

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

Our recent speech and poetry presentations were an opportunity for parents to sit back and reflect on the growth in their child's confidence when presenting publicly. If your child was at school when the competition was held two years ago, you would have been amazed by the growth in their writing and ability to complete a scary task. Delivering in front of your peers and adults is daunting but all of our children did so well.

I was blown away by the wide and interesting array of speech topics and poems, and the confidence with how they were delivered. This was a great opportunity to develop skills that will be used in a wide variety of ways throughout our lives.

The results of our competition are

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 3: The topic was 'A character'	Xavier Love	Kaylah McAuley	Jessie Greer
The topic for the children from years 4-8 was 'What if'			
Year 4	McKenna Suddaby	Finn Dowling	Harry Dowling
Year 5	George Dowling	Josie Herlihy	-
Year 6	Mac Dowling	Hayley Barroga	Sam Elworthy
Year 7	Fred Dowling	Tessa Steele	Paige Smith
Year 8	Ryan Crossan	Toby Duncan	Hunter Sutherland

The first two place getters then went on to compete at the Maniototo Speech Competition. This was performed in the Town Hall and the children were up on the big stage, and my goodness they did well. Congratulations to the following children. We are very proud of you.

Year 3: Xavier Love - 3rd

Year 4: Finn Dowling - 2nd

Year 5: George Dowling - 1st, Josie Herlihy - 3rd

Year 6: Hayley Barroga and Mac Dowling - 2nd equal

Year 7: Tessa Steele - 1st, Fred Dowling - 3rd

School Mass: This is being held on Thursday 24th June at 11.30 am. Parents are very welcome, and we would like to see lots of you there. This will be followed by a school-shared lunch organised by the PTA. Please come and join us.

Message from the Catholic Bishops:

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, the free Pfizer vaccine is now being offered to members of the public, starting with those most at risk.

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging people to get vaccinated to protect themselves, their whanau, and the community. In getting the vaccine, you will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination, such as those with underlying health conditions and young children.

The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective, and it has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

Mouthguards

The children play a lot of self organised sport over playtime and lunchtime. If your child wants to bring their mouthguard along to wear while playing hockey or rugby at school, please let them know they are welcome too.

Special Character Clipboard:

School and Family Mass: This is being held on Thursday 24th June which is the Feast Day for St John the Baptist. Mass will be held at 11.30 am and I warmly encourage you all to come along and celebrate with us.

After Mass, we will be having a shared lunch of nachos. Thank you to the PTA for organising this for everyone. Please come along and enjoy being a part of our school community.

Thankfulness: The last two weeks of Faith Focus have been centered around the concept of **'Thankfulness'**. Thankfulness Week NZ runs from the 14th - 20th June. It's goal is to reach as many Kiwi's as possible with the message that thinking of three things every day that you are Thankful for is great for your mental health. With today's newsletter each family will receive a free sticker saying

'Thankfulness = Happiness'.

There are more stickers in our foyer, if you would like more.

Mrs Hazlett: 'Officer' in the Order of St John

Earlier this month Mrs. Hazlett went to Christchurch for a special investiture to receive an award from the Queen for her work in St John Ambulance. Mrs Hazlett has become an 'Officer' in the Order of St John and has a special medal to wear. She was given the award because she has spent 21 years working on the ambulance as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) helping lots of people in the Maniototo when they are hurt or sick. She has also spent 12 years as the Manager of St John Youth here in Ranfurly and helped lots of children to learn important skills and receive lots of badges. Mrs Hazlett does lots of other things in our community and she believes that volunteering and helping others is a wonderful thing to do. We are very proud of her and the work she does to make both our school and our community a better place.

This is a photo after the award with her husband and her mum and dad.



This photo is with some of the Youth when they celebrated with her after the ceremony.



Faith Focus

In the senior room we have a very special pair of glasses, that once put on make you see all the things around you that you are thankful for. They are quite magical and get shared around the class often.



Rosa Herlihy being amazed by all she feels thankful for!

These glasses made a special appearance at Faith Focus and were worn by myself and a number of children. The children learnt the following key messages...

- **Thankfulness is like a superpower that can help you to see the good in everyday life.**
- **Thankfulness is looking for the good things that are happening in your day and not the bad things.**
- **When you look at the good, and not the bad - you feel much happier and positive.**

I am thankful for our school, the children within it, the amazing teachers I work alongside and the guidance of God in my life. You might like to take a moment and reflect on what you are thankful for.

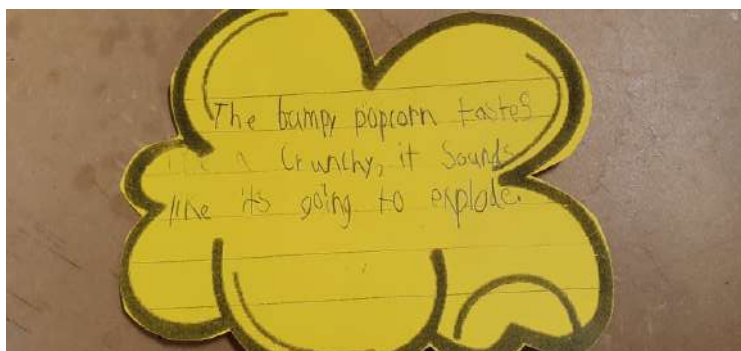
Junior Class News:

Wow Week 7 already.

First of all, What a fantastic job all the children did presenting their poems to the St Johns School community. I was super impressed with all the children who not only learnt their poems off by heart but delivered these with real confidence.

We have had another busy couple of weeks in the classroom, where the children have been working really hard.

For writing we made popcorn and looked at what this feels, looks, smells, sounds and most importantly what it tastes like. Below is some writing produced by the junior children.



We continue to look at world news on a Friday which the children really enjoy. We plot our news on the world map. Our latest news was about the mice plague in Australia and the effects this is having on the rural industry and communities. The children were quite excited looking at the you-tube video, on the Australian news. The teacher not quite so much!

We have a number of new board games the children are enjoying if they get a spare moment. If you haven't played TENZI before, it is the world's fastest game, which involves dice.

A big shout out to the Junior children who arrive each morning organised, ready to start their day and most importantly a SMILE on their faces.

Erin Elworthy

Middle Class News:



Wow what a super busy couple of weeks it has been in the classroom. The students all did extremely well during the St John's School speech competition. Every student took part in this school event which I was very proud of. All students worked really hard at writing and learning their speech and reciting their poems.



These four students did extremely well at the Maniototo speech competition last week, and the whole class attended to watch.



George Dowling 1st place(Yr 5)

Josie Herlihy 3rd place (Yr 5), Xavier Love 3rd place (Yr 3), Finn Dowling 2nd place (Yr 4).

We have now moved onto creative writing based on farm safety. This is linked to our health topic of Keeping Ourselves Safe. This is an exciting subject in the classroom.

I have been to a beginning teacher's day in Wanaka which was very informative and I hope to share what I learnt within the classroom. Oral language has been a very busy and successful time where students are gaining more confidence in front of their peers.

I hope everyone has a safe weekend and sport all goes well. Not long until I will be seeing you at school interviews. I am looking forward to meeting you all then.

Nga Mihi

Bailey Smith

Senior Class News:

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude."
from Winnie-the-Pooh (A.A. Milne)

Kia ora koutou,

Speech Competition

Thank you for supporting the children as they practiced their speeches to get ready for the school competition. The children were definitely all nervous but they felt proud of themselves once the job was done. I found their speeches interesting as the topic choice of 'What if...' led to a wide array of ideas.

As a class, we were very proud to have Ryan, Toby, Tessa, Fred, Mac, and Hayley represent us at the Town Hall. Our competitors did well and I particularly want to congratulate the following children on the placings they won at the Maniototo Speech Competition ...



Yr 6: Mac and Hayley 2nd equal

Yr 7: Tessa 1st, Fred 3rd

We have taken this a step further with one more speech that we are presenting in class. This is a short and highly engaging speech that is all about themselves. You will see a copy of this speech in their portfolios at the end of the term.

National Young Leaders Day

The year 8 children traveled to Dunedin to attend this inspiring event. The theme of the day was 'Stronger Together'. There were 5 speakers who all had important messages to share and they gave the children points to consider.

The children had time to think about what they had learned and these were the messages that impacted them.

- I can do my best even if I am not very good at it
- Don't give up
- It is important to have people on your side that believe in you
- Surround yourself with people that help you
- That everybody is different and that is good
- Become a hero for others
- Follow your dreams.

My strength is not due to me alone, but due to the strength of many.
Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini.



We travelled with the MAS children and here we are enjoying lunch in the Octagon.

Champion yourself to a positive mindset

I have been encouraging the children to have a positive mindset. We need someone to encourage us and for children that will come from our parents in the first instance, but we can also do this for ourselves.

I have been working with the children to use daily internally spoken words to develop this. We are deliberately speaking out who we want to be. Some of the phrases that we use are ...

- I have a great mind,
- I am a valuable person,
- My life is full of possibilities,
- I will do my best at my learning,
- I am proud of myself for trying,
- I am good at making friends,
- I am open and ready to learn,
- Let's take a chance.

Teaching children the power of positive self-talk early is a great way to build resilience for any challenge and can help in building confidence. When using positive self-talk, we are training the brain to frame situations in terms of our strengths.

I would like to encourage you to use this tool with your children at home.

Miss Flintoff works in our classroom on a Wednesday

'Keeping Ourselves Safe' has been our topic in the senior room this term.

So far we have been learning how to read different situations and different ways we can react to keep ourselves and friends safe. We have also learnt about being responsible for other people and when this might/could occur. We have also looked at the different types of abuse there is and learned that abuse is never the victim's fault and it is never okay. The students have enjoyed the activities associated with Keeping Ourselves Safe such as role plays. We are looking forward to having Constable Garry Milford in our classroom for two lessons.

NZ Sign Language

The children enjoyed their Zoom session with Libby Francis and we are going to continue this twice more over the remainder of the term.

We can now sign basic conversations, so encourage your child to teach you some sign language. It is a beautiful and effective communication tool - so get amongst it!

School Mass

This is on Thursday 24th June and we would like to have your support at this. Please come along and enjoy what we have prepared for the mass. Afterwards, we are having nachos for lunch, kindly organised by the very helpful PTA members. If your child doesn't want nachos, just send them along with the lunch they do want to eat.

Hei kona everyone. Geraldine Duncan.

Board of Trustees

- At our recent meeting, I shared a report on reading with the BoT.
- We had our AGM and the following people were elected to these positions
 Chairperson - Ryan Dowling
 Secretary - Cate Herlihy
 Treasurer - Kym Smith

Thank you to the continued work and support that our board members and proprietor representatives have given us over the past year. We are thankful that you share your time and talents for the benefit of our school.

Have you noticed the haircut the hedge around the Presbytery has had? This was thanks to the hard work of Father Sani. What a top effort Father - thank you.

Notices and Dates:

Week 8	Thursday 24 th June	St John the Baptist Feast Day and School Mass – 11.30am. Shared lunch of nachos after Mass
	Sunday 27 th June	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Tessa & Axel
Week 9	Friday 2 nd July	Reports & Portfolios go home.
	Sunday 4 th July	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Chloe & Jae
Week 10		Potential Ice Skating trip
		Portfolios to be returned to school
	Tuesday 6 th & Wednesday 7 th July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Friday 9 th July	Newsletter
		Last day of Term 2
	Sunday 11 th July	Sunday Mass Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Ryan, Elliot & Harry J

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

NOTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE DUES RATES 2022

FOR KAVANAGH COLLEGE, ST PETER'S COLLEGE, VERDON COLLEGE, ST KEVIN'S COLLEGE
AND ALL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

The annual diocesan review of attendance dues rates has been completed, and after taking account of roll numbers, school mortgages and additional insurance costs, small adjustments have been made for 2022. Increases have been kept to a minimum and are in line with increased costs at a national level.

For 2022, the following rates will apply:

Primary Rate: (Year 1 - 8 pupils) \$465.00 per annum, incl. 15% GST. (\$116.25 per term)
Secondary Rate: (Year 9 - 13 pupils) \$900.00 per annum, incl. 15% GST. (\$225.00 per term)

Attendance Dues are paid to the Proprietor (legal owner) of an Integrated School because the provision of land, buildings and associated facilities are our responsibility as a Catholic community.

What does the State fund from taxation?

The State is responsible for providing funding for salaries, school operational grants and major maintenance of integrated school buildings. These expenses for our 28 schools, paid by the State, cost \$30 million per annum.

The Board of Trustees, is the Crown entity responsible for the good governance of a school, and administers such funds (including minor maintenance) on behalf of the State.

The Government grant for major maintenance (Policy One) is administered by the Proprietor.

What does the Proprietor fund from Attendance Dues?

The Bishop, as Proprietor, and acting on our behalf as a Catholic community, must meet from Attendance Dues the annual servicing costs of existing mortgages on all 28 diocesan owned schools, insurance costs, and other associated cost as agreed to with the Minister of Education as part of the Integration of each school into the State system.

