

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Chat

Nau mai, hoki mai

What a blast we've had this week!

It has been fun seeing the children all dressed up as their different book characters and how creative some people were with their costumes.

We have enjoyed doing different activities during the week associated with books, from Where's Wally hunting around the school each day, kahoots, book swaps, guess the nursery rhyme and book activities to having guest readers coming in to read to the children each day.

We thank you all for any part you may have played this week in our book week.

We especially thank Father Pete, Ryan Dowling, Joe Ferdinands and Ewan Mason for coming to read to the school each day as our special guest readers.

Drop-offs and pick-ups

When picking up or dropping off children to school, please try to park in the school car park or on the school side of the road to avoid children crossing the busy road.

If you do have to park on the other side of the road, please come across and get your child to help them across. Thank you.

Uniform

Students at St John's School are particularly good at wearing the correct uniform. At our latest Board meeting, we reviewed our Uniform policy and procedures, and I thought I would include them in this week's newsletter. Uniform is compulsory at our school, and the students look so good when they are out and about and representing St John's.

St John's School Uniform Rules and Procedures

St John's School has a compulsory school uniform.

As all uniform items tend to look the same, please ensure all clothing is named.

At school, we aim to foster independence by encouraging children to take responsibility for their own clothing. Stray items are placed on spare corridor hooks, and children are permitted to look for any lost items before or after school. Items which have not been claimed at the end of the term are disposed of or put into our second-hand clothing bin. Orders for school uniforms can be made online through <http://stjohns.uniformnz.com> or through the school office.

GUIDE-LINES

- If a child is unable to wear the correct uniform, a note is required from the parent
- Children must wear school uniform to and from school

GIRLS – SUMMER/WINTER

Red polo shirt

Skort

School polar fleece/jersey

Black socks (black stockings in winter if preferred)

Sneakers/Gym Shoes

BOYS – SUMMER/WINTER

Red polo shirt

Grey shorts (grey trousers in winter optional)

School polar fleece/jersey

Black socks

Sneakers/Gym Shoes

Hair ribbons etc – black, brown, red or green.

Sunhats are purchased with stationery at the start of the year and must be worn at school during Terms 1 and 4.

Bus Vests - must be worn in Terms 2 and 3, to and from school

Jewellery:

One pair of stud earrings or sleepers only. No other jewellery permitted.

Any jewellery that has a medical, religious or cultural significance must be worn as a necklace and have minimal visibility.

Nail polish: No nail polish is to be worn.

Hair:

Shoulder length hair should be tied back and off the face.

Hair must be clean and in a natural colour range.

Makeup: Is not permitted



Jack and the Beanstalk Writing

Jack's mum threw the bean out the window and it grew and grew. Jack climbed the beanstalk so he could get up to the top.

By Jess Cameron



Jack's mum threw the magic bean out the window and the bean grew and grew. Jack climbed the giant beanstalk but the giant heard him steal the magic hen and he chased him.

By Fergus Smith

Writing with Ms. Pope



I would rather be a caterpillar because they are colourful when they turn into a butterfly.

I could touch the sky and I could fly very fast.

By Patrick O'Neill

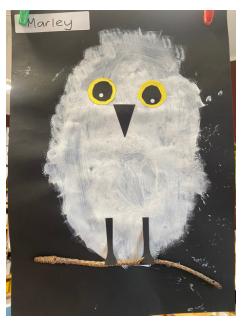
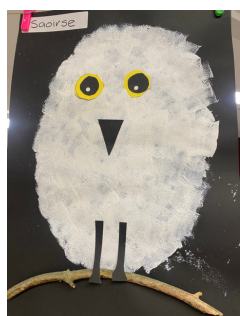
I would rather be a dragonfly because they have been around for millions of years and they used to be as big as seagulls.

I would also like to fly very fast.

By George McKirdy



Ozzie Owl Art with Ms. Pope



Book Week Dress Ups



A huge THANK YOU to all of our parents and caregivers for your wonderful support with homework activities. We have noticed fantastic progress in reading, spelling, tables, and phonics. You are making a real difference in your child's learning!



In the Middle Room, we are currently learning about Fairy Tales. We have learnt that Fairy Tales have an introduction that introduces the setting and the characters, a problem, and an ending with a resolution. We have read lots of Fairy Tales to see what is similar about them, and now we are beginning to write some mixed-up Fairy Tales.

We have also been testing our Basic Facts each Friday this term. There are 100 facts made up of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to complete in 8 mins if you are Year 3 & 4 or 6 mins 30sec if you are a Year 5. The improvement in just a few weeks has been impressive!

In RE we been learning about the 7 sacraments in the Catholic church and what happens for each one.

We are incredibly impressed by the grit and determination the children have shown throughout their cross-country training. Every child has tried their very best and is making real progress towards the goals they set at the beginning of their training.

We look forward to seeing them run their hearts out at cross country on Monday!





The Senior Room has been busy developing our narrative-writing skills by combining different fairy tales to create new and imaginative stories. Everyone has shown great creativity, enthusiasm and confidence as they have experimented with characters, settings and plot ideas. It has been very impressive to see the interesting vocabulary and descriptive language they have used in their writing.

To bring their stories to life, the students have also been acting out their narratives. It has been wonderful watching them share their ideas, work collaboratively and perform their creative stories for one another. Their performances have been a real highlight!

We would also like to congratulate Kaylah McAuley, who is currently in Norway representing New Zealand in Curling. We are incredibly proud of her and excited to hear all about it when she is home. Best wishes from all of us!





This term, we have 10 students who will be confirmed in our church. Their confirmation date is Sunday 6th September at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the students' Confirmation that day. This will be done during Sunday Mass, with Bishop Michael coming up to confirm the children. So there will be no Mass at 4pm that day.

Confirmation is a time when the children are confirming their baptism in the church and renewing their baptismal promises. The students come to the front of the church with their sponsor, who could be a godparent, parent or friend. They stand with their hand on the student's shoulder and tell the Bishop the name they have chosen to be confirmed with.

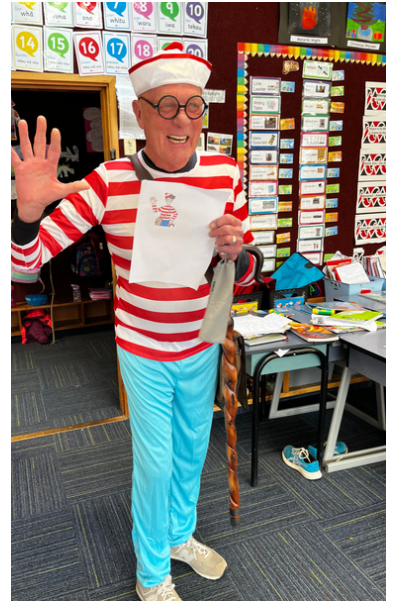
Some of our students have chosen to be confirmed with their Baptism name, and some students have chosen a saint name.

The Bishop then holds his hands over the student's head and says, "Be sealed with the gift of the holy spirit," and the students say, "Amen".

He then says, "Peace be with you," and the students say, "And with your spirit".

The next sacrament the students will go through after this is Holy Communion. We will set a date in November for this.





Board of Trustees: Wednesday 16th September at 7.00pm

Notices and Dates:

Week 5	Sunday 23 rd August	• Book Week • Sunday Mass at 4pm • Altar Servers: Theo Dowling & Flynn McSkimming
Week 6	Monday 24 th August Sunday 30 th August	• Cross Country 1.00pm • Sunday Mass at 4pm • Altar Servers: Jack & Jimmy Jeffries
Week 7	Tuesday 1 st & Friday 4th Sept Sunday 6 th Sept	• Middle/Senior Curling • Sunday Mass at 2.30pm (Confirmation) • Altar Servers: Xavier & Greta Love
Week 8	Tuesday 8 th Sept Friday 11 th Sept Sunday 13 th Sept	• Middle/Senior Curling • Ski Trip • Sunday Mass at 4pm • Altar Servers: Bryleigh, Eli & Joshua Barroga
Week 9	Tuesday 15 th Sept Sunday 20 th Sept	• Yr 5-6 & 7-8 Curling Tournament • Sunday Mass at 4pm • Altar Servers: James Badillo, Jade Aquino & Neale Plena
Week 10	Sunday 27 th Sept	• Last week of Term 3 • Sunday Mass 5.00pm (Daylight Saving begins) • Altar Servers: Ben & Olivia Scott