



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Athletic Sports

Congratulations to all children who participated in the Maniototo Athletic Sports on Friday 1st November. The sports shield for 2019 was won by Serpentine House from Maniototo Area School.

Danseys	12.17
Garibaldi	9.43
Hamiltons	15.9 2nd Place
Serpentine	16.1 1st Place
McAuley	15.45
O'Neill	15.6 3rd Place
Rock & Pillar	14.8
Taieri Ridge	12.4

A special congratulations to Toby Duncan who won the Matchett Cup for 2020, scoring a maximum of 36/36 points, 1st in every event! Well done, Toby.

Also congratulations to the following children who will represent Maniototo at the Otago Primary School Athletic Sports on Tuesday 19th November in Dunedin:

Hamish Crossan Maggie Dowling Jock Duncan Ella Gibson Sage Paterson
Paxton Francis Jake Smith Alivia Steele Ryan Crossan Toby Duncan
Georgia Elworthy Tessa Steele

Attached are the results from Sports Day.

A big thank you to Ryan Dowling for organising helpers and the high jump event. Thank you to those parents who gave up their time to help with this event or who helped chaperone an age group of children.

Swimming Lessons

Please see attached notice at the end of the newsletter.

Reading Challenge

Please read the attached letter re a Super Smash Reading Challenge that is running over the summer holidays.

End of Year Activities

There are a lot of end of year activities coming up. Please make sure you are aware of these through newsletters, reminder notices and our school website: www.sjr.school.nz

Coming Up

December 6	Reports and Portfolios sent home. Reports may be kept but portfolios need to be returned to school. Thank you.
December 7	PTA "Night at the Races"
December 9	School Concert and Prizegiving 7.30p.m. in the Ranfurly Town Hall
December 11	End of Year School Mass in the Church at 9a.m. Opening of "Holy Paddocks" school farm 10.15a.m. (approx) Last day for 2019.

Term Dates 2020

Term 1	Tuesday 28 January - Thursday 9 April
Term 2	Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July (ANZAC Day observed Monday 27 April)
Term 3	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4	Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

Special Character Clipboard:

Friday 1st November was All Saints Day. In Faith Focus time the children talked about Saints and stories we know about some of the Saints. We identified ways we can act to follow the paths of Saints:

- do something good for others
- do something for nothing
- believe in God
- share our faith
- act in a respectful, caring way

Junior Class News:

Here are two photos of Junior Class children with the beginning of some of the sculptures they are making with Mrs Hazlett. They are using plastic bottles and plaster of paris to make dinosaurs!



Middle Class News:

Athletics day was a hit. The children enjoyed competing. It was pleasing to see all children trying really hard with such positive attitudes.



We have been learning about all things money in maths. We are preparing something for latter in the term, details are to come.

As the term draws closer to an end we will begin to practice for our production more.

Remember to continue reading and practice times tables at home.

Senior Class News:

Be happy, not only because everything is good, but because you can see the good in everything.

Week 4, Term 4.

School Farm

Our school farm is all action! We currently have a storage shed being built which will house our calf and hen feed, so we are looking forward to having this in place. Our hens are laying and the 5 calves are settled in and are learning to go on the lead. This is quite a challenge for them (and us) but we are making progress.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this project and I would particularly like to acknowledge the support of Hendy at Cooks Transport, who bought our flatpack shed over from Oamaru for free. The generosity that has been extended to us is quite amazing and it has made our dream a reality. Thank you everyone.

We are currently running a name the calf competition at school, and we will soon do the same for our hens. If anyone has some of the rings that we can put around the hens legs so we can identify them, please let me know as I am hoping to get a hold of some so we know who is who in our chicken coop!



Two good looking birds.



I need a name!

Maniototo Athletic Sports

This was a great day and the weather was much more settled than what we had for our practices. The children competed in a very positive spirit and made the most of the opportunity to compete against other schools and houses. Congratulations to the children who managed to place at an event or to place in their age group overall, and congratulations to Toby who achieved 36 points and won the Matchett Cup.

There has been a team of 12 children selected from here to represent Maniototo at the Otago Athletic Sports - good luck with your training and competing children. Please see the note at the end of this newsletter regarding the practices.

Naseby Camp

The children will have brought home to you this week the gear list, food list and an updated activity helper sheet. I had planned to run a camp meeting but have ended up with no free afternoons next week, so I have decided to stick with the paper communication and cancel the meeting.

The key points to note are

- a. If you have changed your contact details, I will need to know so that I can contact you.
- b. If you need to make a change on the activity helper sheet, I will need to know.
- c. If something has changed with your child health wise, I also need to know.
- d. Please pay \$30 for your child into 03 0951 0064739 00. If you would like to work out a payment plan or some assistance to meet this cost, come and see me prior to camp.
- e. If you are joining us for the BBQ, please bring your own food, cutlery, cordial, camping chair and plates. Basically bring your picnic basket!
- f. If your child is in the Maniototo Athletics team and you know whether or not they would be attending on the postponement date of Thursday 21st, please let me know. It is fine to go to the sports.
- g. I have the camp stretchers / blow up beds organised so take these off the gear list.

Classroom learning

We are currently focusing on narrative writing and your child's imaginations are in full force. We have been learning about how to structure our writing so that it flows, to use language effectively and that we don't have to tell the reader everything all at once. Outside our classroom (on the wall above the bags) are our writing pockets where you can look at examples of writing we have done. As yet, we have no narrative samples in there but they will be coming. Pop in and have a read at some stage if you have time.

In math we are learning about geometry and measurement. One of the tasks for the year 7 group was to work out how big a square metre was and to estimate how many people could fit in it - well we love a challenge, and we managed to fit our whole class!

We have also spent time this week sending out various thank you letters to people, leading our calves and tidying up the sports uniforms. Although these jobs (which are many for the super seniors) might seem minor, they also teach us great life skills in self management, thankfulness and perseverance.



Otago Country Cricket

Congratulations to Sage and Jock who have made the Otago Country A and Development teams for year 7 and 8, and to Ella for being selected for the Under 15 team.

Good luck for your games children and enjoy the competition. We look forward to hearing your news on Monday mornings after your matches.

Take care,
Geraldine Duncan.

Marvellous Manure!

Our amazing manure is still for sale, get it while you can as it's selling out fast! Keep your garden healthy and make your neighbours jealous, only \$5 per bag. Great to get your new plants growing and you'll have a lush green garden in no time! Make sure to spread the word around the community, thank you for your support on our farm project.

From the Young Vinnies Executive.



Maniototo Athletic Practices

It was great to gather together yesterday and have our first practice as a team for the Otago Athletics Champs. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have made a practice day change, so please note this in your diary.

Practice # 2: Monday 11th November (3 - 4.15pm)

Practice # 3: Wednesday 13th November (3 - 4.15pm)

Practice # 4: Friday 15th November (3 - 4.15pm)

Competition day: Tuesday 19th November

Courtney Martin is coaching our throwers. She is only able to attend the after school practice on Wednesday 13th, so we are offering another throwing (discus, shot put) practice only on Monday 11th at 7pm at MAS.

Extra relay practices will take place on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes at the Stadium for the MAS and St John's children. The children will be transported down to this by Geraldine.

Thank you.

Board of Trustees

Next Board meeting Tuesday 12 November.

Notices and Dates:

Week 5	Tuesday 12 th November	BOT Meeting
Week 6	Tuesday 19 th November	Otago Athletics
	Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd November	Senior Camp
	Thursday 21 st November	Postponement date for Otago Athletics
Week 8	Friday 6 th December	Reports/Portfolios given out
	Saturday 7 th December	P.T.A – “Night at the Races”
Week 9	Monday 9 th December	End of Year Concert & Prizegiving 7.30pm in Ranfurly Town Hall
	Wednesday 11 th December	Last day of school for 2019
		End of Year School Mass in the Church at 9am
		Opening of “Holy Paddocks” school farm 10.15am

GRAEME LAING SWIM SCHOOL

27th – 31st December 2019

To book – contact Margo Hall 0210528255

Programme on the 27th is as follows:

9am Length Swimmers

10am All others

You will get your class times afterwards

