



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

Matariki Public Holiday and Teacher Only Day

A reminder that school is closed next **Friday 24th June** for our Matariki public holiday and then on **Monday 27th June** so teachers can attend a "Dunstan Community of Learning" teacher only day in Alexandra.

*Children have been learning about Matariki in class. It is the Maori New Year, a time for remembrance, joy and peace. It is signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky.

Bus Vests

Bus vests have been given out to children who travel on the bus or bike/walk or scooter to school. We are short of these and have ordered some bigger sizes so once these arrive those who do not have one will be given one.

Children need to wear the bus vests to and from school until daylight saving time begins.

Reports and Portfolios

Mid year reports and portfolios will be given to children to bring home on Friday 1st July.

Reports may be kept but we would like portfolios returned.

There is a page towards the end of the portfolio samples where we ask parents to make a comment on children's work. Thank you.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These will be held on **Tuesday 5th July (3.15 - 5.15p.m. and 6 - 8p.m)** and **Wednesday 6th July (3.15 - 5.30p.m)**.

Please fill in the form attached indicating your preferred interview time and return this to school by next **Tuesday, 21st June** please.

School Holidays

Our last day of school for Term 2 is **Friday 8th July** and Term 3 begins on **Monday 25th July**.

Special Character Clipboard:

*A special congratulations to Axel McAuley, Xavier Love, Florence Dowling, Jessie Greer, Isla Jeffries and Kaylah McAuley who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 5th June.



*Our schools' feastday of St John the Baptist is celebrated on June 24th which this year is the Matariki holiday. St John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus and baptised Jesus. We will be celebrating this in some way, just not on the actual day.

Junior Class News:

We welcomed a new five year old, Arthur Dowling, to school recently.



If you are interested in helping with reading in the Junior Class a notice is attached to fill in and return to school. A new list will be made up for Terms 3 and 4 which will take us to the end of the year! Thank you for your help.

Middle Class News:



We had a great time at the Rippa tournament in Alexandra a couple of weeks ago. The children did a fantastic job of representing our school and I was so proud of them. Thank you so much to all our Coaches and Managers - you did an amazing job. Also thanks to all our car drivers and supporters.



We have just finished our Natural Disaster report writing. The children did a fantastic job and we learnt a lot about the different types of disasters. The children had to follow a set format for writing the reports so that it made sense and the information flowed. Here is one of them:

Earthquakes

Earthquakes are a natural disaster that causes a lot of destruction to buildings, houses and life.

An earthquake forms when tectonic plates bump into each other and get stuck. Then the pressure builds up and pushes the plates to the top of the Earth and makes everything in that area shake and make some things fall. It can make cracks make a great loss of life. People are sad because they lose family and friends when buildings fall down.

The Napier earthquake happened on the 3rd of February 1931 at 10:47 a.m. It hit the Hawkes Bay area but it mostly affected Napier and Hastings. There were a crazy 525 aftershocks in two weeks. The earthquake killed more than 250 people. There was a magnitude of 7.9. It was New Zealand's deadliest earthquake.

If you are inside, stay inside then drop, cover and hold. If you're in a high building, move away from windows and outside walls. Don't go close to a door and face your head away from the glass. It is good to practise at home. When you're in a vehicle, stop as quickly as you can. Don't leave the place that you're in until the shaking is over.

Now you know earthquakes are very dangerous and very costly. People get injured every day from earthquakes.

By McKinley and Xavier



Nga Mihi

Heather Dowling

Senior Class News:

Mauria te pono Believe in yourself!

Kia Ora families

Thank you for your continued support of your child with their homework and being prepared for school. This week we have had quite a few children away with the flu, so please continue to ensure your child gets plenty of sleep and gets some down time so they can avoid getting run down.

To give children an opportunity to complete more work for their science badges, I will not be assigning spelling homework for those children that are working on these in week 9 and 10. You could look ahead at their science badge sheet and make some plans about what questions they will complete.

For those children not doing a science badge, I will assign homework as normal.

Rippa

Thank you to all of our families that were able to support us in transporting the children to the Dunstan Zone Rippa Tournament in Alexandra. The children had a busy day with 4 games and they worked really cooperatively and competitively together. Rippa is a fast-flowing game and the children ran up and down the field many times. I was proud of the effort they all put in. Each team was supported by a super coach and manager who looked after their needs and inspired them with their many pep talks throughout the day. Thank you to everyone involved.

National Young Leaders Day

The year 8 children came back very enthusiastic about this day. The amount of detail that they were able to tell us about each speaker reflected their engagement levels during the day. If you are in Countdown and see poi for sale, you would be interested to know that the company that designed these has a 15 year CEO who set this up when she was at the end of primary school! Pōtiki Poi is the creation of Georgia Latu who spoke to the children, lives in Dunedin and has also written a book with her mum 'Nga Mihi'. What an amazing role model.

Young Vinnies

Today was the first serving of soup and cheese rolls. Thank you for the support that many of you have given us with donations of food and money towards the making of the cheese rolls, and volunteering to make soup. We had a fun hour making the cheese rolls last Thursday with Sharon Scott and Geraldine Dowling, and were able to sample some afterwards for lunch. They are delicious. Next week the chicken soup and cheese rolls are being served on Thursday.

Book Amnesty

Could you please check in your bookshelves at home for any books that may have come from my personal library in our classroom, or any school journals and school library books that you may have.

Next week is a short week with Friday being celebrated as our Matariki holiday. Each day is quite busy at the moment and next week I will work with small groups of children on the classroom work completed in their absence from this week. I imagine that by Friday, the children will be ready for a rest. Enjoy the long weekend.

Take care everyone and I look forward to seeing you all at parent teacher interviews in week 10.

Kind regards
Geraldine Duncan

Young Vinnies Ukraine Fundraiser Life Skills Challenge

I know that many of the children are doing very well with this challenge and that one person in my class is fully completed already. Many more are very close to getting this done also.

Can all children from the Senior Room and those that opted in from other classes, please work towards finishing this by the end of the term and depositing their sponsorship money into the Young Vinnie account.

The account number is 03 0951 0083139 00
Please reference this 'Ukraine'

Thank you.

Board of Trustees:

-At our June meeting a curriculum report on "The Arts" was presented to the Board.

-We reviewed two policies on:

Infectious Diseases

Reporting and Recording Accidents and Incidents

If you are interested in viewing these policies please go to:

1. Log onto www.schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click Search for your school
3. Start typing the school name and then select it from the dropdown 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.

-Board of Trustee elections are being held in August and September this year.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August. Voting papers will be issued by Wednesday 10th August.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member please come along to a Board meeting or talk to a current Board member: Ryan Dowling, Cate Herlihy, Kym Smith or Logan Dowling.

Our next Board meeting is on **Tuesday 9th August at 7p.m.**

Notices and Dates:

Week 7 T2	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
	Sunday 17 th July	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Mac & Finn Dowling
	Sunday 24 th July	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Tom & Harry Dowling
Week 1 T3	Sunday 31 st July	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Rosa & Josie Herlihy
Week 2	Sunday 7 th August	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Logan & Mckenna Suddaby

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.

