



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone for the last term of 2019.

We especially welcome 2 new 5 year olds to school, Adam Shead and Charlie Dowling.



Athletic Sports Practises

We have our first athletics practise this afternoon and we have another one next Friday the 25th October from 1.20 - 2.30p.m.

Thank you to those parents who gave up their time to come along and help with this.

Athletic Sports Day

The Maniototo Athletic Sports will take place on **Friday 1st November** at the Ranfurly Stadium. The postponement date is **Monday 4th 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 in front of the squash court area of the Stadium at 9.00a.m.
Junior Sports begin at 9.30a.m and will be finished by approximately 11.30a.m. and these 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 of events that include throwing, jumping and running.
- 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). These need to be returned to school, washed please, after the event.

Shorts/trackpants

Sunhats/sunblock

- There is a gold coin entry fee for all adults and 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 or give Ryan a ring on 0274347239. The more people who can help on the day, the smoother the event runs. Thank you.

Loud Shirt Day

Thank you for the gold coin donations for "Loud Shirt Day" at the end of last term.

We raised \$106.60c for NZ cochlear implants.

"Shake-out" Earthquake Drill

On Thursday 17th October at 1.30p.m. we took part in a nationwide practise of the earthquake drill - "drop, cover, hold."



Congratulations

Congratulations to these children who represented Central Otago in sporting tournaments over the holidays:

Maggie Dowling

Ella Gibson

Annie Dowling

Collier Cup Hockey in Wellington - Placed 14 - but 2nd in the South Island!

Jock Duncan

Well done!

Hatch Cup Hockey in Palmerston North - Placed 10th.

Thank you

A big thank you to Challenge Ranfurly who nominated us for the "My Challenge" rewards programme last year. We recently received \$324.00 from these rewards.

End of Year dates

Friday 6 December

Monday 9 December

Wednesday 11 December

Portfolios and End of Year Reports given out.

Concert and Prizegiving 7.30p.m. in the Town Hall.

Last day of school for 2019

Special Character Clipboard:

The month of October each year is dedicated to the prayers called "The Holy Rosary". The Rosary consists of sets of prayers based on the lives of Jesus and Mary. Rosary beads are used to count sets of prayers. For the last 2 weeks in October, as a school, we will be meeting together and praying one set of the Rosary each morning.

Children are welcome to bring their own rosary beads to school, to use each morning.

Feast days coming up:

October 20th	Mission Sunday
November 1st	All Saints Day
November 2nd	All Souls Day

Junior Class News:

* This term the Junior Class are going to be learning about one of their favourite topics with Mrs Elworthy - Dinosaurs!!

* In art time with Mrs Hazlett, Juniors will be working on Sculpture.

* Here are some holiday stories written earlier in the week:

In the holidays Dad and Mum and I went to the go-karting in Cromwell. I came 1st place and Tyrell came 2nd place. Then we went to the cafe and I played a game. We went to play minigolf. My driver was one of their helpers. It was so cool.

By Xavier Love

In the holidays my cousins came to stay for two nights and Taylor and Morgan slept in the caravan. Before Taylor and Morgan came to our house Mum and I made cookies. Taylor gave me a greenstone necklace and Morgan gave me a slapband for my birthday because they couldn't come to my birthday. Taylor and Morgan live in the North Island.

By McKenna Suddaby

In the holidays I played with Gabriel and we had fun. But then Gabriel wanted to sleep so my Mum made Gabriel sleep. I did not have anyone to play with so I played with my toy. In the morning I watched TV and then I wanted to play with Gabriel. But he was asleep so I cleaned the room. The room was fabulous.

By Jade Aquino

Middle Class News:

Welcome back to the last term of this decade!

The children have enjoyed practicing for athletics and it's been really good to see the class encouraging each other and challenging themselves.

We have started off the term looking at adding senses detail into our writing. We wrote about our holidays including things we could see, hear, smell, feel and taste.

Here are some extracts from our writing:

I can see race cars, people and mechanics. I smell smoke and sausages. I can hear brruummm, brruummm. I can taste sausages. I can feel people bumping into me. By Josie.

VVVerrrr, I can hear racing cars burning rubber.....I can see heaps of cars coming round round trying to win. Dad was so confident that he would get a placing, maybe a little bit too confident! In the last ten minutes of the race, his car started to sound sick and it was out of oil. Next year I hope dad has enough oil. By Samuel

....I can hear the noise of a big elephant chasing Dora and sticks cracking. By Marley.

...I hear noisy people and shopping carts rolling. I smell perfume like a rose. By Katelyn.

Please remember to keep supporting your child at home with their reading and times tables practise. Children always have online steps and mathematics activities available to support their learning. Thank you for supporting your child.

God bless,

Anna Jeffries

Senior Class News:

Due to Geraldine being overseas at the time that this newsletter went to print, there will be no Senior Class news this time.

Board of Trustees

* At our October meeting, Susan presented a curriculum report to the Board on Religious Education - Growth in Knowledge.

* The Board looked at, discussed and reviewed our school policy on Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC). Parents can read and review this policy by:

1. Logging 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

Notices and Dates:

Week 3	Friday 1 st November	Athletics Sports
Week 4	Monday 4 th November	Athletics Sports – Postponement day
Week 5	Tuesday 12 th November	BOT Meeting
Week 6	Tuesday 19 th November	Otago Athletics
	Thursday 21 st November	Otago Athletics – Postponement day
Week 8	Friday 6 th December	Reports/Portfolios given out
Week 9	Monday 9 th December	End of Year Concert
	Wednesday 11 th December	Last day of school for 2019

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