



# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

### Welcome back

Welcome back to everyone for Term 3.

A special welcome to St John's School to new 5 year old Zach Tomalon and his family.

### Cross-country

We are already beginning our daily training for the cross-country event which is to be held at the Ranfurly Stadium on **Friday 16th August**. The postponement date is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

The times are still to be confirmed, but this usually begins at 12.30p.m.

Please encourage your child to go for runs at home to get fit for this event.

### Ski Trip

The Middle and Senior Classes will be going on their annual ski trip on Tuesday 27th August. Mrs Duncan and Mrs Weir are busy collecting and collating information for Cardrona Skifield for this day.

### St John's School 75th Jubilee

This is taking place over the weekend of **20 - 22nd March, 2020**.

If you are interested, or know of ex students, staff, or BOT/PTA members please let them know about this. Further information re events and registration is available on the school website:

[www.sjr.school.nz](http://www.sjr.school.nz)

## Special Character Clipboard:

-The 3rd August is the feast day of St Dominic.

10 Dominican nuns arrived in Dunedin in February 1871. Within a few days of their arrival they established Dunedin's first Catholic high school for girls. Many of the schools in the Dunedin diocese have a connection and commitment to the Dominican history.

- This term classes will be working on 2 Religious Education strands. One is about "Church" where children learn about how, as members of our Church, we are called to carry out its mission. Children also learn about the seasons in our Church, the early Christian community and our Church in NZ today. The other is the "Sacrament" strand. The Juniors learn about saying sorry and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (forgiveness). The Middle Class learn about the Sacraments of healing and Confirmation and the Seniors about Commitment sacraments.

## Junior Class News:

-Our topic for Term 3 is "People and Places of Aotearoa NZ". This topic ties in with resources we have been sent from the Ministry of Education celebrating 250 years since Captain Cook first landed in New Zealand.

Mrs Elworthy will be teaching this topic on Thursday afternoons.

-As well as our daily run to get us fit for the cross-country some of the Junior children have chosen to take part in the 50 mile Running Club.

The aim for those who have joined this is to run 6 laps of the perimeter of the school each week. This is usually done before school or at playtimes and lunchtimes. The children have to self-manage when they do this.

## Middle Class News:

Welcome back to term 3! It was so lovely to see children come back to school full of smiles and stories about their holidays.

We have a busy term coming up with skiing, cross country and our speech competition.

We will be doing cross country practise in class but it will also benefit your child to keep up with running practise at home.

For our speech competition year 3 children will be reciting a poem and year 4&5 children will be writing a speech. We will be writing these at school and have lots of practise in class but it will also be really helpful to practise them at home once we finish writing them in class. Some children might find this to be a daunting experience so we will be providing lots of support and practice in class. Please don't let your child stress about it. Encourage them to enjoy the challenge and look for the positives of developing their language skills and working outside of their comfort zone.

We finished off last term by taking part in a Dairy NZ nationwide activity called Classified. We were buddied up with another school from New Zealand and our task was to skype this class and question them to try and figure out where in the country they were and what their school was called. The first class to guess the correct school won! The children had loads of fun researching our country's regions and exploring places on google maps. We have some super star detectives in our class and we managed to win the competition by guessing their school before they guessed ours!



We are looking forward to another fun term!

God Bless  
Anna Jeffries

NOTE from Miss Flintoff

If anyone has any shoe boxes, could they please bring them to school by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Also can everyone please have a look for a missing book called "All about Dogs". Thank you.

## Senior Class News:

### Go the Silver Ferns!

You will have all received the class newsletter on Monday that detailed lots of important information for the term.

#### A couple of updates

**Maths Mind Competition (Dunstan High School)** - Thursday 15th August. I have received approval from the organisers to take the year 6 children along to this also. A notice regarding this will come home on Monday.

**Maniototo Cross Country** - we have really struggled for a date that can suit everyone. We now have Friday 16th August. Please add this to your diaries.

**Extra! Quiz Competition** - The format of this quiz has changed and it is now held during the school day at Remarkables Primary School on Tuesday 20th August. The postponement day is Tuesday 27th August, which clashes with our ski trip so hopefully this will not be needed.

A notice will come home on Monday regarding this and it is open to all children in these age groups who are interested. Please keep in mind it is a general knowledge quiz and so will have some easier questions but a majority of more challenging questions.

#### Altar Serving and Bell Ringing

Thank you to everyone for coming along when it's your turn on the roster. The children have been doing a great job. Remember that if you are not going to be there, that you need to swap with someone else on the list as we don't want to have someone doing a job on their own, as this is pretty scary for that child.



We have had a great start to the term and it has been nice to be back in the classroom with the children.

Kind regards  
Geraldine Duncan

## Board of Trustees

Our next Board meeting is on Tuesday 13th August at 7p.m.

## Notices and Dates:

<b>Week 2</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
<b>Week 3</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Club due back
<b>Week 4</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	BOT Meeting
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Maths Mind Competition – Senior Class
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Cross Country
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Extra! Quiz Competition
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Middle & Senior Ski Trip
<b>Week 7</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Postponement Date Ski Trip



### *Te Reo - For Beginners*

#### ALEXANDRA

Dates: 5 weeks on a Monday starting 12 August 2019  
 Venue: Central Otago REAP, 14-20 Centennial Ave  
 Time: 6-8pm

#### CROMWELL

Dates: 5 weeks on a Tuesday starting 13 August 2019  
 Venue: Cromwell Polytechnic, Room 4  
 Time: 6-8pm

Cost: \$20  
 Tutor: Mary-Anne Westhead

Mary-Anne's programme will cover aspects of:

1. basic language pronunciation (a e i o u...)
2. basic greetings and responses
3. introduction of oneself (Mihimihī)
4. basic songs (waiata)
5. the right way to do things (protocols – kawa)
6. basic sentence structure (grammar)

#### About the Tutor

Mary-Anne has been Central Otago REAP's teacher of Te Reo and Tikanga in the local primary schools since 2000. She has tutored adults in Level 1 & 2 Te Reo me ōna tikanga courses through Te Wananga o Aotearoa from 2007-2010 and has also supported College students sitting NCEA Māori in 2012.

Book at REAP 0800 267-327 or (03)4486115

Or online at [www.coreap.org.nz](http://www.coreap.org.nz)



## REMINDER

P.T.A Meeting on Thursday  
 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.00pm.  
 Any apologies to Geraldine  
 Dowling.

