

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone for a busy Term 4.

Labour Weekend

School is closed on Monday 22nd October for Labour Weekend.

Loud Shirt Day

Thank you for the gold coin donations for "Loud Shirt Day" at the end of last term. We raised \$110.10 for NZ cochlear implants.

End of Year Dates

Monday 3 December	Portfolios and Reports will be given out.
Friday 7 December	Concert and Prizegiving 7.30p.m. in the Town Hall.
Thursday 13 December	Last day of school for 2018. Buses will leave at 1p.m.

Congratulation

Congratulations to all those children who represented Central Otago in sporting tournaments over the holidays. A special congratulations to supercoach Mrs Geraldine Duncan and Hannah Cormack, Briar Duncan and Ella Gibson whose team placed 2nd in the Collier Cup tournament in Auckland. Well done.

Also congratulations to the following children who received places in an Otago/Southland "Computer Capers" competition run by the district Lions clubs:

Year 6	1 st Alivia Steele	2 nd Luke Shead	3 rd Grace Farquhar
Year 7 & 8	1 st Ella Gibson		

The children produced a power point for the competition on the topic of "How your community looks after the environment".

Shake-out earthquake drill

On Thursday 18 October at 9.30a.m, we took part in a nationwide practise of the earthquake drill – “drop, cover, hold”.



Athletic Sports

We have two practises at school for athletic sports – Friday 19th October and Friday 26th October from 1.20 – 2.30p.m. If you indicated you could help on both or either of these days please just turn up at 1.15p.m. Thank you.

The Maniototo Athletic Sports will take place on **Friday 2nd November** at the Stadium. The postponement date is **Monday 5th November**. Postponement notices will be on Burn Radio and MAS and St John’s School websites.

* Children 7 years and older (ages as at 1st October) are to be at the Stadium by 9a.m. Children will be organised into ages, ready to begin at 9.30a.m.

* 5 and 6 year olds are to meet Mrs Mulholland and Mrs Hazlett in the front of the squash court area of the Stadium at 9.20a.m. Junior Sports begin at 9.30a.m. Junior Sports will be finished by approximately 12p.m. and children are then free to go home with parents.

The format for the Junior Sports is similar to other years with a round robin format but we have a couple of extra fun events as well as high jump, long jump, hurdles and a target throw event.

* Children will need:

drink

lunch (7 years and over)

shoes suitable for running in

school sports shirt (these will be given out nearer the day)

shorts/trackpants

sunhats/sunblock

* There is a gold coin entry fee for all adults. This is used to help with running costs.

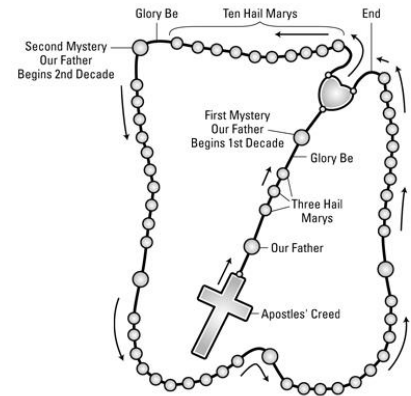
* St John’s School is in charge of running the high jump event at the sports. Ryan Dowling will be organising parents to help with this, so if you are asked to help on the day, please be willing to give some time to help. Alternately give Ryan a ring on 0274347239. The more people who can help on the day, the smoother the event runs. Thank you.

Special Character Clipboard:

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

The Rosary is based on the incidents in the life of Jesus and Mary. Many are rediscovering the beauty and spiritual benefit of this meditative practice.

The use of beads or knotted ropes to count large numbers of prayers comes from the earliest days of Christianity. However, this way of prayer precedes Christianity. The development of the rosary as we know it today has gone through many stages. Christian Monks used this method to pray the Psalms. Today the rosary consists of in total 150 Hail Marys, divided into three sets of 50, which are further divided into five sets of 10 (a decade). Many people pray 1 set.



Feast days

17th St Ignatius of Antioch

18th St Luke

21st Missions Sunday

All children are welcome to bring their own rosary beads to school, to use during the month of October. We gather as a school each morning to pray a decade of the rosary together.

Mercy Day Thank You

A big thank you to all the parents who helped transport us to Alexandra at the end of last term, so that we could celebrate Mercy Day together with St Gerard's school and parish. It was great to spend time with old friends and make some new ones!! Also a big thank you for all the tinned goods that were received by the Salvation Army in Alexandra to help with their Food Bank.

First Holy Communion

This wonderful sacrament will take place in the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 25th November at 2pm. Please keep the following children in your prayers – Alyssa Janerol, Paige Smith, Tessa Steele, Chloe McAuley, Fred Dowling, Tom Dowling, Elliot Greer, Hayley Barroga, Mac Dowling, Shannlee Fetalver, Eddie Weir, Logan Suddaby.



Junior Class News:

On **Friday 9th November** we are planning a class trip to Dunedin. We plan to leave school at 8.45a.m. and travel to the Otago Museum. We are booked into the Museum from 11a.m. – 1p.m. If we are at the Museum by 10.30ish children can have morning tea outside before we go in.

At the Museum we are booked in to look at the Butterflies for an hour and the Science Centre for 30 minutes. At the Butterflies someone will talk to us initially and children will be asked to look for different things as they wander round. The Science Centre is a chance for children to explore and try out the interactive displays. We will have lunch from 1.15 – 2p.m. If it is a nice day we will drive to the Botanic Gardens for this, if it is wet we will stay at the Museum – we will just see what happens on the day! From 2 – 3.30p.m. we are booked to swim at Moana Pool. (No hydroslide!)

We plan to be back in Ranfurly by 5.15p.m. so if your child is a bus person we ask that someone be at school to pick them up on return from Dunedin.

The cost for the day is \$2.50 per child. The PTA have generously agreed to subsidise costs for the day so a big thank you to them.

If children are not travelling with their own parent we ask them to also bring \$5 as a contribution towards petrol costs.

We will need parents to help transport and supervise on this day. We will also need parents to swim at Moana Pool. There is no cost for adults.

Each Junior Class child needs the form below filled in and returned to school by Wednesday 24th October. Thank you.

* I give permission for my child/children _____ to go on the Junior Class trip to Dunedin on Friday 9th November.

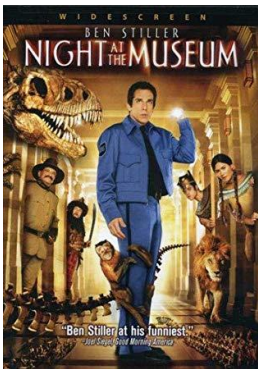
Signed: _____

* I am able/unable to help with transport and supervision on the day.

* I can transport _____ children altogether. This includes my own children.

* I am happy to swim at Moana Pool. Yes No

Middle Class News:



Night at the Museum

We are all looking forward to our Night at the Museum on Wednesday 24th October. We are doing some great educational programmes while we are there – Kitchen Chemistry, Mummy Mania and Animal Antics in the Attic. Hopefully our stay doesn't end up like this popular movie!!

Moana Pool

On Thursday 25th October we are going for a swim at Moana Pool, before lunching at the Botanical Gardens. We may even get the chance to feed the ducks!

Maniototo Athletics Competition

We are busy preparing for the Athletic sports on Friday 2nd November. Can all children please be wearing, or have with them, suitable shoes for running in. Each day we are spending time focussing and developing our skills in each area of throwing, running and jumping. Good luck to everyone in challenging themselves to improve times, heights and lengths 😊

Hell Pizza Reading Challenge

A reminder that this finishes, with pizza vouchers needing to be used, by Monday 3rd December. I would like to encourage all those children who have started a wheel, to work towards getting it finished within the next 6 weeks, so that you get to enjoy your delicious reading reward!

Senior Class News:



Feeling proud!

Lions Club Schools Competition

Midweek we found out about the Southland and Otago Lions powerpoint competition that we had entered last term - the focus was on how we look after the environment in our community. This was a project that the children worked on in term 3 with Jayne Hazlett and they produced six slides on their topic. St John's School has been outstanding and has won both the yr 5-6 and yr 7-8 sections. We are so proud of these children and their achievements but also of everyone in our class as they really embraced this topic and worked very hard on their presentations.

Our prize winners were

Year 5 and 6

- 1st: Alivia Steele
- 2nd: Luke Shead
- 3rd: Grace Farquhar

Farquhar



Year 7 and 8

- 1st: Ella Gibson
- 2nd and 3rd were won by Fiordland College.



The children will each receive a gift card and both sections also include a prize for the school. It has been decided that we will put this prize money towards the establishment of our school hen house and vegetable garden - as we want to look after the environment here at school also.

On that note, the Young Vinnies do have plans to firstly get a hen house established in the parish paddock closest to our back fence and then to establish a vegetable garden. I have no plans or timeline in place yet but if you know of a sturdy hen house that we could purchase please let me know. The children are very excited about the prospect of this project.

Holiday achievements

During the holidays we had 7 children from the senior room representing Central Otago in hockey.

The Collier U13 girls team has placed as runners up at their tournament in Auckland which is a massive achievement for Central Otago. Briar was also named as the teams MVP.



Maggie, Jock, Ben and Hamish all played for the Central Otago Development teams and attended their tournament in Cromwell. Both teams did well with the girls placing 4th and the boys 6th. Well done children on your achievements and participation.

Kiwi Sport Curling

In week 9 of last term we participated in the interschool curling competition. We were able to include all children in years 5-8 and their standard of curling was great - due to the awesome coaching we had received in our four Kiwi Curling lessons. We had a great day and won both the year 5 - 6 and 7-8 sections!



Jersey burying (Wool in Schools project)

We gathered as a school and buried a school synthetic sweater and a woollen jersey. It was fun filling in the hole (dug thanks to Mark Paterson and his happy senior helpers) and we plan to dig them up next year and see how they have broken down. We were thankful to PGG Wrightsons for donating two bags of compost for use in our hole as it was very gravelly!



Missing COEC library item

We are missing a book called 'Mystery in the Skies'. If you have this at your house, can you please send it into school. Thank you.

PAL (Physical Activity Leaders) Fun Run

Keep this date free - Wednesday 12th December. 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 colour and activity stations along the Fun Run please. This is sure to be an entertaining afternoon. The children will be sending out their own information sheet nearer the time.

Pet Day

This fun afternoon will take place on Monday 10th December. Children can bring one pet along each (it can be one pet per family if that suits better). We do accept stuffed animal pets also :)

Due to the mycoplasma bovis outbreak, we have been advised by the Ministry not to have calves at pet day.

Bingo Scratchie

Congratulations to Ryan Dowling (# 97) who won the Senior Class Bingo Scratchie Raffle. We hope you had some success!!!

Senior Room Camp

Thanks to people who came along to our parent meeting. We will be heading away on Tuesday morning and will return by 2.30pm on Friday.

Can you please add to your gear list - plastic bags. These will be good for bringing home wet gear at the end of the week.

Thank you

Geraldine Duncan

Board of Trustees

* At our October meeting Susan presented a curriculum report to the Board on Religious Education – Pastoral Care.

* The Board looked at, discussed and reviewed 2 policies on :
Religious Education
Improving Educational Outcomes for Maori Students

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 school 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, 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 13 November at 7p.m.

Notices and Dates:

Week 2	Monday 22 nd October	Labour Weekend – School Closed
	Tuesday 23 rd – 26 th October	Senior School Camp
	Wednesday 24 th – Thursday 25 th October	Middle Class trip to Dunedin
	Friday 26 th October	Athletics Practice
Week 3	Friday 2 nd November	Maniototo Athletics Sports
Week 4	Monday 5 th November	Maniototo Athletics Sports Postponement
	Friday 9 th November	Junior Class trip to Dunedin
Week 5	Tuesday 13 th November	B.O.T meeting at 7pm
Week 6	Sunday 25 th November	First Holy Communion at 2pm
Week 8	Monday 3 rd December	Reports & Portfolios out
	Friday 7 th December	Concert 7.30pm
Week 9	Thursday 13 th December	Last day for 2018

