contains displays, information and hands on resources about wool, for children. All classes will be timetabled to visit and look through this at various times during the week.

PTA Cheese Rolls

A huge thank you to the PTA and parent helpers who made themselves available to organise and make a massive number of cheese rolls on Sunday 5th August. It was a huge effort and as the saying goes “many hands makes light work”.

Here are some photos of an action packed day.



Daffodil Day

We will be having a “**Yellow Mufti Day**” on Friday 31st August for Daffodil Day, which raises money nationwide for the NZ Cancer Society.

Children can wear yellow clothes or mufti and bring along a gold coin donation. We will just try and make a daffodil trail out of the coins.

Special Character Clipboard:

Week 5 20th August

21st St Bernard

22nd St Pius

22nd Queenship of Mary

24th St Bartholomew



Who was St Bernard? And what has it got to do with dogs?

Saint Bernard (1090-1153) was a clever and Holy man who guided many princes, popes and holy people and helped them in their faith. He founded an order of monks that grew to have many monasteries. These were known as Cistercian monasteries.

There was a monastery high up in the Swiss mountains on the St Bernard's Pass, it was called the monastery of St Bernard. It was a hospice for the sick and injured. At that monastery they had dogs that turned out to be very good at rescuing people in the snow and ice. They were named St Bernard's. But guess what? This monastery was named after a different St Bernard! St Bernard of Menthon (923 – 1008). He started this monastery for travellers.

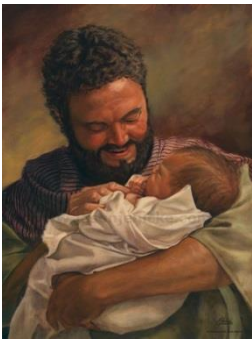
Week 6 27th August

27th St Monica

28th St Augustine

29th The Passion of John the Baptist

2nd September Father Day



Father's Day is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 ([St. Joseph's Day](#)) since the [Middle Ages](#). St Joseph being the foster father of Jesus.

Father's Day in New Zealand is a special day to recognise and celebrate the role fathers play in our life. Whether it's your Dad, step-Dad, foster Dad or just a special father figure who has helped you along the way, Father's Day in NZ is your chance to say 'Thank You'.

Junior Class News:

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who visited our class on Tuesday 14th August to see Maths in action. The children enjoyed showing you their work and what they were learning.

Here are some photos from the Junior and Middle Class skating trip on Friday 27th July.



Middle Class News:

Some Texts from Boys Writing Club with Mrs Hazlett

Goat Hunting

Logan, Dad and I went shooting up the hill.

I shot the biggest goat with dad's rifle. We then saw 24 goats and they were jumping the fences! Dad sprinted after the goats and shot the last goat.

We walked back down the hill, then Logan and I skinned the goat and put it into the freezer.

Eddie Weir



Massive Fish

I was happy when I went fishing with Dad at Kokonga River.

I caught a massive fish and Dad helped wind in the line. The fish weighed 2lb, it was a river trout. Dad had to get the hook out of the mouth, gross!

When we were driving home I said, "Hopefully we can eat the trout for tea". Dad said, "Yum! Fish and chips".

Logan Suddaby

Shooting A Monster

Dad and I were driving back from Ranfurly, suddenly Dad got a message on his phone. The message said, "Would Ben be interested in a hunting competition on Home Block"? Dad said, "Yes, Ben would love to". Token said to me, "Ready to win a competition?" On Home Block we shot two small spikers with Token's rifle. That was all we got.

Token took one spiker back to the competition. I hope he comes first and wins! I took one spiker home and put it in the freezer.

Ben Gibson

Storm Dragon

The King of all dragons, Fang, bit me on the arm. My back started to grow wings and I turned into a storm dragon. My name is Storm Bringer.

I can spit electricity and make baddies pass out and then put the baddies in dragon jail. I am a good dragon. BUT then, back came Fang! He wanted a battle. He kept on doing his best moves but then I used my best shot and I won the battle. I am now the King of all the dragons.

Tom Dowling

Time Machine

I was testing a time machine when suddenly I was taken to dinosaur land.

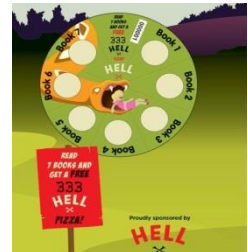
I saw a 20-foot high Spinosaurus and it was attacking an Ankylosaur.

The Ankylosaur was trying to run but the Spinosaurus had sunk its teeth into the Ankylosaur's neck. The Ankylosaur just managed to scare away the Spinosaurus by whacking him with his tail. I quickly ran back to the time machine and transported myself home. Next time I use a time machine I'll be a bit more careful!

Mac Dowling

Hell Pizza Reading Challenge

Don't forget to keep bringing your books in to be checked off your Hell Pizza Reading Challenge Disc. When the disc is filled, you are able to get a free Hell's Pizza to enjoy 😊



Senior Class News:



We are at the end of week 4! My goodness, this term has gathered speed and taken off at pace. We have so many great things happening, this week alone we have been curling, whipped around the cross country course, attended a maths competition and been skiing. It is a big effort getting all these things sorted but well worthwhile. To keep things running smoothly please return notices before or on the day they are due, as I am unable to spend time chasing them up. The due date is related to me sometimes having to have entries into other people that are running events and also because I have a timeline that I have to follow with my paperwork so that it can be approved for us to go and do whatever the notice is about. Your help with the notices that come home would be greatly appreciated.

Mathletics:

We have more Gold certificates recipients - 20 weeks of achieving 1000 or more points. Congratulations to Jeremy, Jake, Emma and Ryan - what an achievement. We now have 19 of our 26 children who have reached this award.

Extra! Newspaper search book award - Congratulations to Ella Gibson who won a book in the latest competition. Her book is called Good Dog by Dan Gemeinhart. It looks great and books are such a special gift to receive. Enjoy your reading Ella.

Missing COEC library item: We are missing a book called The Alien Files from a set called Brainwaves Books. If you have this at your house, can you please send it into school. Thank you.

Young Vinnies

The Young Vinnies held their Bingo afternoon last Tuesday afternoon. We had a small group of visitors and they all managed to take away a Kyeburn River stone that was painted by the children. Thank you to Alivia and her Dad for collecting these for us.

We also had a scratchie raffle operating but did not get many raffle tickets sold. If you would like a ticket please send \$2 along with your child and they can come and see me, and I'll make sure your name goes into the raffle book of numbers.

We have received a card and a letter from people that have received our M.bovis cards - along with the card came two fantastic books on animals and the ocean. We feel lucky to have our kind deeds recognised.

The Wool Shed

On Monday the 27th August we have a shipping container arriving at school that is called 'The Wool Shed'. This is a container that educates children about how wool is made, processing wool, the properties of wool, innovative ideas and futures for wool. Did you know that NZ wool is used in the tennis balls at the famous Wimbledon tennis tournament in London! We have this container for a week and would like to invite you to come in and have a look if you are interested, as each class will be visiting this and so your child will be talking about its contents at home. We will have the container open for you on Wednesday 29th August from 1.45-1.15pm.

Central Otago Hockey Representatives

St John's School has many happy hockey players that have been selected for representative teams.

They are

Year 5 / 6: Annie Dowling, Paxton Francis, Alivia Steele, Toby Duncan, Ryan Crossan

Development Boys and Girls: Maggie Dowling, Jock Duncan, Hamish Crossan, Ben Kinney

Collier Girls: Briar Duncan, Hannah Cormack, Ella Gibson.

Congratulations children and best of luck for your campaigns. Enjoy the experience of playing great hockey and making new friends around the country.

PAL (Physical Activity Leaders) Fun Run

Keep this date free - Tuesday 25th September. The Year 8 PAL children are planning a fun activity for the whole school for the afternoon that will include running, crawling, throwing and getting a bit wet. More information to come soon - and parents they will need your help at the stations along the Fun Run please. This is sure to be an entertaining afternoon. The children will be sending out their own information sheet over the next few weeks.

NZ Book Awards

On Friday 3rd August the year 5 and 6 children attended a writers workshop hosted in conjunction with the NZ Book Awards. Annie's recount of the day is included for your interest. All of the year 6 children wrote an interesting recount and could bring these home to share with their parents if you are interested. The childrens art work is also on display down in the foyer of the bathroom - it is very impressive.

One of the authors that presented to us won the Picture Book category with her book 'I am Jellyfish' by Ruth Paul. This was a great day out and thanks to the parents who attended with us.

Cross - Country

The training is going well. We are on track for a good afternoon at the event on Tuesday 28th (postponement day Thursday 30th). The children will be waiting around as a group until our events, so they need to have warm clothes with them as it could be cold. Please send along plenty of food for after our race and remember a drink bottle.

Community of Learning Maths Competition

Yesterday we had two teams head away to this event. They really enjoyed the experience and came back with lots of comments - one being that the runner had to sprint! Thanks for the parents that supported the children at this. We look forward to the next event and will be able to utilise the knowledge that we have from this years' experience.

Thank you

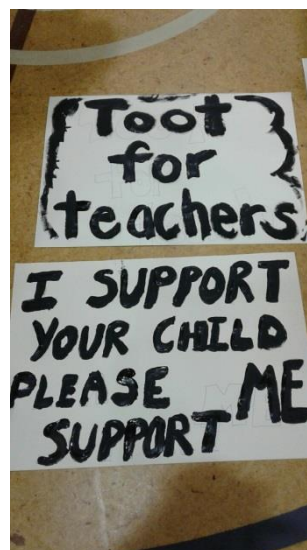
Geraldine Duncan

Teachers and Principal's Take Action

On Wednesday 15th August, Mrs Mulholland, Mrs Hazlett, Mrs Duncan and Mrs M participated in the Alexandra Strike March with fellow NZEI members. They joined at least 50 other teachers from around Central Otago, who stood outside Pioneer Park with banners and signs (see below!) It was wonderful to hear the tooting horns of passers-by who supported the strike.



Our Hand-Made Banners



Our writers workshop and art gallery fun!

Last Friday the year 5 & 6 students went on a trip to Dunedin. We went to the NZ Book Awards and visited the Public Art Gallery.

At the NZ Book Awards we met Stacey Gregg and Ruth Paul. Ruth Paul is an author of children's picture books and has written books like 'Stomp'. She is 56 years old and living in Wellington, Ruth is a writer and illustrator. She says "When illustrating you start with a thumbnail then work your way up". Ruth is a great author for little kids! Next we went to Stacey Gregg who writes books about horses and some of them are true stories. She has got two different pony series, they are 'Pony Club Secrets' and 'Pony Club Rivals' and they are both great series. Stacey is an amazing storyteller and has travelled the world for her stories. I also love Stacey Greggs books. The workshop was great and really interesting.

Next we went the Dunedin Public Art Gallery and we had a tour guide called John Neumegen who took us around the gallery. The paintings we focused on were self portraits and emotions. It was really interesting to look closely at the paintings and once we looked at them we could tell who was expressing emotion and who was not. Then we went to the classroom (which is really just an art room) and painted portraits using the Vincent van Gogh brush style, we had to mix lots of colours that we wouldn't normally use at school.

Overall it was a great day out and I would love to do it again!

By Annie Dowling

Board of Trustees

*At our recent August meeting Susan presented a curriculum report to the Board on Reading.

*The Board looked at, discussed and reviewed 4 policies on:

- Complaints
- Guidelines for Informal Complaints
- Formal Complaints
- Investigate a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation

If you are interested in reading and reviewing these, you can:

1. Log onto www.schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click Search for your school.
3. Start typing the school name and then select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the community username and password: sjr sjr
5. Put the name of the policy in the search section and it should come up for you to read.
6. Select your role (board member, staff member or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments

*Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 11th September at 7p.m.

Notices and Dates:

Week 5	Wednesday 22 nd August	Elgregoe Show at M.A.S
	Sunday 26 th August	Confirmation 4.00pm
Week 6	Tuesday 28 th August	Cross Country
	Thursday 30 th August	Cross Country Postponement
	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st August	“The Woolshed” container at school
	Friday 31 st August	Daffodil Day
Week 7	Monday 3 rd Sept	Curling – Middle & Senior
Week 8	Monday 10 th Sept	Curling – Middle & Senior
	Tuesday 11 th Sept	BOT meeting 7pm
	Friday 14 th Sept	Otago Cross Country



You Are Invited
to share in the celebration
of
The Sacrament of Confirmation



with Bishop Michael Dooley
at the
Sacred Heart Church, Ranfurly
on
Sunday 26th August at 4pm
Shared afternoon tea to follow.
Please bring a plate.