

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Welcome

A special welcome to St John's School to new 5 year old, Ben Scott, and his family.

Cross-country

A full list of the results of the Maniototo Cross-country held on Friday 16 August is attached. Well done to all children for their participation and effort.

A special congratulations to **Annie Dowling** who set a new record for Year 7 girls of 11 minutes. Annie broke the old record by 15 seconds which had previously been set by ex St John's School student, Kate Kinney.

Also congratulations to the following children who represented St John's School at the Otago cross-country in Dunedin on Friday 30th August:

Ben Gibson, Toby Duncan, Georgia Elworthy, Annie Dowling and Sage Paterson.

Well done to all these children and especially Annie who came 15th in her year group. These results are available on the OPSSA website.



Poem and Speech Competition

Everyone enjoyed our school poem and speech competition held last Thursday 29th August. All of the children did really well. It is not easy to get up in front of a large audience and remember what you have prepared, especially when you are nervous! Great work.

Attached are the results of this.

The 1st and 2nd place getters from Year 3 and up represented St John's School at the Ranfurly Town Hall on Monday 2 September.

Results, with photos, of the place getters from the Maniototo competition are attached.

Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone for joining in with our mufti day fundraiser for the Cancer Society. We raised \$102.60 and this was given to our local branch.

End of Term

The end of term 3 is coming around very quickly. School finishes on **Friday 27th September** and Term 4 starts on **Monday 14 October**.

Bus Vests

Could we please have all bus vests washed and returned to school by **Thursday 26th September**. Thank you.

Loud Shirt Day

We are taking part in the annual "Loud Shirt Day" appeal which raises money for children needing cochlear implants. This is held on the last day of term, **Friday 27th September**. This cause is close to us as Libby Francis (sister of pupils, Paxton and McKinley) spent her primary school years with us. Libby has a cochlear implant.

On this day children can wear bright, colourful clothes, their favourite clothes or they can even dress up in fancy dress if they want to! They can bring along a gold coin donation for Loud Shirt Day. Thank you.

Health and Physical Education consultation

Thank you to those parents who took the time to fill in our Health and PE questions.

There were 2 aspects of the Health and PE curriculum you would like more emphasis on:

*getting outside the classroom

*continuing to cover puberty education on a regular basis

Feedback also indicated that we also continue with what we currently do and teach in Health and PE.

From this we have developed a Health Education Delivery Statement:

St John's School will implement a programme of Health Education based on the New Zealand curriculum and in keeping with the school's charter and values. The focus of the programme will be to give our students the knowledge, skills and attitudes to maintain and enhance well-being. In delivering Health Education, St John's School teachers will use a range of appropriate teaching strategies that engage students and enable development of the key competencies, while taking opportunities to integrate Health Education learning with other aspects of the NZ Curriculum.

Athletic Sports practises

Athletic sports will come around quickly next term. The date is likely to be Friday 1st November with postponement date of Monday 4 November. This will be confirmed nearer to the time.

We will be having 2 practises at school - Friday 18th October and Friday 25 October from 1.20 - 2.30p.m. (approximately).

Once again, we would like to ask for parent help with these practise. If you can help with taking an activity (high jump, long jump, throwing, running or hurdles), please fill in the attached form indicating dates you would be available to help and return it to school. Then please just turn up at 1.20p.m. on the days you indicated. Thank you.

Special Character Clipboard:

This week at "Faith Focus" time on Monday the Seniors taught us about St Vincent de Paul, whose feast day is at the end of September.

Their "Young Vinnies" group is part of the work the St Vincent de Paul Society does in New Zealand. The object of this group is to help young people realise that there are people in society in need, and to encourage them to help these people.

Maia Macdonald is our Young Vinnies President and is supported by Annie Dowling as Secretary, Ella Gibson as Treasurer and all the Senior Class who are involved with thinking about, and organising various projects to help others.

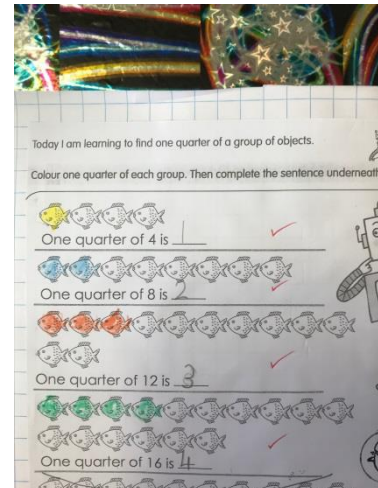
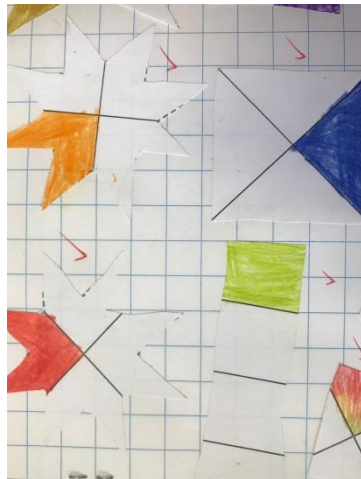
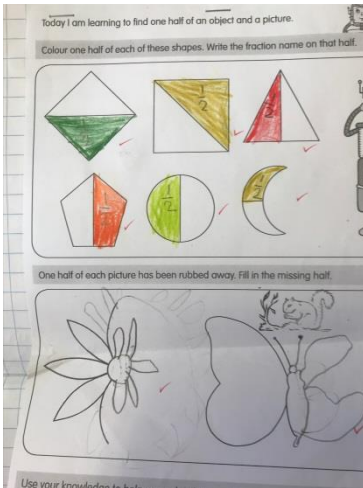
Junior Class News:

The Junior Class is busy with some 4 year olds coming along for school visits before they start school. Here is Ben Scott on one of his visits to school.



In Maths this term, the older children in the Junior Class have been working on fractions and learning about $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$.

Our practise activities include working out $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of numbers and shapes. If you get an opportunity at home, discuss cutting things and measuring into halves and quarters so children see how we use Maths in our everyday lives.



Middle Class News:

Speeches

Well done to all of our children for their amazing efforts with their speeches. They have done a great job and I'm really proud of how they all stood up in front of their family and friends to recite their poems and speeches with confidence and pride.

For our school competition, in year 3, George Dowling came first and Josie Herlihy came second. For year 4's, Mac Dowling came first, Eddie Weir came second and Hayley Barroga came 3rd. For our year 5's, Paige Smith came first, Fred Dowling came second and Rosa Herlihy came third.

For the Maniototo competition Josie Herlihy placed 2nd for year 3's, Fred Dowling placed first equal for year 5's and Rosa Herlihy placed 2nd.



Awesome work middle class!

Curling

Curling has started and the children have really enjoyed their first lessons. A reminder the dates are Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Monday 16th September. Thank you again to all the parents helping with transport, we really appreciate your help. Children can wear warm mufti clothes suitable for curling.

Home - learning

A reminder to please keep encouraging your children to read each night. Mathletics and Steps learning are always available online also and keep up with those times tables practise!

Ski Trip

The children really enjoyed our skiing trip last Tuesday. The sun was out and the rain stayed away! It was really lovely to see kids challenging their parents on the slopes. A big thank you to all the parents who came along and helped us make the day a success. We really appreciate your time.



Here are some extracts of our ski day writing.



Crash! Man down, man down!

My favourite part of skiing was when Sam and I went down McDougells and when it said 'go slow' on the sign, Sam and I didn't take any notice and in a split of a second we were down!

By George Dowling

On the wonderful day of skiing it was an early start for the Smith family who had to get up at 4am!For the very first time in my life I went down White Star and Captains. My favourite was White Star as I could just zoom! It was so much fun.

By Paige Smith

Last Tuesday we went skiing. It was so fun. We went so fast. It was the first time skiing for me. It was amazing!

"B...B....Be...Ben.... a JUMP!" I went over it. It hurt. "I think we should stay off the jumps, Ben!"

By Eddie Weir

Senior Class News:

Listen, be consistent and respectful and help your child to feel special.

Cross country

What a fantastic afternoon this was. The children did really well and even commented that they felt good, while out running. We all felt very proud of Annie and her new time record for the year 7 girls. This is a special achievement and she took 15 seconds off the previous time record that was set by Kate Kinney a few years ago.

You will have seen that we used a different race order format to previous years - I would be interested in hearing any feedback that you have on this, as this will guide us for next year's event.

Five children went onto represent our school at the Otago Championship event and Annie placed 15th here, which was very good. Congratulations to all children who ran at this event, it is a good experience.

Naming the School Farm Competition

This competition closes soon, so encourage your children to hand their entries to their class teachers who are collecting them or to Maia. Thank you.



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Curling Lessons

We had our first session on Wednesday and it was fun. The children are getting good length and are all ready to start thinking tactically with their shots. We were lucky to have 4 fabulous coaches which is a huge bonus for all of the children.



Our remaining sessions are Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Monday 16th. Children are to wear mufti on these days please.

Ski Trip

This ran smoothly and I'm very grateful for the support that parents give to the children on the ski trip. They really enjoyed themselves and you helped make this work smoothly for them. Please continue to send in the feedback forms, so we can use these to design our trip next year.

Extra! Quiz Competition

Winners - For the third year in a row for Freddie Hore!

Congratulations to Freddie, Grace and Alivia for taking 1st place in the year 7 and 8 section in a very tight competition. These children scored 98/100 - most impressive.



I would appreciate feedback from parents on how you felt about travelling to Queenstown to this event. I am wondering if this is too far afield for us, or are we okay with the travel. Thank you.

Puberty Lessons

We have started these and they are going really well. There is genuine interest and curiosity being shown and we certainly have a few giggles as well. Two areas that have cropped up in our discussions are social media (snap chat) and anxiety / depression. Your children are curious and thoughtful, and they need your guidance and support through these years. For those who were not at the parent evening, I will send home the booklet that was handed out for you to keep and refer to.

Book Donations

Recently Debbie Dowling had a clean out of her girls rooms and donated a lot of their reading books to us - what a treasured gift these have been. We love our reading and it is so nice to receive more books for the children to browse through and enjoy. Thank you Debbie, Nicole and Gemma.

Bag clean out

We had a compulsory school bag spring clean this week - what a hoot this was! The treasures that were found in our bags - notices from term 1, money, old chocolate bars, even a hairbrush! Please encourage your children to have a regular clean out of their school bag ... and maybe they might extend this to their bedrooms!

I am currently up in Auckland watching Briar play hockey at the Federation Cup with Columba College. I feel very proud to see her and Hannah Cormack continuing to live the values they were surrounded with here at St John's School and all of our ex-pupils are a credit to us and their families.

Kind regards
Geraldine Duncan

Board of Trustees

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10 September at 7p.m.

Notices and Dates:

Week 8	Thursday 12 th September	Curling for Middle & Senior Classes
	Friday 13 th September	Curling for Middle & Senior Classes
Week 9	Monday 16 th September	Curling for Middle & Senior Classes
Week 10	Tuesday 24 th September	Curling Tournament
	Friday 27 th September	Loud Shirt Day
	Friday 27 th September	Last time of Term 3

LOST AT RUGBY BREAKUP AT STADIUM- Brand new 82cm Merino School Jersey.

Someone may have picked this up by mistake. If you think you may have an extra jersey, please return to school. Thank you.

NEWSPAPERS

Our newspaper supply at school has run out. If anyone has any newspapers, please drop them into the school office. Many thanks.

Maniototo Primary Schools Speech Competition 2019

Year 3

1st	Peyton Baddock	MAS
2nd	Josie Herlihy	St John's
3rd=	Sophie Groundwater	Omakau
3rd=	Nheero del Mundo	MAS



Year 4

1st	Teyah Al Niaami	MAS
2nd	Macy Finlayson	MAS
3rd	Marie Cavanagh	Omakau

Year 5

1st=	Amelia Smith	MAS
1st=	Fred Dowling	St John's
2nd	Rosa Herlihy	St John's
3rd	Chloe Paterson	Omakau



Year 6

1st	Alexie Mackenzie	MAS
2nd	Toby Duncan	St John's
3rd	Kate Williams	Omakau

Year 7

1st=	Archie McDiarmid	MAS
1st=	Brooke Huddleston	MAS
2nd	Annie Dowling	St John's
3rd	Alivia Steele	St John's





Year 8

1st Abby Ferdinands
2nd Perri Hore
3rd Maia Macdonald

MAS
MAS
St John's

Athletic Sports Practises

I can help with athletics coaching at school from 1.20p.m. - 2.30p.m. on

Friday 18th October

Friday 25th October

(Please tick dates that are suitable)

Name: _____



Ceramic Painting Workshop for Children

Ceramic artist Bridget Paape from "Gone Potty" is coming to Ranfurly!

Bridget (www.gonepotty.co.nz) will be running 2 ceramic painting workshops for school children aged 5 – 18 years.

The class will involve designing and painting a coffee mug, side plate or dessert bowl.

Everyone gets to create their own unique masterpiece; which Bridget will glaze and fire so they can be used every day. (Microwave and dishwasher safe)

WHEN: Saturday 14th September 2019
5 – 8 years 10am – 12 midday
9 – 18 years 1 – 3pm

WHERE: The Maniototo Community Arts Centre, Reade St, Ranfurly

WHO: All school children – no previous skill required
Adults are welcome too, at the non-subsidized cost of \$25
Places are limited, so registration is essential

COST: \$5 per child, \$25 per adult

CONTACT: Ro Kinney – 03 4444 700 or 027 259 2320 to register, or for more information



Letter to parents Re Measles

5th September 2019

Dear Parent/Caregiver

St John's School has been advised that since 22nd August, five people have been confirmed with measles in the Southern region and the disease is now likely to be spreading in the wider community.

The number of cases may seem relatively small in comparison with the population, but one person with measles can infect many others.

PHS advises that immunisation is the best protection against measles.

Immunisation is safe, effective and free.

Measles is serious and highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, cough, sore red eyes and a rash. It can make people very sick. People with measles can be infectious even before they start feeling unwell. While almost all people will make a complete recovery, it can lead to hospitalisation and in rare cases, death.

Parents/guardians need to find out whether their children are protected against measles.

Regarding your child's immunisation status:

- **If your child has not received their measles immunisation (MMR vaccine)** as per the Immunisation Schedule (1st MMR at 15 months and 2nd MMR at four years), call your GP as soon as possible. Arrange a time to immunise your child as it is never too late.
- **Infants and children who are not travelling to Auckland** or overseas to a country with a measles outbreak are recommended to get their MMR vaccinations as per the Immunisation Schedule at 15 months and 4 years.
- **Infants aged 6 to 11 months who are travelling to Auckland** or overseas to a country with a measles outbreak, can have their first MMR vaccination (MMR0) after consulting with their GP, however they will still need to have the MMR vaccinations at 15 months and four years as per the Immunisation Schedule.
- **Infants aged 12 to 14 months who are travelling to Auckland** or overseas to a country with a measles outbreak, should receive all four 15 month vaccinations (MMR, varicella, Hib and PCV10) at least two weeks before travelling to allow immunity against measles to develop.
 - **If your child has received only one measles immunisation (i.e. one MMR vaccination)**, call your GP as soon as possible to see if you need to arrange a time to immunise your child with their second MMR. Two measles immunisations provide better protection than one.
 - **If your child has received two measles immunisations, or they have definitely had doctor-diagnosed measles infection in the past**, they are considered protected. Over 99% of people who are fully immunised are protected from measles.
 - **If you are not sure of your child's immunisation records**, look in your child's plunket book or check with your GP.
 - **If your child is not immune or you choose not to immunise your child**, they are not protected from measles. If they come into contact with someone with measles, they will likely have to be excluded from school or ECEC for up to 14 days.

Signs of measles

It usually takes 10 to 14 days for someone who has caught measles to start showing symptoms.

If your child develops a high fever, runny nose, cough, sore red eyes, or a rash see a doctor (call ahead to alert your doctor about the possibility of measles before visiting and take this letter along).

If your child has a weakened immune system (e.g. if they have an inherited immune problem or are receiving chemotherapy for cancer), please contact your doctor to discuss further.

If this occurs: Call your GP or Healthline (0800 611 116) as soon as possible for advice. Your GP will advise the safest time for your child to return to school. If your GP suspects measles, they will arrange for testing and Public Health South will be in contact to offer support and any follow up regarding contact tracing.

For more information about measles, contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

Kind regards

Susan Mulholland
Principal

A Night at the Races!

Dear Parents

On Saturday 7th December we will be holding a fundraising evening at the Maniototo Stadium for St Johns School.

The event is going to be a Night at the Races! This fundraising event has been successfully held in other areas and we are hoping it will be a great success here also!

This night is going to be aimed at the Maniototo Community to come along and support and also as a great way to wind up the year.

This is how our night at the races works. We thought it would be helpful for parents to have a good understanding of the concept so they can answer people's questions once the advertising takes place:

- 1) The concept is devised by Great Little Events Ltd in Palmerston North - we as a PTA buy the package from them. Their website is www.gle.co.nz so please go online and have a look.
- 2) We are promoting it as a Night at the Races, people are encouraged to dress up as if they were going to the Races. There will be prizes for the best dressed!
- 3) There are 8 races in the evening. These are all steeple chase races with 8 horses in every race. The races will be played on a big screen from sealed (so no one can cheat) DVD.
- 4) We are aiming to have a major sponsor for each race. The race will be named after that sponsor and will be in the race book that everyone who attends receives.
- 5) Prior to the event people will have the opportunity to buy a horse/and or become a jockey (Each family will be given a couple of these to sell). It is \$20 to buy a horse in a race and if that horse wins, the owner receives \$80. To become a jockey you pay \$10, and if your horse wins you receive \$40. You can own more than one horse and you can be a jockey on numerous horses if you wish. This information is also all included in the race book.
- 6) On the night we will have 8 totes running and people simply go to the tote number of the horse they are wishing to back. You bet real money and receive real money if your horse comes in. You can bet on "win" and "place" bets.
- 7) A lot of the work is done before the event in preselling all tables/tickets, sponsoring of races, owners of horses and jockeys, however it will be a very hands on event for parents on the night also. We will require a lot of help to make this happen.

We are hoping to seat 180-200 people at the Ranfurly Stadium on Saturday 7th December. This will be our major fundraiser for this year and we hoping to start building some money towards the need for further IT equipment and the idea of upgrading the playground and surrounds.

We will have more information to follow at the Start of Term 4.

It will be a fun night out - so lets start talking about it and get people excited!

Any questions:

Geraldine Dowling or Logan Dowling