

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Buses

A reminder from the bus controller, Kelvin Robertson, that anyone needing to travel on a different bus **must** contact him at the Maniototo Area School Office to gain permission. The same applies to anyone wanting to travel on a bus who doesn't normally - you must get permission from Mr Robertson. This is due to some of the buses getting near to full capacity. Thank you.

Cross-country results

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the Maniototo cross-country last Tuesday. Everyone participated and did their best - well done.

Attached is a list of results.

A special congratulations to the following children who qualified for the Otago cross-country in Dunedin on Friday 14th September:

Toby Duncan, Ryan Crossan, Billy Watson, Georgia Elworthy, Annie Dowling, Sage Paterson, Jock Duncan, Ella Gibson, Ben Kinney, Hannah Cormack and Briar Duncan.

Also a special congratulations to Hannah Cormack who set a new cross-country record for Year 8 girls. Hannah ran approximately 2 kilometres in a time of 10 minutes 17 seconds. Well done, Hannah!

Extra Quiz

Well done to all the teams who participated in the Extra quiz in Cromwell on Wednesday evening. It sounds like you had a lot of fun. A special congratulations to the winners of the Year 7 & 8 quiz:

Jock Duncan Freddie Hore Maia Macdonald

Great work. We felt very proud of all the teams and their efforts.

Dental Health Service

Letter from District Oral Health attached.

End of Term

The end of term 3 is approaching quickly. School finishes on **Friday 28th September** and Term 4 begins on **Monday 15th October**.

Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone for their contribution to the Cancer Society's fundraiser on Daffodil Day. We raised \$123.00.



Surprise afternoon tea

On **Wednesday 19th September** at 10.15am in the hall, everyone is invited to come along and share morning tea with us as we celebrate Mrs Hazlett teaching at St John's School for 25 years. Please do not mention this to her as we would like to keep it a surprise!

We ask each family to provide a plate of something yummy for afternoon tea. Thank you.

Special Character Clipboard:

Congratulations to the children below, who recently celebrated the Sacrament of **Confirmation**, and their parents who helped me to prepare them. Bishop Michael Dooley and Father Gerard Aynsley enjoyed spending time with everyone at the afternoon tea after mass. Thank you to Shona McCloy and Sylvia Carson for organising the drinks for us all.



These children will all receive their **First Holy Communion** on **Sunday 25th November at 2pm**. Please keep them all in your prayers, and put this date on your calendars so that you can come and share their happy day! 😊

Week 7 3rd September
3rd St Gregory the Great
8th The Nativity of Mary

This week we can say happy birthday to Mary and Celebrate her birth. Through Mary and her parents, we were sent a saviour in Jesus. **Happy Birthday** Mary.



In New Zealand we can take time to think of all those affected by disaster. **The 4th of September** is the anniversary of three disasters in New Zealand that affected those in the air, on the sea and on land. The ship wreck of the Delaware (1863) the first Earthquake in Christchurch (2010) and the tragic loss of nine lives in a plane crash at Fox Glacier (2010). We pray for all those in today's world who suffer loss and grieve after a natural disaster and tragedy. May Mary be with the suffering and may God guide them to peace.

Mercy Day – Monday 24th September (Week 10)

Our school has been invited by St Gerard's School in Alexandra to visit with them to celebrate Mercy Day together. The timetable for the day is as follows:

- *Leave school at 9am and travel to Alexandra by car
- *Attend a welcome ceremony and reply with a waiata
- *Share morning tea time together
- *Attend a mass from 11 – 12 noon
- *Organised games from 12 – 12.45pm
- *Lunch – Sausages, ice block and cake available
- *Leave Alexandra at approximately 1.30pm to allow time to return to Ranfurly in time for buses



A notice asking for parents to help with transport will be sent home next week.

Junior Class News:

On Your Marks

We have one more session of "On Your Marks" this term. We have learnt some great games involving dodging, hopping and jumping. Here are some photos of a hopping game we played. The person in the middle is a Samurai warrior and had to stop the "hoppers" from getting the treasure (balls). Great fun!



Missing polar fleece

We are missing a school polar fleece belonging to Arthur Elworthy. The name on his fleece says Phoebe Hore. Could Junior Class parents please check children's fleeces to see if anyone has this. We have a spare one in the class with no name or size on it which seems to belong to no one. It is a fairly new polar fleece. If you think it belongs to your child please get them to take it. Please ensure clothes are named somewhere as it causes a lot of frustration and time wasting when we are trying to find clothing or an owner for clothing!

Middle Class News:

As usual it has been busy in the middle class.

We have been learning about the effects of plastic and how it is a disaster. We have been learning some ways in which we can avoid using so much plastic in our everyday life.

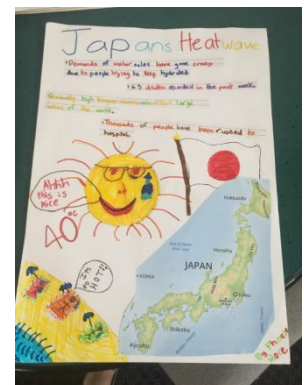


We have begun our artist study, we are studying Randal Leach and his work. The year 5 children who went to Dunedin would have seen some of his amazing work at the Dunedin Public Art Gallery.

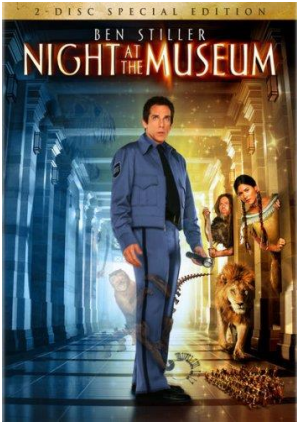
I have continued to be impressed by the quality of extra for experts handed in. I would love to see some more children having a go at extra for experts even if it is not each week, as I am aware you all have busy lives.



The children all enjoyed creating their father's day poem, we hope all father's enjoyed reading their poem.



Middle Class Night at the Museum



The children and teachers (Mrs M and Miss Flintoff) will be spending the night at the Otago Museum in Dunedin on Wednesday 24th October. We plan on travelling to town earlier in that day, and returning to Ranfurly by 3pm on Thursday 25th October. A notice with more information and asking for parent support and participation, will be sent home next week.

Senior Class News:



Stay Positive.

Mathletics Gold Certificates:

We only have one child left to reach 20 certificates - well done everyone who has already reached this goal. Quite a few of the class are getting towards reaching 30! A show of great commitment to your homework and classwork.

Cross Country

It was a brisk day down at the Stadium for the cross country but it did not slow the senior room children down. Everyone tried their best and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and finished feeling very proud of themselves.

Congratulations to Hannah who set a new course record for the Year 8 girls event - well done Hannah. Such a great achievement.

Good luck to Hannah, Briar, Ben, Jock, Sage, Ella, Annie and Toby who are representing Maniototo at the Otago Cross Country next Friday. Best of luck with your training and the event children.

Young Vinnies update:

Last term we wrote letters to the farmers affected by the Mycoplasma Bovis and visited the Chalet. Both projects were a success, we received two books and letters from a couple of farmers but we are unsure of one of the senders. The afternoon at the Chalet was a great way to spend time with the elderly.

Earlier this term we had a bingo afternoon in the hall but the turnout wasn't great as there was a funeral on. We had fun and they liked the rocks we painted for the prizes. Unfortunately, we have only sold 46 of the 100 tickets for the raffle so we sent a notice home about selling the rest of them, please support us in this.

We were also invited to attend the open day tour of the new Maniototo Hospital as we donated money to this project last year. We really enjoyed this and were amazed at how big the rooms were. We still have one upcoming project which is care packages for the elderly around Ranfurly, if you know someone who might need a smile on their face and a little love and attention, let us know. The care packages will contain a note, bookmarks and some small baking (not muffins) which we need your help with. We sent a notice home about this on Tuesday.

Kind Regards,
The Young Vinnies

Central Otago Current Events Quiz

This was held on Wednesday night in Cromwell and we had three teams competing at the year 7 and 8 level, and one at year 5 and 6.

The winning year 7 and 8 team has a rundown to share with us.



The Extra! Current Events Quiz

On Wednesday the 5th of September we went to the Extra! current events quiz in Cromwell, there were 47 teams in the year 7 and 8 section, and 40 in the year 5 and 6 section. We entered one team in the year five and six and three in the year seven and eight. There were ten rounds, to do with mapping, countries, politics, famous people and the very dreaded newspaper search. When they told us the results after the sixth round we were coming second and after the eighth round we were coming first! Then after the next two rounds we thought we had dropped because we got a few wrong, we were really surprised when we were called up in first place in the end. We all each received a gold medal, a gift voucher and a plaque for the school to keep! We all really enjoyed working together and participating in the extra quiz and we can't wait until next year so we can go back and defend our title!

Freddie, Jock and Maia.

Elgregoe Magician and Ventriloquist

We visited Elgregoe at MAS recently and enjoyed his show. Freddie was a very helpful audience participant as you will see in this photo!

Elgregoe shared an anti bullying message with us in a humorous and magical way which had us all oohing and ahing in amazement.

The children have the opportunity to create an anti-bullying poster or poem that they think can make a difference in a school. This competition has a prize package with it that includes items for the child and the school. So let's get creating children and see what we can come up with.



Curling

Thank you very much to parents that have helped out with transport for this. We have a tournament coming up on **Monday 17th September** (week 9) and the year 5 - 8 children will be attending this. The tournament runs from 10-2.30pm and I will need help with transport to and from the curling rink. A letter regarding this will come home next week.

Last Thursday some children went to the closing ceremony of the Winter Games. Here is a photo of them with some of the NZ representatives. Your children could be these people one day, as they started their career in curling off with Kiwi Sport Curling lessons also!



The Wool Shed

Wool Shed follow up activities

The Senior Room are investigating wool after our experience with the Wool Shed (the big container that was at school) last week. We learnt about how wool is made, greasy wool, dyeing, scouring, carding and spinning wool. We also learnt about felted yarn which is a wool product. We learnt about 'Bound by Eight' which is a brand made by a NZ designer who made woollen shoes without using glue and by hand. We also learnt that wool is safe, fireproof and warm. Wool is renewable, sustainable and natural which makes it an amazing product.

We are interested in trying to make rats tails, knit with knitting needles and finger knitting. We are looking for parents that know how to do these skills and that are able to come in during school hours to our classroom. We are happy to work around when you are able to help. If you are able to come in please contact Mrs Duncan on geraldine@sjr.school.nz.

By Grace

Burying synthetic and wool clothes

We are looking at burying synthetic and wool clothes to see which one breaks down the fastest. We would like to have a donation of an old wool jersey that is no longer needed and an old synthetic top (like a school fleece) if possible and also people that are willing to come in and dig a hole big enough to bury the two items of clothes in.

This event will happen on **Wednesday 19th September** at 10am so we would need the items before then and the holes dug before then.

We plan to dig the items up at the end of the year for a look and probably again some time next year to compare the breakdown.

If you are willing to help please contact Geraldine Duncan by email on geraldine@sjr.school.nz

Thank you
From Bradley

Clover the hare

For a couple of weeks we had a baby hare with us in class and her name was Clover. She was great and the children enjoyed watching her grow, caring for her and being responsible for a baby animal. Unfortunately Clover was picked up from a classroom at MAS while we were at the hockey breakup and taken to someone else's house where she died. This was upsetting for all the children and we have spent time talking this through. Your children are very caring. Yesterday we had two miniature lop eared rabbits given to us as a replacement which was very kind. Come in and meet them at some stage.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Geraldine Duncan.

Board of Trustees

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

Notices and Dates:

Week 8	Monday 10 th Sept	Curling – Middle & Senior
	Tuesday 11 th Sept	BOT meeting 7pm
	Wednesday 12 th Sept	P.T.A AGM 7.30pm
	Friday 14 th Sept	Otago Cross Country
Week 9	Monday 17 th Sept	Curling Tournament
Week 10	Monday 24 th Sept	Mercy Day at St Gerard's School in Alexandra



CROSS COUNTRY PLACE/TIMES RECORD

Year 1	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	McKinley Francis		St Johns	Vanessa Kinney		Maniototo Area
2	Harry Dowling		St Johns	Madison Bankshaw		Strath Taieri
3	Jae McAuley		St Johns	Pippa Kirkman		Strath Taieri
4	Chad Atkinson		Strath Taieri	Laura Paterson		Maniototo Area
5	Hugo Paterson		Maniototo Area	Annabelle Scott		Strath Taieri
6	Finn Dowling		St Johns	Maisie Rae		Strath Taieri
Year 2	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	George Dowling		St Johns	Marley Weir		St Johns
2	Harvey Wood		Strath Taieri	Josie Herlithy		St Johns
3	Axel McAuley		St Johns	Jayda Deverill		Maniototo Area
4	Ben Geddes		Strath Taieri	Ariah Spooner		Maniototo Area
5	Hunter Tisdall		Strath Taieri	Madison Lowe		Maniototo Area
6	Adam McSkimming		Maniototo Area	A'asha Cairns-Whitcombe		Maniototo Area

Year 3	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Callum McSkimming		Maniototo Area	Jody Valenski		Maniototo Area
2	Max Gregan		Maniototo Area	Hayley Carter		Maniototo Area
3	Eddie Weir		St Johns	Brooke Atkinson		Strath Taieri
4	Jacob Sutherland		Strath Taieri	Molly Kirkman		Strath Taieri
5	Shannlee Fetalver		St Johns	Amelia Lindsey		Maniototo Area
6	Logan Suddaby		St Johns			
Year 4	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Ollie Scott		Strath Taieri	Amelia Smith		Maniototo Area
2	Bob Tisdall		Strath Taieri	Tessa Steele		St Johns
3	Nate Spooner		Maniototo Area	Chloe McAuley		St Johns
4	Xavier Connell		Maniototo Area	Paige Smith		St Johns
5	Fred Dowling		St Johns	Zara Tisdall		Strath Taieri
6	Ben Gibson		St Johns	Grace Paterson		Maniototo Area

Year 5	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Toby Duncan	7.57	St Johns	Ruby Hore	7.5	Maniototo Area
2	Hunter Sutherland	7.58	Strath Taieri	Sam Roxburgh	8.03	Maniototo Area
3	Ryan Crossan	7.59	St Johns	Georgia Elworthy	8.43	St Johns
4	Billy Watson	8.05	St Johns	Vanessa Paterson	9.12	Maniototo Area
5	Ethan McSkimming	8.07	Maniototo Area	Lucia Russell	9.14	Maniototo Area
6	Justin Pink	8.18	Maniototo Area	Jeska Koppert	9.18	Strath Taieri
Year 6	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Nic Pieterse	8.22	Maniototo Area	Annie Dowling	7.48	St Johns
2	Lachie Sutherland	8.41	Strath Taieri	Nicola Kinney	7.56	Maniototo Area
3	Casey McKenzie	8.53	Maniototo Area	Georgia Graham	8	Strath Taieri
4	Archie McDiarmid	9.26	Maniototo Area	Kiera O'Neill	9.16	Maniototo Area
5	Luke Shead	9.43	St Johns	Lily Blakely	9.19	Maniototo Area
6	Riley Lowe	9.46	Maniototo Area	Paxton Francis	9.23	St Johns

Year 7	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	William Tisdall	10.03	Strath Taieri	Peta Smith	11.22	Maniototo Area
2	Sage Paterson	10.49	St Johns	Ella Gibson	11.35	St Johns
3	Jock Duncan	11.04	St Johns	Abby Ferdinands	11.38	Maniototo Area
4	Jack Steele	12.16	Maniototo Area	Anya Pleterse	12.27	Maniototo Area
5	William Hutton-Atkins	12.25	Maniototo Area	Maggie Dowling	12.29	St Johns
6	Case MacDonald	13.23	Maniototo Area	Maia McDonald	12.4	St Johns

Year 8	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	William Helm	10.5	Maniototo Area	Hannah Cormack	10.17	St Johns
2	Ben Kinney	10.57	St Johns	Briar Duncan	11.21	St Johns
3	Hayden Becker	11.02	Maniototo Area	Emma Kinney	11.32	Maniototo Area
4	Jeremy Dumapis	13.12	St Johns	Jasmyne Balloch	12.21	Maniototo Area
5	Thomas Dunn	14.33	Strath Taieri	Sandee Barroga	12.55	St Johns
6	Liam Connell	15.07	Maniototo Area	Charlotte Paterson	13	Maniototo Area

JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATIONS : 2018/2019 SEASON

Maniototo Cricket Registrations will be held on Thursday September 27th 3pm
at MAS
(\$20 per child)

Year 0-2 Practises Only
Year 3-8 Practises & Games on Saturday's

NO Practise on registration day(unless otherwise stated by your coach)
Practises will commence after school holiday's,with the 2018/19 season
starting on November 3rd.

Coaches for the season are:

Year 0-2 (TBC,if anyone is interested contact Lauren ASAP) 0274171130

Year 3-4 Logan Dowling 0276346008

Year 5-6 (2 Teams) Ryan Dowling 0274347239

Hamish Mackenzie 021963768

Year 7-8 Lauren Shaw 0274171130

If you are unable to attend registration day,please call Lauren to register
your child.

Community Dental update

Parents and caregivers will be aware that due to challenges recruiting and retaining
dental therapy staff and a number of staff retiring there has been a delay in
providing dental services to your children.

Southern DHB has been able to employ a number of dental therapist graduates to fill
vacant positions and we are gradually working towards getting our mobile service
back on the road. We are looking forward to resuming our normal mobile dental
clinic service at the start of the New Year. We plan to be in the Maniototo Region on
the week commencing 19th March 2019.

In the meantime we'd like to remind all families of the importance of good oral
health through regular brushing with fluoride toothpaste, avoiding sugary foods and
drinks, water is best.

Should your child need urgent dental care please call 0800 672 543 (this is a free call
from cell phones).

Kind regards
Irene Wilson
Service Manager, District Oral Health