

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Pink Shirt Day

Thank you to everyone for their Pink Shirt Day donations. We raised \$122.00 for this cause. Here is a photo of each class on Pink Shirt Day.



Special Character Review

On Wednesday 1st and Thursday the 2nd June we have some visitors from the Catholic Education Office in Dunedin who will be visiting our school. They are here to look at how the school's Catholic character permeates through all that it does. The team of three will visit classrooms at various times of the day observing prayer and Religious Education times. They will also meet with staff, Board members and some parents.

Education Review Office visit

Education reviews have now changed and instead of a one off visit ERO has moved to support schools in a process of continuous improvement. We have an ERO evaluation partner who is working alongside us, Mrs Suzanne Lewis, and she will support us through this process. As part of this process she will be visiting our school on Wednesday 15 June. She will observe in classrooms and also talk to Board and staff members.

Teacher Only Day

Our school will be closed on **Monday 27th June** for a Teacher Only Day to allow staff to participate in a professional development day in Alexandra with the other schools who are in our Dunstan Community of Learning.

Please note Matariki public holiday is Friday 24th June and our Teacher Only Day is Monday 27th June. School is closed both these days.

Absences

Over the winter term, many bugs are around. Please text the school cell phone (027 266 1758) to let us know children will be absent and why. It is good for us to know why they are absent as we have to code students' attendance each day, and if we know they are sick we can code their absence specifically to that, otherwise it is coded to unexplained.

Thank you for your help with this.

Painting

Our school building is looking great with a complete paint.



Special Character Clipboard:

-Sunday the **29th May is the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus**. This is the time when we remember the story of Jesus going to heaven to be with God his Father.

The following **Sunday the 5th June is Pentecost Sunday**. This Sunday is sometimes called "The birthday of the Church" as it remembers how Jesus sent his apostles to spread his mission to all people.

- On **Sunday 5th June** Bishop Michael Dooley will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with six of our students at **4p.m. Mass**.

A special congratulations to:

Axel McAuley, Xavier Love, Florence Dowling, Jessie Greer, Isla Jeffries and Kaylah McAuley on the occasion of your confirmation.

Thank you to Mrs Anna Jeffries for preparing the children for this celebration.

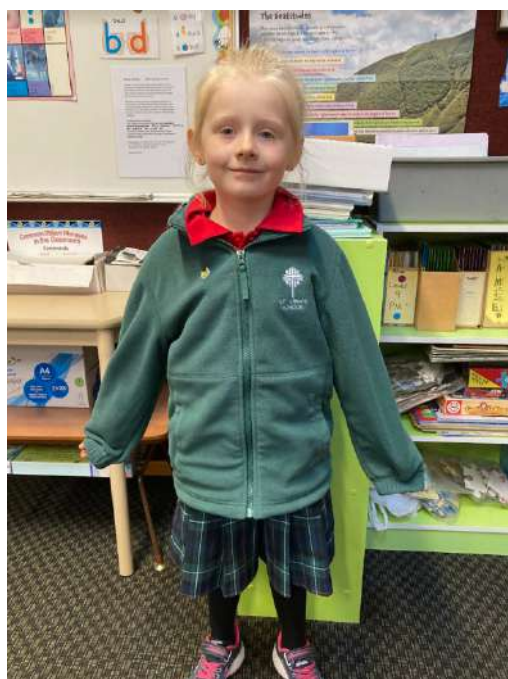
Junior Class News:

-We welcome two new five year olds and their families to St John's School:

Georgia Dodds

and

Evelyn Cai



On Monday 16th May, as part of our Religious Education lessons about Jesus, the Junior Class tried some food like Jesus would have eaten in his life. We tried food like dates, olives, honey and pita bread. Here are some comments from several children about this:

Jimmy said, "I loved the olives and didn't like the grapes."

Izzy said, "I like the olives but I didn't like the dried apricots."

Maggie said, "I liked the raisins and dates."

Jack said, "I didn't like the olives but I ate lots of honey and pita bread"



Middle Class News:



We have been busy in the Middle Class over the past couple of weeks learning about Natural Disasters. We started learning about Hurricanes as a class and practiced writing a report on them and now the children have chosen their own Natural Disaster to research and write about.

Hurricanes

Hurricanes are a natural disaster. They are mostly caused in the USA. They can cause lots of damage.

Hurricanes are formed when hot water rises and clouds form in the sky. Some hurricanes are 14km high and 800km wide. Hurricanes cause major floods and strong winds which can destroy towns because it can cause trees falling down and houses collapsing.

Hurricane Irma is one of the deadliest hurricanes that hit the USA. People had to put sandbags around their houses. It cost 50 billion dollars to rebuild towns.

When a hurricane is coming you should get to higher ground so the hurricane does not hit you. You should listen to the radio or watch for signs.

Now you can see hurricanes are one of the deadliest water storms.

By Charlie and James

I have also been busy starting Reading testing this week to gather information for the reports that will go out later this term.

The children are doing well with their Times Tables. I have been impressed with how quick they are learning these. During our Maths time each day we are learning about Multiplication and Division and the children are able to apply what they have learnt in their homework.

I am looking forward to watching the children on Monday at the Rippa tournament and cheering loudly. A reminder that children not attending the tournament will just come to school as normal.

Also don't forget to text the school if you would like your child to have one of the Young Vinnie's Challenge Cards.



Nga Mihi
Heather Dowling

Senior Class News:

**He aroha whakotō, he aroha puta mai.
If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.**

Rippa

This event is happening on Monday. The notice regarding the day details and travel came home on Wednesday. For those children not attending, please come to school as normal and meet in Mrs Mulholland's classroom.

National Young Leaders Day

This fantastic event is taking place on Tuesday for the year 8 students. I am sure that they will enjoy the day and be inspired and empowered by the speakers. This is an event that our school sponsors our children to attend each year and they always return very enthused by the energy of the day, and the message that the speakers share with them.

Young Vinnies

Thank you for returning the Young Vinnie mini survey regarding soup and cheese rolls. More information will come home next week on the 'official' order form. To make it easier and less time consuming at my end, we will be asking people to order for the four 'soup / cheese rolls' days at once. This will be set out clearly for you on the form.

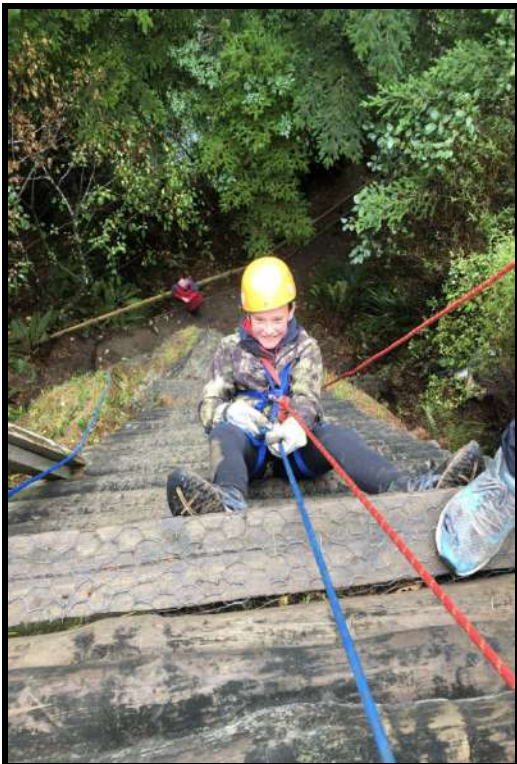
The children will be making the cheese rolls in the school hall on Thursday 9th June. If anyone could come along and help us, please let me know. I will need plenty of adult help on this day. Or if you would like to donate a product (eg money for buying grated cheese, carnation milk cans) let me know.

Soup - if anyone would be interested in making soup for the children to serve (flavours to be decided once we have the surveys all back) please contact me also. Thank you.

Camp writing - the children have written camp recounts. This is Eddie Weir's version. George Dowling has his writing in the next edition of the Positively Maniototo.

The gravel crunched under our wheels as we drove into the gates of Camp Berwick. We went and got our gear into the smelly bunk rooms. I could tell that this camp was going to be very fun already. We went and met the instructor Evan, he liked to make everything sound very expensive. He said if you break a fire sprinkler it would cost millions of dollars to fix it. I wasn't sure if that was true.

We were very soon getting into our groups to go and do the first activities. My group was really good at the team challenge and the spider web. I didn't trust Rosa because she dropped me when she was passing me through the spider web. Evan talked us through the confidence course and he liked to say how much it would hurt you if you touched a wire cable or if you fell through the cheese grater. We played some really fun night games, we got whacked with pool noodles.



The next morning we woke up to hear some noisy boys running up and down the deck. We had a nutritious breakfast and we jumped into our harnesses. We were in uncomfortable harnesses until lunch. I really enjoyed the tree climbing. We went inside to eat some soup and cheese rolls. Lucky enough for Logan it was his birthday, he got a present from his Mum and Dad, and from the Herlihys and Mrs Duncan. After lunch we went out to do some of our final activities. We did night activities, we had to follow along a rope in the trees and walk in the dark and the parents were scaring us. I kicked one Dad in the face by accident and they threw dirt in my mouth. I thought it was quite funny.

On Wednesday we woke up for a very healthy breakfast of pancakes with maple syrup. We packed our bags and went to the farm. We went on the zipline and the high ropes course and we walked up a stream. It was very fun. I really enjoyed it on the farm. I was so hungry afterwards. We ate dinner and then we went to another night activity. We spent 1.15 hours sitting in the bush with no one around us and no one to talk to. It was called the night solo.



We all woke up very tired on Thursday. We ate breakfast and then we went to our last activities. We did rock climbing in the gym and archery. We packed our bags and we were heading off back to school. That was a very fun camp.

Eddie Weir.

Board of Trustees:

- At our May meeting a curriculum report on Health and Physical Education was presented to the Board.
- Geraldine Duncan gave a report on the Senior Class camp to Berwick. This was an excellent camp and will be rebooked for three years time!
- New carpet tiles have been laid in the corridor, Middle and Senior Classes and look great.



Notices and Dates:

Week 4 T2	Sunday 29 th May	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Harry & Isla Jeffries
Week 5	Monday 30 th May	Rippa Rugby Tournament
	Tuesday 31 st May	National Young Leaders Day - Year 8's
	Wednesday 1 st & Thursday 2 nd June	Special Character Review
	Sunday 5 th June	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Eddie & Marley Weir
Week 6	Sunday 12 th June	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Cyrus Janerol, Hayley Barroga & Joshua Barroga
Week 7	Sunday 19 th June	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Ben Gibson & Xavier Love
Week 8	Friday 24 th June	Matariki Day – School Closed
	Sunday 26 th June	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Elliot & Jessie Greer
Week 9	Monday 27 th June	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
	Friday 1 st July	Reports/Portfolios out
	Sunday 3 rd July	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Sam & Arthur Elworthy
Week 10	Tuesday 5 th & Wednesday 6 th July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
School Holidays	Sunday 10 th July	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Tessa Steele, Florence Dowling

Medical Records Update

We would like to update the medical records of all students as some things are now out of date or have developed.

If your child has **any** medical conditions or allergies please list them here and return the form to school.

If your child has no medical conditions or allergies you do not need to fill this in.

Thank you.

Student's Name: _____

Does this child suffer from any known medical conditions/allergies? Yes/No

If **Yes** please state below what these are and indicate what treatment we are to give at school (eg, inhalers, spacers, epipens, medication). Thank you.

Signed: _____

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.

