



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

National Young Leader's Day

On Friday 31st May the Year 8 students attended the National Young Leader's Day in Dunedin. They represented our school well and found the day inspirational. They had a variety of very interesting speakers and ended the day at "The Escape Room" which they all enjoyed.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder these are on **Tuesday and Wednesday 25th and 26th June** for the Junior and Middle Classes and **Wednesday and Thursday 26th and 27th June** for the Senior Class. A timetable is attached to this newsletter.

Reports and Portfolios

These will be sent home with children on **Friday 21st June**. We ask that portfolios are returned to school by the following Friday, 28th June. Thank you. There is a place for a parent comment in the portfolio and we encourage you to make a comment about your child's work. Reports may be kept.

End of Term 2

Term 2 ends on Friday 5th July and Term 3 begins on Monday 22nd July.

Ice-skating

All classes have ice-skating sessions booked for days towards the end of the term.

The Junior and Middle Classes will be going together on **Thursday 27th June** from approximately 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. and the Senior Class is booked for **Friday 28th June**, also in the morning.

A notice re cost and transport help will be sent out next week.

Special Character Clipboard:

*On Monday the 24th June it is the Feastday of our school namesake, St John the Baptist. John is about 6 months older than Jesus and he is the one who baptizes Jesus. John's father is Zacharias and his mother is Elizabeth (the cousin of Mary). Children will learn more about this story in Faith Focus time on the feastday.

*Here is a photo of the Junior Class wearing their Holy Spirit headbands!



*Thank you for the donations of gold coins for our Caritas mufti day held on the 7th June. We collected \$92.20

We are nearing the end of our work on South Sudan. We have been lucky enough, through Mrs Duncan, to have made contact with someone who is a UN Military observer based in South Sudan. He has been in contact via email. The children sent him some questions and he sent comprehensive replies to these. Here are 2 questions and answers.

1. What do you do in your job?

I am a United Nations Military Observer based in Malakal, Upper Nile State, South Sudan and my job consists of two main duties. The first duty is reporting on the actions and activities of the different groups that are fighting each other. At the moment they are currently trying to stick to a peace agreement so I report on how well they are doing that. My second duty is negotiation with armed groups when we go on patrol and they try to stop us entering certain areas.

2. What is the average weekly or monthly wage that a person would have in South Sudan or in a refugee camp?

The average person in South Sudan doesn't get paid a wage - they either grow food or fish and sell it for other food or they trade goods in a market. Some people can't do any of these things and the only way they get food is if it is given to them for free. The average value of the food a person might sell in the market is 1 -2 US dollars (2 -3 New Zealand dollars) a day.

Junior Class News:

Our reading roster for Terms 1 and 2 is nearly at an end. If you can help with reading in Terms 3 and 4 could you please fill in the attached form and return to school a.s.a.p.
Thank you for your help with reading - it is much appreciated.

The Junior Class have been working on learning how to say part of a mihi (welcome speech in Maori, telling who they are). We can say:

Ko _____ toku papa. (My father is....)

Ko _____ toku mama. (My mother is...)

Ko _____ ahau. (My name is...)

We are now working on our maunga (our mountain) and our awa (river).

Middle Class News:

Save the date.

The middle class is exploring all things space! We will be showing our learning on the last Thursday of this term (04/07/19) from 1.30pm. This will be informal. An invitation is to follow shortly.

Library books

Please hunt high and low and home for any school library books.

Skating

Skating is starting soon. Please keep an eye out for dates.

Clothing

Please make sure that all clothing is labelled as this makes it easier to find the owner.

Thank you for your continued support.

Senior Class News:

“If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.” – Roald Dahl

Week 7, Term 2.

50 Mile and 10 Mile Running Club

Newsflash - we have reached nearly 38 km in our running for the term! This is an impressive (and has been easier than I thought) and it won't be long before we hit our first milestone of 50km (approximately 31 miles) where a generous supporter has said they will shout us a treat! Let's keep running kids and find out what this might be :)

National Young Leaders Day

Two weeks ago the years 8's went to Dunedin for the National Young Leaders Day and we loved it. We listened to five different speakers and they told us about their struggles and how they overcame them. The topic for the day was 'What is the food of a leader? It is conversations' meaning you can't be a leader if you don't listen and talk to others.

There was lots of dancing, singing and partying, and at the end of each speaker you could go up and ask questions about their life. It was a really inspiring day and proves that we can overcome anything if we try. After this Mrs Duncan took us to the Escape Room at the Savoy.

Written by Maggie Dowling.

Winter illness and bugs

If your child is unwell please do not send them to school as this spreads the bugs. Thank you.

Manure selling for the School Farm

If you would like to order a bag(s) of manure for your garden please text me on 0273272408 so we can organise this for you. The bags are \$5 each.

The Escape Room

This was great fun but I was very thankful to be in a team with quick thinking young minds, otherwise I would have been in there for a long time. This is an activity that really required group work and tenacious minds as everybody in each group worked hard to solve the clues.

Thank you to Judy Hore and Kim Gibson for attending the day with us.



Naseby Ice Rink, Luge and Snow Park

This is opening in the very near future (once we get some more cooler nights) and over the holiday period they have on offer fun and exciting activities for your children. The ice rink also offers season passes, these are discounted at the moment.

Week 1 of the holidays (8th - 12th July): **Luge Camp** which is a 5 day camp suited to children 10 years and older. The camp runs from 10am -3pm each day and ends with races on the Friday and Saturday for those keen.

Week 2 of the holidays (15th - 19th July): **Ice Camp** which is a 5 day camp suited to children aged 8 years and older. Each day the participants receive two instructed sessions, one each for ice skating (figure skating or ice hockey) and luge. There are also opportunities to try outdoor curling.

Ice Skating lessons are also being offered. The instructor is Jessica Hay who is a NZ Representative and Kiwi Skate Coach. She can be booked daily during the holiday break and her prices are very reasonable.

For more information on any of these fun activities, please visit the Facebook page for the Naseby Ice Rink, Luge and Snow Park.

They will also be hosting an **Ice Festival** on Saturday 29th June from noon onwards and a **Costume Dance** on Saturday 13th July. - there is a flyer attached with more information on this.

Reports and Portfolios

These come home next Friday - please enjoy them. Your children are trying hard with their learning and they will be looking forward to hearing positive feedback from you.

Please write a comment to your child in the evaluation box (this is in the portfolio and the children will show you where it is) as we like to look at these together and celebrate your feedback and use it to help us set goals.

Take care,

Geraldine Duncan.

Board of Trustees

At our annual meeting on Monday 10th June we welcomed Logan Dowling to our Board, along with returning Board members, Ryan Dowling, Cate Herlihy, Kym Smith and returning Proprietor's representatives (Bishop's reps) Fr Sani Lam, Debbie Dowling and Joe Ferdinands.

Our elected officers are: Ryan Dowling as Chairperson, Cate Herlihy as Secretary and Kym Smith as treasurer.

We farewelled 2 long-serving members Phil Dowling, who has been on the Board for 10 years (6 as chairperson) and Natalie Bruhns who has been on the Board for 6 years (3 as Secretary). We thanked them both for all the time and effort they gave to their roles on the Board over this time.

Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 13 August.

Notices and Dates:

Week 8	Friday 21 st June	Mid Year reports & portfolios sent home
Week 9	Tuesday 25 th & Wednesday 26 th June	Junior & Middle Parent/Teacher interviews
	Wednesday 26 th & Thursday 27 th June	Senior Parent/Teacher interviews
Week 10	Friday 5 th July	Last day of term 2

Junior Class Reading

If you can help with reading in the Junior Class in Terms 3 and 4 please fill in the form below.

Reading takes place from 11.15 - 11.50a.m. (approximately) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please circle the day/days most suitable for you. You will be rostered on 3 or 4 times a term and a list will be sent out with dates and helpers on it.

Could you please return this form by Friday 21st June, thank you.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Susan Mulholland

Reading Help

Please circle which day/s are suitable for you:

Monday
Tuesday
Thursday
Friday

Signed: _____



PARENT INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 25th June

Susan Mulholland's Timetable

Helen Flintoff's/ Anna Jeffries' Timetable

3.15pm		Elliot Greer
3.30pm	Jessica Greer	Rosa Herlihy
3.45pm	Jade Aquino	Josie Herlihy
4.00pm	Arthur Elworthy	Hayley Barroga
4.15pm		Sam Elworthy
4.30pm		Katelyn Hughes
4.45pm		Shannlee Fetalver
5.00pm		
5.15pm		

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Susan Mulholland's Timetable

Helen Flintoff's Timetable

Geraldine Duncan's Timetable

3.15pm	Ethan Chisholm	Phoebe Hore	Paxton Francis
3.30pm	McKinley Francis	Logan Suddaby	Freddie Hore
3.45pm	Mckenna Suddaby	Chloe McAuley	Grace Farquhar
4.00pm	Jae McAuley	Mac Dowling	Jake Smith
4.15pm	Finn Dowling	Paige Smith	Bradley Shaw
4.30pm	Florence Dowling	Tessa Steele	David Hore
4.45pm		Tom Dowling	Alivia Steele
5.00pm	Harry Dowling	George Dowling	Sage Paterson
5.15pm		Fred Dowling	Maia Macdonald
5.30pm			Annie Dowling

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Thursday 27th June

Geraldine Duncan's Timetable

3.15pm	Georgia Elworthy
3.30pm	Bianca Jorgensen
3.45pm	Ryan Crossan
4.00pm	Hamish Crossan
4.15pm	Maggie Dowling
4.30pm	
4.45pm	
5.00pm	
5.15pm	

