

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Working Bee

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising our recent working bee and to all the the parents who turned up to help. Also to Ian and Judy Hore for providing lots of great equipment for us to use and to James and Jayne Hazlett for giving up their Sunday morning to help also. It was a great effort and the school grounds are looking great as a result of this. Thank you.

Someone has left behind a hoe (see photo below). If this is yours, you can collect it from the school office.



School Photos

We have our school photos being taken on **Monday 18th March**. Children need to be in their correct school uniform and looking great for photos!

Otago Anniversary Day

School is closed on **Monday 25th March** for Otago Anniversary Day.

Please note on Friday 22nd March, Maniototo Area School is closed for a Teacher Only Day, but we are open and buses will run for our children, as normal.

Footsteps Dance

From **Monday 1st - Friday 5th April** we have a Footsteps dance tutor here teaching our children dance. The tutor will be taking our children each afternoon in 2 sessions.

Kapahaka Festival

The Central Otago biannual kapahaka festival is going to be held on **Sunday 7 April from 1 - 3p.m.** in Alexandra at Molyneux Park.

Our whole school has been working once a week with Lauren Becker from Maniototo Area School on two school items (one item we will performing with M.A.S.). We will also perform 2 massed items that we are working on with Whaea Mary-Anne, our Maori tutor from REAP.

We would love to have as many children as possible join us and represent our school for this festival. Please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter.

Special Character Clipboard:

11th – 15th March

1st Week of Lent

40 Days of Lent - Significance of 40 In Bible! Number 40 is mentioned around 146 times in the Holy Bible, it usually is a time of testing, trials, and repentance. We also fast for 40 days during Lent.

40 days and 40 nights of Great Flood

Moses is Prince of Egypt for 40 years

Israelites wander in forest for 40years

Jonah warns people of Nineveh to Repent or be destroyed in 40 Days

Jesus fasts for 40 days



18th – 22nd March

2nd Week of Lent

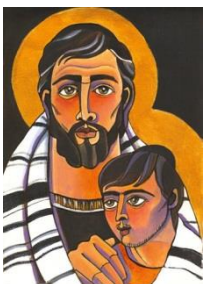
18th St Patrick's Day

19th St Joseph



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles, and, in his writing, he wrote of his love of God. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock? Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.



St Joseph. Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture. Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus. We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker.

Our school and parish are involved with the CARITAS Lenten programme. The theme for Lent 2019 is inspired by a quote from Pope Francis: **'Living our lives with love.'**

This year the Lenten Appeal is for families in South Sudan, which is a very new country, in the continent of Africa.

CARITAS IN SOUTH SUDAN

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is partnering with **Caritas South Sudan** and other Caritas agencies to provide emergency supplies to those affected by the **famine** and **conflict** in South Sudan where **millions of people** face severe hunger. The extreme food shortage has been caused by civil unrest and drought. Thousands have been driven from their homes and crops by violence, and inflation has meant food prices are very high.

As part of the emergency response, Caritas is continuing to help in the following ways through our partners on the ground:

- Distributing **emergency food supplies**
- Distributing **shelter and household items** such as jerry cans, buckets, and other essentials
- Distributing **seeds and tools**
- Promoting **peacebuilding**



2019 FUNDRAISING

Funds collected from 2019 Caritas Challenge events will go directly towards:

	Food supplies	
	Seeds and tools	
	Shelter and household items	
	Peacebuilding promotion	

Junior Class News:

* The Junior Class has finished swimming for this season.

* We recently wrote our ideas about “Orange is the colour of” We looked around the room and thought about things outside that are the colour of orange.

Orange is the colour of burning fire.

Finn Dowling

Orange is the colour of carrots.

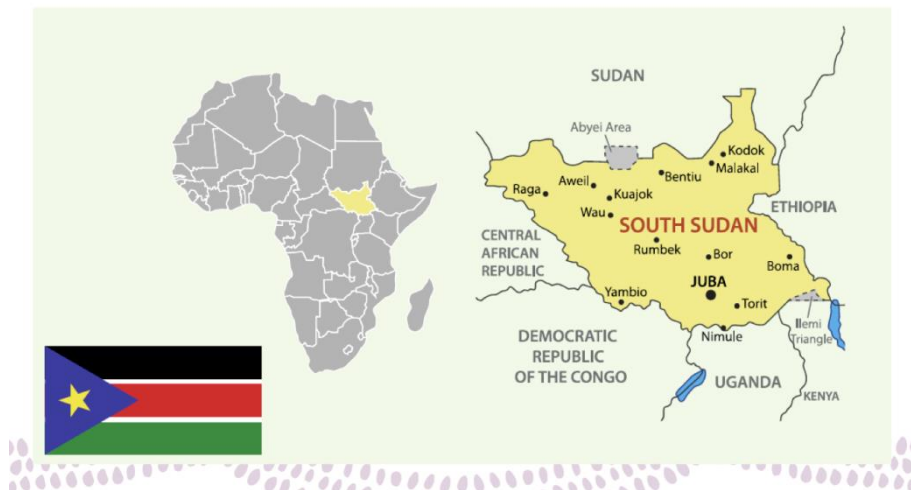
Cyrus Janerol

Orange is the colour of the morning sun.

Harry Dowling

Middle Class News:

For Religious Education this term, we have been studying the work of Caritas in South Sudan and identifying ways people can help bring about the Kingdom of God through their everyday lives.



COMPARISON WITH NEW ZEALAND

HDI (Human Development Index) ranking: 181st out of 188 countries
(NZ is 13th)

GNI (Gross National Income per capita): \$1,882 (NZ has \$32,870)

Life expectancy at birth: 56.1 years (In NZ it is 82.0 years)

Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 92.6 (NZ has 5.7)

Mean years of schooling: 4.8 years (NZ has 12.5 years)

Primary school enrolment: 64% (NZ has 99%)

Secondary school enrolment: 10% (NZ has 117%!)

Mobile phone subscriptions: 21.5% (NZ has 121%!)



We have enjoyed learning about people in this country, which is so different to ours, and we are looking forward to our “Make It” projects over the next few weeks and the annual Caritas Challenge Day, which will be a school-wide event.

Senior Class News:

‘It’s okay to not know, but it’s not okay to not try’ Growth Mindset quote

Maniototo A and P Show Art

The children each entered a piece of artwork in the recent show. Yet again the progression of teaching skills that they learnt with Mrs Hazlett and Mrs Kinney were very evident in the high standard of work produced and 50% of our class received recognition of a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing or Highly Commended. This artwork is now on display in our classroom and will come home later in the year.



Swimming Sports and Otago Swim Sports

This went really well last Friday and it was pleasing to see the progress that the children have made with their swimming over the season. The Otago Swimming sports are on Saturday 6th April in Dunedin and Fiona Weir has been in contact with the families of children that have qualified with information regarding this (a note went home yesterday). Congratulations to McAuley House for taking out the first House challenge for the year.

Homework

Thank you for supporting your child with their homework. Please continue to monitor their reading at home and I recommend that you ask your child to read aloud a couple of paragraphs from their book 2 or 3 times a week to build on this aspect of their reading.

In our class we have a Curly Wurly club which quite simply is the reward of earning a chocolate bar in exchange for finishing a book and giving an oral book review to members of the class. So far we have had 55 book reviews! A wonderful effort from the children :)

Dunstan Zone Triathlon

We will be travelling to Cromwell on Wednesday 27th March to take part in this activity, which is now less than two weeks away. Keep encouraging your children to train for this and to be well prepared. Remember each child brought home a blank training plan that they can fill in with you.

Travel and event details have come home today in a separate letter. The Central Otago Triathlon Champs will be held the following week on Thursday 4th April - the first six in the individual category and the first three in all other categories qualify for this.

School will operate as normal for children not participating in this event.

Goal setting

Thank you to parents that came along to the goal setting evening - the children enjoyed sharing their ideas with you and I appreciate your support of your child's school learning. For those parents that didn't come along, I encourage you to make an appointment to see this information as each child spent a substantial amount of time on this and they would like to share this with you.

Gumboot Friday

On Friday 5th April your children will be coming to school in their gumboots! This is a National Day that is being observed in support of mental health and the funds will be donated to help fund free and timely counselling for any kids in need. So get your children sorted with some gumboots and visit the Gumboot Friday Facebook page to find out more information or visit www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday

Rippa Rugby

Thank you for returning the Rippa Rugby notices. The tournament is being held on Thursday 11th April in Alexandra and we will be entering a team at each level of the competition.

The coaches are

Year 7 and 8 - Mark Paterson

Year 5 and 6 - Ryan Dowling

Year 3 and 4 - Logan Dowling and Gerard Weir.

Thank you gentlemen for volunteering to be a super coach for our children.

We will be in touch with the parent coaches to work out practices days and your child will participate in these at lunchtimes at school.

This year the entry fee is \$30 per team so we will be collecting \$2 from each participant towards this.

Children who are not participating in the Rippa Rugby will have a normal school day.

Class writing

This week we created poetic writing based around what swimming is like for us - enjoy our active imaginations :)

Swimming is...

Chilling water smacking against my face
Legs and arms thrashing like a windmill in a hurricane
Floating peacefully on a soft rain cloud
Water sloshing past my body like a thunderstorm
The water swishing through my hair
Like gliding through the thin air
Slowly getting into the pool and the cool water seeping up and surrounding me
Like muffled echoes in a cave
Jumping in the deep cold water and it splashes out onto the concrete
My breath rushing out of my body as I hit the cold surface
Sticky chlorine stuck to my body as I glide through the floaty cloud
Water flowing over my shoulders like smooth silk
A big blue whale pulling me in
The chilling water refreshing me
Coming up gasping for air when I hit the chilly water
Like floating on top of soft silky water then diving down to the cool depths
Jumping into your own fizzy drink
Jumping into the big blue pool and feeling the cold water crashing over your body
Straining to reach the other side
Bubbles rushing up my nose and then resurfacing gasping for air
Relaxing in a super sized water bed
Water dripping off my body like the rain
Gliding through the silky smooth water
My lungs bursting for breath waiting for a puff of air
My heart racing as my fists pound on the surface
The water as soft as cotton
Diving into the pool of out of date lemonade
Underwater hearing the sound of a train passing by
Like flying through the air
Chlorine rushing all over my body
My body floating like a twig on water
Pulling your arms out takes all your strength
My mind focusing on the finish line up ahead
Chlorine following me home.

Senior Room 2019

Take care,
Geraldine Duncan.

Board of Trustees

*At our March meeting the Board spent some time with the Education Review Office discussing successes, challenges and achievement in our school.

*Susan presented a curriculum report on English - Visual language to the Board.

Notices and Dates:

Week 8	Monday 18 th March	School Photos
Week 9	Monday 25 th March	Otago Anniversary – School Closed
	Wednesday 27 th March	Dunstan Zone Triathlon in Cromwell
Week 10	Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th April	Footstep Dance Group
	Friday 5 th April	Gumboot Day
	Saturday 6 th April	Otago Swimming Championships in Dunedin
	Sunday 7 th April	Kapahaka Festival in Alexandra
Week 11	Tuesday 9 th April	BOT meeting
	Thursday 11 th April	Central Otago Rippa Rugby Competition



Name of child: _____ will be able to participate in the Central Otago Kapahaka festival on Sunday 7 April, 1 - 3p.m.

I will / will not be able to transport children to this event.

If you are able to help with transport:

I can transport ____ children altogether. This includes my own.

Signed: _____



April ANZAC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2019

Even though World War One was officially over in November 11, 1918, it took 9-10 months more for our armed service personnel to find their way back home.

100 years later, we commemorate by writing letters, making suitcases and medals, peace doves and commemorative art.



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. CONTACT YOUR LIBRARY TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT!



Holiday programmes are being held on the following days and times at the Maniototo Library from 2pm-3pm.

Ph: 03 444-9348

Letters and Suitcases	Tuesday	16 th April
Doves	Thursday	18 th April
Silhouette Art and Medals	Tuesday	23 rd April





Take a journey around the world, through the stories from some of Dunedin's diverse cultures.

More than a dozen different languages and performers, plus dance, puppets, and music come together to create a beautifully colourful gala day. Be part of this annual Dunedin festival for World Storytelling Day: a chance to celebrate diversity, hear other languages and experience the universality of story.

SUITABLE: 0 – 100 years

Saturday 30 March | 11am – 3.30pm | City Library | FREE



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Alexandra Library
43 Tarbert St, Alexandra
P: 03 448 9412



FOOD LOVERS MASTERCLASS

with Kate Meads

WHEN: SATURDAY 13TH APRIL , 7:00PM – 9:00PM

**WHERE: MANIOTOTO ARTS CENTRE
3 READE STREET, RANFURLY, CENTRAL OTAGO**

During this 2 hour masterclass presented by Kate Meads you will get lots of exciting and inspirational education around ways you can reduce your food waste (especially at home with the kids) from meal planning to smart shopping to smart storage.

You will learn about the first in first out approach, what is the difference between 'use-by' and 'best before' and when all else fails the last resort options.

Bookings are essential.

TICKET INFORMATION: TICKETS \$15 (+ BF), INCLUDES \$60 GOODIE BAG

**Bookings essential! For more details go to
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