



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Life Education Trust Mobile Classroom

Each class visited the classroom several times on Thursday and Friday for health lessons. The children really enjoy these lessons and the very cool environment of the classroom.



End of Term 1

The last day for Term 1 is **Thursday 14th April** and school starts again on **Monday 2nd May**.

We have been lucky to get through the term with minimal covid disruption and I would like to thank all parents for their help with this, particularly keeping children at home if they are unwell or displaying any covid symptoms. It looks as if this will become part of our lives for the next while.

Senior Class Outdoor Education Camp

The Senior Class are away to Camp Berwick next week. We wish them a fun-filled week of activities.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and holiday.

Special Character Clipboard:



*Next week is 'Holy Week'. This is an important time for Christians throughout the world. Holy Week, the final week of Lent, begins on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. Classes will be discussing Holy Week events next week and on Thursday 14th April the Junior and Middle Class will look at the "Stations of the Cross", where we will follow the story leading up to the death of Jesus, through prayer and bible readings.

*Please note that Mass time has now changed to the winter time of **4p.m.** each Sunday.

Mass on Easter Sunday 17th April is at 9.30a.m.

Junior Class News:

Here are some photos of the Junior Class holding their paintings of koru patterns. They have been working on these with Mrs Gray and it ties in with our Social Sciences topic of "Voyagers". These are a work in progress and are not completed yet.



L-R: Greta Love, Jack Jeffries, Olivia Scott



Back Row: L-R: Izzy Eketone, Jimmy Jeffries, Oscar Jeffries

Front Row: L-R: Bryleigh Barroga, Evie Steele



Middle Class News:



We've just about made it to the end of the term!

We've had a fantastic first term in the Middle Room with plenty of learning and the children have produced lots of fabulous work. I have been impressed with the children's hard work and determination towards their learning.

The children have been learning about Maori God's with Mrs Gray. They have made some fantastic artwork with her:



James



Caleb



Eli

This week we have finished our second class novel - 'Charlotte's Web' which the children have really enjoyed. This is one of our favourite times of the day when we can share in a story and wonder about what will happen next.

We have enjoyed having Pip and Harold join us this week on the Life Education Bus. We have learnt about different types of feelings and what it looks like and feels like when we are feeling these emotions. We have also discussed what we can do to help change our feelings and that emotions are like clouds and they pass over us and move on.



We are all looking forward to a well earned break at the end of next week to recharge the batteries.

Have a wonderful holiday and keep safe and healthy!
I look forward to seeing all the smiley faces back next term!

Senior Class News:

I have had a wonderful 7 days teaching in the Senior class while poor Mrs Duncan has been recovering at home. As many of you know I love the opportunity to spend time with students engaging in the arts and especially visual art.

Recently my 27 year old daughter made me relocate, to our new house, a stone she had painted at St. John's School many years ago! It made me reflect on things that we treasure and the stories they tell.

Last week the wonderful seniors enjoyed being creative by designing and painting their own river stones with images of their personal choice. I wonder if you can match the images to the students?



To follow on with our art interests we have been learning about **Wassily Kandinsky**. He was an artist from the late 1800's who is thought to have been a pioneer of abstract art. We all enjoyed learning about the primary and secondary colours, tones and how colours can evoke feelings and emotions. Some of us enjoyed abstract art and others found it confusing. We had a lot of fun and we can all agree the finished artworks look amazing. Mrs. Hazlett



"I really liked mixing different colours to make new cool colours". Fred

"It was fun using heaps of different colours both pencils and dyes to make a Kandinsky picture"

Rosa

"I really loved doing the art today and mixing heaps of colours to see what new colours I could make" Phoebe

"It felt weird doing the circles but in the end they looked really good". Ben

Notices and Dates:

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| Week 10 | Sunday 10 th April | Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Rosa & Josie Herlihy |
| Week 11 | Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th April | Senior School Camp at Berwick |
| | Thursday 14 th April | Last day of Term 1 |
| Holidays | Sunday 17 th April | Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Logan & Mckenna Suddaby |
| Holidays | Sunday 24 th April | Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Fred & George Dowling, Jacob Sutherland |
| Holidays | Sunday 1 st May | Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Phoebe Hore & Ethan Chisholm |
| Week 1 T2 | Monday 2 nd May | First day of Term 2 |
| | Sunday 8 th May | Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Paige Smith & McKinley Francis |
| Week 2 | Sunday 15 th May | Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Axel & Kaylah McAuley |
| Week 3 | Sunday 22 nd May | Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Chloe & Jae McAuley |
| Week 4 | Sunday 29 th May | Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Harry & Isla Jeffries |

A Message from Jack 'n' Jill Portraits

I thought I had better let everyone know that I am no longer in the photo business and I Karen Fraser from Jack'n'Jill Portraits will be closing down my website at the end of April.

IMPORTANT - Once I do this no one will be able to make any orders online so if anyone wants to order photos from 2019 to 2021 then they **MUST** do it before the end of April. After that they will be deleted.

Covid Information Update from the Southern District Health Board

What to do if you have to self-isolate

If you live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 you are a [household contact](#) and will need to:

- self-isolate for **7** days (from the day the first person tests positive). You can end your self-isolation on the same day as the 'case' provided you have no new or worsening symptoms, and your RAT tests were negative.
- get tested using a [Rapid Antigen Test \(RAT\)](#) when the first case in your house gets to days 3 and 7 of their isolation or you develop symptoms. (If you become symptomatic, you should also get a test. If the result is positive, you are required to isolate for 7 days from that point.)
- Your isolation does not restart if additional members of your household are identified as cases during the first case's isolation period.
- After the initial isolation period ends there is a 10-day window during which no household contacts of the original case can be re-classified as household contacts. You only need to begin isolation again during these 10 days if you test positive yourself.
- 10 days after the original isolation period ends the usual rules apply. If a new household member (not the original case) tests positive, they and all other household contacts (who have not yet become cases themselves) must isolate for 7 days.

Avoid or minimize contact with the person with COVID-19 as much as possible, during your isolation by:

- staying away from others (in your own room if possible)
- keeping the room well ventilated with fresh air
- using a separate toilet and bathroom or using it after everyone else
- disinfecting and cleaning all surfaces you touch
- washing your hands often
- using separate cups, plates, glasses and wash in very hot water
- avoiding shared household spaces like the kitchen
- if you have to share a space, everyone should wear a mask and keep a distance of at least 2 metres.

If you are a casual or [close contact](#) (and don't live with the positive case) and are not experiencing any symptoms, you do not need to stay at home, but you should monitor your health for **10** days. If you later develop COVID-19 symptoms, you should stay at home and ring Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice and information about testing.



The Wild Dunedin Festival has over 100 events celebrating nature during the April school holidays including deals on albatross and penguin tours, boat trips, surfing lessons and the Resistance Climbing Gym. Many events are for children and most are free.

Here's a link to the Festival programme where you can find out what's on and make bookings.

[Programme](#)

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