



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai and welcome to the first school newsletter for term 2. I trust everyone enjoyed the holiday break and found some time to relax and rejuvenate after a busy first term. We have had a great first week back at school and have been impressed with the energy and positivity from our children as they have quickly settled back into the classroom. We have a 10 week term ahead which we know is busy for many families as you spend time each week travelling to winter sport so please work on developing healthy and sustainable routines around homework, sleep and diet. We love spending time with your children and need them to arrive at school ready to have fun and learn.

School will be open from 8.30am everyday. This is to allow the teachers to prepare for the day's lessons and then we will be in our classrooms and available to the children until school starts at 8.50am.

Over the winter term, winter bugs do become evident. Please keep children at home if they have colds or the flu and text the school cell phone (027 266 1758) to let us know they will be absent and why. We appreciate your support with this.

The following is information that you need to be familiar with for the term ahead...

Snowdays:

If the buses are running late (or not at all), you will be notified with a text from the school cell phone and it will also be on the local radio station Burn 729am. If the buses are required to take children home during the school day, you will also be notified via text message. Children will not be sent on the bus unless we have a response to the text because we need to know someone will be at the other end to get the children.

School Focus:

These will be held at 2pm on a Friday afternoon in the senior room and you are welcome to join us at this weekly event. We will then be playing a schoolwide game afterwards.

School uniform:

School uniforms order forms are available on the website www.sjr.school.nz under Information tab. Click on Uniform and all order forms are there to print. Then drop into school office. You can also go direct to www.stjohns.uniformnz.com to get polo shirts, culottes, shorts, polar fleece.

School Mass:

There will be a school mass this term, date still to be confirmed. You will be notified when it is on.

Staffing:

Term 2 has seen Mrs Mulholland take her term long sabbatical. During this time, the following staffing is in place

Junior Room - Mrs Erin Elworthy

Middle Room - Miss Bailey Smith (Mrs Jayne Hazlett will teach in here on a Wednesday)

Senior Room - Mrs Geraldine Duncan, Miss Helen Flintoff on a Wednesday and Mrs Jayne Hazlett for part of Thursday.

Acting principal is Geraldine Duncan.

High visibility vests:

These will be handed out to the children on Monday who go on the school bus or bike / scooter to school. The children are expected to wear these to school and to take them off once inside the school grounds, they also wear them heading home after school. Your child's vest has a number on it so that they can keep track of it. We will collect them back in during term 3 when daylight saving finishes.

Speech Competition:

This term we will be holding our competition and it involves all children from year 3 - 8.

The children write their speeches in class (and are given their poem to learn) and present them to an audience.

Year 3 - poem recitals

Year 4 - Short speech. The topic is 'A character I know'

Year 5 - 8 Short speech. The topic is 'What if ...'

From this, children are selected to represent our school at the Ranfurly Town Hall against children of the same age from Poolburn, Omakau and Maniototo Area School.

At our own school competition the year 1 and 2's also take part and recite a short poem or nursery rhyme.

Our school competition will be held on Friday 4th June. Years 1-5 will start at 9.15am and years 6-8 from 11am onwards (approximately).

Queens Birthday:

School is closed on Monday 7th June for Queens Birthday weekend.

Special Mention:

On Saturday 10th April our St John's swimming representatives headed to Moana Pool in Dunedin to participate in the Otago Primary School Swimming Championships where there were 361 children competing.



*Tessa Steele, Chloe McAuley
Jae McAuley, Marley Weir, Josie Herlihy, McKenna Suddaby*

Otago Swimming Champs 2021

The Otago Swimming Champs were held on Saturday the 10th of April in Dunedin at Moana Pool. We had a great day and swam really well but sadly we did not qualify for the finals. There were so many people there and it was hard to walk along the aisle just to get to our next race! Everyone else that had qualified for the champs had trained a lot more and were a lot stronger because their pool was open all year round but we still tried our best and believed in ourselves. It was so fun and we were so proud of each other.

All thanks to Becky McAuley for running our swim club and giving us the chance to swim and that you trained us so well up to this moment. We are really lucky to have her or else we probably wouldn't have even made it to Otago's. Becky is a great coach and person. Thank you as well to all the parents that travelled to Dunedin to support us and watch us swim. We couldn't have done it without you!

The races were fast and fun. We swam as best as we could and were pretty puffed at the end. Overall we really enjoyed the day and that we would love to have the experience again.

Chloe and Tessa.

Young Vinnies Executive

The seniors recently learnt about the St Vincent de Paul Society and Frederick Ozanam. From this the children went on to self nominate themselves for positions on the Executive and to hold the leadership elections. This was a great opportunity to prepare themselves to speak in front of others and to consider what their skills are and how to tell others about these. The standard of speaking was excellent and it was difficult for children to make their decisions when it came to voting, so I commend all children who put their names forward.

Our Executive for 2021 is as follows



President - Toby Duncan
Vice President - Ryan Crossan and Tessa Steele
Secretary - Fred Dowling
Treasurer - Chloe McAuley, Paige Smith
Prayer leader - Rosa Herlihy

New baby!

We were excited to learn that Frank Douglas Gray arrived safely on the 20th April. Congratulations to Rachel and Cam and we send them our best wishes. You will all remember the birth of your first child and the wonder, joy and tiredness that comes with this, babies are so special and we are just thrilled for them both.

Special Character Clipboard:

PINK Shirt Day

On Friday 21st May we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day, with children bringing a gold coin donation to school and wearing bright colours. The focus of this day is to help spread the message of aroha and kindness and to end bullying. The money that we raise helps the Mental Health Foundation to raise awareness about bullying prevention. Each class will learn a little about this in their classes and specifically about being an 'Upstander'.

An Upstander is a person who sees or knows a bullying incident is occurring and uses their words and actions to help someone who is being bullied. The children will learn about how to ...

1. *To awhi/support the person experiencing bullying*
 - *Awhi the person being bullied, even if you just stand beside them and let them know you've got their back.*
 - *Encourage them to ask a kaiako/teacher for help or go with them to get help.*
 - *Let them know they're not alone!*

2. *Distract / Interrupt the bullying in some way*
 - *Ask the person experiencing bullying if they want to go for a walk or do something else.*
 - *Help them to leave the situation they're in.*

3. *Call it!*
 - *If you feel safe to, let the person/people doing the bullying know what they're doing isn't okay.*
 - *Use your words to show aroha and kindness to those involved.*
 - *Don't stand by and watch. It can be hard to speak up in the moment but it can make a huge difference.*

4. *Leave and act If you don't feel safe to step in while the bullying is happening:*
 - *Move away from the situation.*
 - *Later, let the person experiencing the bullying know you saw and ask what might help.*
 - *You might want to have a quiet word with the person doing the bullying.*

5. *Get some other help*
 - *Support the person being bullied to get help from others – whānau, kaiako, a trusted adult or a helpline and then act on their advice.*

In our **Religious Education** lessons we are currently working on the 'Jesus strand'.

CARITAS mufti day - We wore mufti on the last day of term to raise funds for the great work that CARITAS does. The children's donations raised \$82.30.

Junior Class News:

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2 2021. I am really excited to have the pleasure of teaching your children this term.

The term is outlined as follows:

Numeracy

We will be concentrating on Number Knowledge (multiplication and division) this term as well as for strand Mathematics we will be looking at measurement which encompasses telling the time, money and temperature. For geometry we will take a look at 2D, 3D shapes, and patterns.

On a Friday we will be playing Maths games in relation to what we have been learning as well as learning how to play certain card games.

Literacy - Writing

We will be writing most days and will cover a variety of topics. Recounts, where children can tell me about something they have done, or experienced, and what happened on the weekend? We will also look at Creative writing, we will take into account what we see, feel, hear to make our stories come alive.

Reading

Children will have reading from Monday to Thursday each week. They will continue to bring home their reading book each night. Before you start reading with them, have a chat to them and ask them what their book is about, try to relate if possible to things they have done at home, school etc.

Poetry

Every Friday we will have poetry, The children will have a poem to stick into their new poetry book and will bring this home over the weekend to be returned to school on Monday. If you could please read this with your child, or see if they can read this to you?

Spelling

Spelling words will be sent home for those on spelling words and for others they will have their word tins. Please practise these with your children and you can take this a bit further by asking your child to put the word into a sentence.

We will be working on the STEPS programme which is a computer based programme at certain times throughout the week. This is followed up with their book work. Their spelling words come from words to work on from this programme.

Handwriting

The focus for this term will be on Pencil Grip and ensuring children are writing or starting to write letters correctly. We will look at the size of letters and finger spacing.

Oral Language

This term we have our Speech Competition. The Juniors will be given a poem which they will learn off by heart and perform in Week 5. When the children start bringing these home in their book bags, please practise this with them. We will be looking at standing up in front of an audience, eye contact, standing up nice and tall, and having clear delivery of their poem. Some may choose to add actions. The Junior Children will deliver their poem in front of the school. There will be a notice closer to the time with details.

We will have 'Weekend News' on a Monday where the children can share with the class what they got up to.

On Wednesday there will be sharing time, so the children are able to bring something that is special to them along to share with the class. They can put this on my desk at the start of the day.

On Friday we will have World /New Zealand which I will lead.

Library

We will visit our school library once a week on a Friday. This will give the children an opportunity to choose a book to bring home to share with you. Please read this with them and return this to school by the following Friday so we can change these over.

Topic

This term we will be looking at Keeping Ourselves Safe. This will be integrated into Writing at times as well as shared readings. Garry Milford the Youth Education police officer will visit us later on in the term to follow up with our learning.

Drama

We will be looking at doing small role plays in relation to our topic work Keeping Ourselves Safe. Poetry recital work will also come under this umbrella.

Physical Education/Health

Large ball skills - we will be looking at catching, rolling, and throwing skills.

We will also be looking at Keeping Ourselves safe.

We may be skating at the end of the term.

Fitness and Healthy Snack

Each day I am going to try and get out for some fitness. This will be a short burst of time just before their healthy snack which is at approx 10am. Please send your child along with a healthy snack which they can fuel themselves up ready for the second half of the morning.

Maori

MaryAnne Westhead from COREAP will be visiting us on the 7th, 14th and 21st of May with the focus being on Poi and Rakau. We will also continue to learn the days of the week, the numbers and colours.

Religious Education

Prayers will be held every morning, along with before lunch and at the end of the day. Each child will have a turn at saying a prayer each day.

They will also bring a prayer pack home which stays with you for 2 weeks before needing to be returned. From personal experience my children loved setting up a little table at home. This happens in turns so you may not all see these this term.

This term we will be learning about our Parish. For example, what is a Parish? Who are the people and places and gatherings in our parish.

School Wide Focus

This term we are going to be having School Wide Focus on a Friday Afternoon. This is a chance to acknowledge children that have shown school values in different ways. This will be followed by a school wide game.

House -Keeping and Important dates

If your child is unwell or absent from school, please can you let the school know by either texting or leaving a message on the school phone. This saves me a phone call if they are absent when taking the roll. Just a reminder that the phones are not checked after lunch so please send a text message after this time.

Reports and portfolios will be sent home the Friday of Week Nine followed up by Parent Interviews in Week 10.

A busy term ahead, please if you have any concerns, worries do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to email me, my email is: erin@sjr.school.nz

Kind regards

Erin Elworthy

Middle Class News:



Welcome to the start of a new school term, how exciting! This term will be very busy but no doubt we will have plenty of fun. To contact me via any classroom matters please use the school cell phone number and I will make time to see you, so we can have time to talk.



In the last few days of term 1, we did some exciting activities related to Anzac Day. We learnt a lot about World War 1 and the importance of remembering those who went to war. This was a really great start to gain students' interests, as we made silhouettes and our own idea of what poppies looked like.



My homework expectations for the middle class is that every student will complete homework on time, as well as doing their reading book every week night. We have discussed in class why we are doing this and we have a reward system in place.

There is a stamp chart that your child will be aiming towards that is placed at the back of their home learning book. Also a friendly reminder that oral language is starting next week, in week two.

As a beginning teacher I will be released from the classroom on Wednesdays by Mrs Hazlett. We both have units of work to lead students through and no learning progress will be affected in any way. The children enjoy their time with Mrs Hazlett and look forward to her classroom activities.

Kia pai to wiki, all have a fun weekend.

Warm regards
Bailey Smith

Senior Class News:

Birds of a feather, flock together



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back for term 2, it's a pleasure to be back in the classroom with your children and I have really enjoyed hearing about their holiday activities. They are excited to be starting their winter sport activities, and what term 2 will bring to them with their learning. Their enthusiasm is infectious. We felt very lucky to be able to share the amazing cake that Tessa baked and decorated for the Young Vinnies on our first day back - what a thoughtful thing to do. We have been very spoiled in our class recently with baking being bought in by the children.



Tessa Steele and her amazing 'Young Vinnie' cake.

Rippa

Thank you to everyone who supported the Terrace School rippa rugby tournament. This was a big day physically for the children and they had a great time. Again we really appreciate everything that our parents do in terms of transporting children and giving positive sideline support. I am a big believer in the benefits of playing team sport in many areas of our lives and in particular the lessons that we learn in a sports team that flow into other parts of our lives ...

- Cooperation with our teammates and coach
- Working towards bigger goals beyond ourselves
- Self confidence
- Sportsmanship
- Friendships
- Fun and enjoyment while exercising.

Thanks to Nick, Gerard and Ryan for coming in and taking the kids for rippa sessions prior to competition day. They all did an amazing job with our teams, and as anyone who has coached knows, it's not an easy job. I really appreciate and value what you did for our kids and that being a sideline spectator would have been so much easier. So a big thank you to all of you and your team managers.

Can everyone please return the school hoodie and sports shirt washed within the next week.

Year 3 and 4 rippa team - placed 4th.
Coach: Nick Love



Year 5 and 6 rippa team - placed 4th.

Coach: Gerard Weir



Year 7 and 8 rippa team - placed 2nd in pool play.
Coach: Ryan Dowling



Homework

We are pretty much in a great routine with this. We will continue with our weekly spelling words, personal reading and Mathletic points, so please continue to sign your child's homework as they are rewarded with a stamp on their stamp chart at the end of each week for this. The completion of the stamp chart gives them access to the class prize box, and a Banqer bonus payment of \$10,000.

Speech Competition

All of the class are working on developing our speeches. The topic is 'What if ...'. We write these at school and once written the children will need to practice these daily at home - knowing their speech pretty much off by heart helps them feel confident when delivering to an audience. This means we can add in hand movements and facial and voice expression to aid in our delivery. Each child will have cue cards to help them out.

I am aiming that our speeches will be written by week 4. Once at the practicing daily point, you will see this appear in their homework book.

Your child may be understandably nervous about their speech but please be reassured that I will prepare them very well for this. My expectation is that we will all deliver our speech and feel proud of our efforts - so the prior hard work and preparation will allow this to be a reality for us.

New Routine

Helen Flintoff is teaching in our class one day a week this term (although for the first two weeks it is Sarah Paterson as Helen is away) and Jayne Hazlett will teach every Thursday from 11am onwards. We have worked on our teaching and delivery plans, to maximise our teaching time in the classroom. It is going to be a productive term.

Maniototo Community Library

Our library visits are unable to happen this term due to the above staffing changes. So please make an effort to get your child along to the library afterschool so they can continue to choose great books for their personal reading and enjoyment.

Banqer

Ask your child to give you a tour of their Banqer at some stage. They have envious amounts of money and home ownership! The children earn a wage each week but also pay weekly expenses for teaching materials, heating, desk use and teacher expertise - they are left with a profit of \$100 each week.

They can then grow their money through earning bonus payments by getting green bars in Mathletic units, completing their stamp chart, running their laps each week and so forth. We have some very focused and determined savers in this class who have bought houses and vehicles, so take the time to have a look at their site. This is a great opportunity for them to learn the value of money and basic economics.

Headphones

The children often use headphones in class when listening to audio books or watching a video clip. We do have some headphones in class but some of the class have asked me if they can use their personal ones from home - I am fine with this. They just need to be named and can live in their desk.

Pakeke Lions Potato Growing competition

Here are our confirmed weights from the competition.

Senior Class 1.4kg

Middle Class 1.05kg

Junior Class 1.28kg

This was a fun and easy activity for us to do and it has resulted in approximately \$1,500 being donated to the Rescue Helicopter Trust. Having our school gardens has been a fun activity and I'm looking forward to what we can get going in the tunnel house for planting later in the year. I would like to ask for some advice / help with what to do with our beetroot crop, if you have any suggestions please get in touch with me.

Hei kona everyone.

Geraldine Duncan.

Board of Trustees

- Mrs Angela Francis will continue as a Teacher Aide during term 2. She will be working and supporting students in the Senior and Junior Classes three mornings a week.
- Over the holiday break, the side wall under the windows in the Middle Room was replaced as this was weakened from the effects of borer.
- Graham Electrical has installed TV's in the senior, middle and staff room and our tech person has connected these to our laptops using Apple boxes.
- Over term 2, the BoT will be reviewing the following policy that we also encourage parents to read and review - **Reporting to Parents**.

You can do this by following these steps:

1. Log into www.schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click 'Search for your School'.
3. Start typing the school name and then select it from the drop down list.
4. Enter the community 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, staff member or parent / caregiver) from the dropdown list.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

Notices and Dates:

Week 1	Friday 7 th May	Newsletter – emailed out and paper copy is sent home with the eldest child
	Sunday 9 th May	Sunday Mass at 4pm start Altar Server/Bell Ringers: Mac, Finn
Week 2	Tuesday 11 th May	BOT meeting
	Sunday 16 th May	Sunday Mass Altar Server/Bell Ringers: Tom, Harry D
Week 3	Friday 21 st May	Pink Shirt Day- gold coin donation & wear bright colours
	Sunday 23 rd May	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringer: Rosa, Josie
Week 4	Thursday 27 th May	Amelia Paterson speaking to the school regarding oral hygiene
	Friday 28 th May	Newsletter
	Sunday 30 th May	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Logan, Mckenna
Week 5	Monday 31 st May	National Young Leaders Day in Dunedin – Year 8
	Friday 4 th June	School Speech/Poetry Competition
	Sunday 6 th June	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Fred, George
Week 6	Monday 7 th June	Queen's Birthday – School Closed
	Tuesday 8 th June	BOT meeting
	Thursday 10 th June	Maniototo Speech Competition – Years 3-8
	Sunday 13 th June	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Phoebe/Ethan
Week 7	Monday 14 th -Wednesday 16 th June	Keeping Ourselves Safe – Garry Milford
	Friday 18 th June	Newsletter
	Sunday 20 th June	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Paige,McKinley
Week 8	Thursday 24 th June	St John the Baptist Feast Day
	Sunday 27 th June	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringer: Tessa, Axel
Week 9	Friday 2 nd July	Reports/Portfolios go home
	Sunday 4 th July	Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Chloe, Jae
Week 10		Potential Ice Skating trip
		Portfolios to be returned to school
	Tuesday 6 th & Wednesday 7 th	Parent/Teacher interviews

	July	
	Friday 9 th July	Newsletter
	Sunday 11 th July	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Ryan, Elliot, Harry J

Have a Go – Friday Night Curling!



Friday Night Curling begins this Friday, 7th May at MCI Naseby from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. There is no cost!

We welcome curlers of all ages to come and give the sport a go. There are coaches there that will help you learn how to curl, and you are guaranteed to have fun.

We supply everything you need to play the game. You just need to wear warm gear that you can stretch out in, and clean, flat-soled shoes.

Friday night Curling will be running every Friday in Term Two except, Friday 21st May and 11th June where we have competitions running. You are more than welcome to come along and watch the competitions.

For more information please contact, Lauren Becker
nzca.secretary@curling.org

Ski Season Pass

This year we have been given the opportunity for a Dual Mountain Season Pass. This pass allows unlimited access for the 2021 winter season at both Cardrona and Treble Cone. If you would like more information or an application form, please see Fiona Weir.

