

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

Maniototo Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children for their efforts in the Maniototo Cross Country held at the Stadium on Tuesday 23 August.

Attached are all the results.



Otago Cross Country

Ten children were eligible (through their times) to attend the Otago Cross Country held at Kaikorai Valley College on Friday 2 September and seven decided to participate in this event.

A very special congratulations to all those who took part and extra special congratulations to:

Marley Weir - who placed 5th in her Otago race and

Josie Herlihy - who placed 8th.

Well done.



Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone for their gold coin donations for Daffodil Day and the Cancer Society. We raised \$107.40.



Ski Trip

On Monday 5th September the Year 5 - Year 8 students got to participate in a ski trip, after two years of either covid or weather cancellations.

A big thank you to Mrs Duncan and Mrs Weir who organised the trip and to Mrs Heather Dowling who took over the organisation of the day after weekend flight delays to Mrs Duncan. Although the day was very cold, all students enjoyed their day out and made the most of the skiing opportunity.

A big thank you to parents who helped with transport and supervision.



School trip to Arrowtown Museum

Next **Thursday the 15th September**, is our school trip to the Arrowtown Museum, leaving school at 8a.m. and returning at 6p.m.

You should have received a notice about this last week containing all the details, including a car list of drivers and children in cars.

If your child is under 7 years old and you are not coming on the trip please ensure you send a booster/car seat along to school on this day for them to use. Thank you.

A reminder notice will be sent out again about this trip, early next week.

End of Term 3

The end of Term 3 is quickly approaching. Term 3 finishes on Friday 30th September and Term 4 begins on Monday 17th October.

Please note that Labour Weekend holiday/school closed Monday 24th October.

Special Character Clipboard:

A belated ***Happy Father's Day*** to all our Dads.

Here is a prayer for all Fathers.

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;
may they find courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for fathers around the world
whose children are lost or suffering;
may they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.
Amen

Junior Class News:

*On Wednesday 28th September Tiaki Maniototo is having a "Community Planting Day" on Winmills property at Wilson Road, Gimmerburn.

I would like to take the Junior Class, if possible, to participate in part of this day, from 10a.m. - 12p.m.

Please keep the date free if you think you could help out with transport and a separate letter will come out about this after our trip to Arrowtown. Thank you.

*Here are some stories from the Junior Class:

At the cross country I came second place. I was frightened when I stood on the podium. But I was proud.

Jack Jeffries

At the cross country race I ran fast and I had fun jumping over the hay bales.

Evie Steele

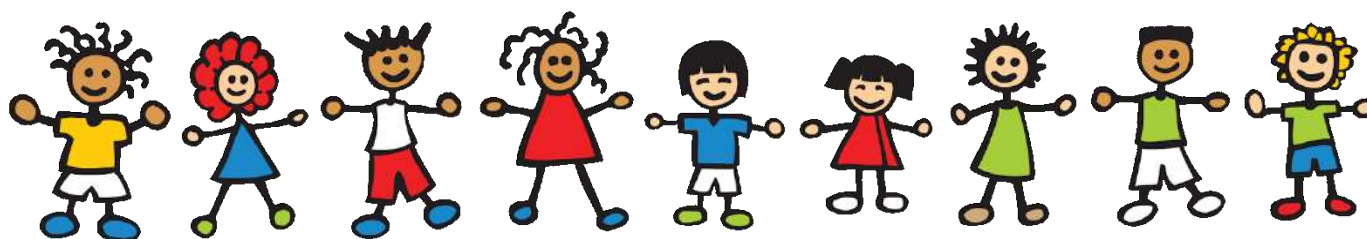
At the cross country there was one of the teachers from Strath Taieri. She said on your marks, get set, go. A big **boom** went in my ear. I ran as fast as I could. I went through the ditches, into the sheep yards, on the squelchy grass and through the two rugby posts. Finally I was at the finish line. It was a big day.

Millie Smith

At the cross country race I ran fast over the hay bales. I was puffed.

Jimmy Jeffries

Middle Class News:



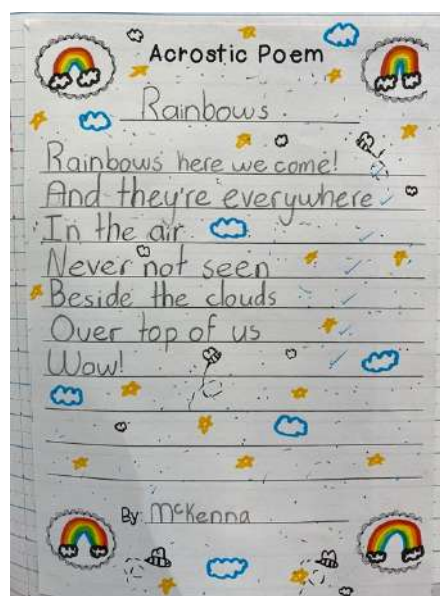
Can you believe it is September already? The year is flying!!

We have had a busy few weeks in the Middle Room. It has been action-packed with Cross Country, Curling and Skiing.

Well done to Jae, Harry J and Harry D who qualified for the Otago Cross Country in Dunedin.

In our writing, we have been carrying on with our poetry unit and have learnt about Autobiography poems, Acrostic poems, Haiku and Cinquains.

Here are some of our poems from over the last couple of weeks:



Caleb

I am happy, brave, smart and sporty
Child of Alina and Alex
Lover of sport, animals, Christmas
Who feels happy, excited and hungry
Who needs shelter, food, water, sleep
Who gives friendship, love and hugs
Who hopes for peace, food and hugs
Who would like to see China, Tonga, South Arctic

Cai

Very kind
Awesome on the farm
Up the power pole
Great at being a father
He loves drinking beer
At work
Naughty

By Harry D

For the Caritas 'Stop It' challenge, the Middle Room voted and decided to go without chairs and desks for one day, which we did on a Friday. They also voted to make cardboard shacks. The children had a wonderful afternoon creating their shacks out of cardboard boxes supplied by the Senior Room.



In

Reading the older children finished their Novel studies which they have enjoyed. The Year 3's read a book called 'Perfect Paper Planes' which of course led to a class paper plane competition, which I'm sad to say I didn't win.





The Winners: McKinley and Harry D

Curling

The children are doing really well in their Curling sessions on a Friday.

They are enjoying playing a game and are getting the hang of sweeping and aiming their stone.

Thank you to the parents that help to get us there and back. We were lucky that Axel and Kaylah had asked Grandad, Pete Becker to come along and join us too.



Skiing

Thank you to everyone that came on the Ski Trip. It was great having so many parents there, even if it wasn't the best weather conditions. We had a great time at Cardrona and the children enjoyed hitting the slopes and either learning to ski or reminding themselves how to ski again. I was so proud of how the children looked after one another and skied together for the day.



In Maths we have finished our Fractions unit and have been learning about Patterning with the Year 3 & 4 children and Decimals with the Year 5's. We have now moved on to learning about Time, so take this opportunity to ask your child the time and get them to read digital and analogue clocks.

We finished our novel 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl and watched the movie. We thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and seeing the differences between it and the movie. Our next novel we have started is called 'The Night Bus Hero' by Onjali Q Rauf and is very funny.

Heather Dowling

Senior Class News:

**You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and read to a child.
Dr Seuss.**

Kia Ora families

Firstly thank you to Jayne and Rachel for taking over my role while I was away last week. The children had a productive week and managed to finish their cardboard castles (our last Caritas challenge activity) and enjoy lunch in these, as well as making good progress on their gold mining projects for the exhibition in November.

I had a challenging journey home on Sunday that meant I chose not to attend the ski trip - which was disappointing for me. But being back in the classroom the last few days has been a pleasure and I was

really happy to see that all the children that attended the ski trip made it to school on Tuesday. Thank you for preparing the children with the appropriate ski gear, and then getting them to school.

Book Club

Classroom 'Book Clubs' is based on reading a novel of your child's choice. The children work together to have meetings and discuss what is happening in the plot, and will have a set amount to read each night so that they can keep up with their book club friends. Each 'Book Club' has a wall space to display their work, and I always find the children really enjoy this type of activity. Your child might find an online version of the book that they can also listen to, which is fine.

The children are keen to have a relaxed feel for this reading and so if you have beanbags, or pillows for us to lie on, could we please borrow these until the end of term.

This is what the reading homework in your child's book will look like.

	Read these pages today	My job at the Book Club meeting is Write the number in.	Signed by parent
		1. Read aloud a passage 2. Ask questions of others 3. Run the meeting 4. Retell what was read	
Mon			
Tues			
Wed			
Thurs			

Crosscountry

The children did themselves proud at the recent Maniototo Cross Country and the effort given to preparation was evident and made the event a success for all of us. Thank you for coming along and supporting the children.

The school shield was won by O'Neill House with 78 points. We now have the Athletic Sports Day as our next school shield event.

On Friday 2nd September a keen group of runners who had made the selection times, made the trip to the Otago Cross Country Championship event held at Kaikorai Valley. All children completed the course, enjoyed the atmosphere and experience and did their best. Results of note were Marley Weir placing 5th and Josie Herlihy 8th in the year 6 girls event. Congratulations to everyone on representing the Maniototo area and St John's School in a positive spirit. Thank you to the parents who transported and helped at this event.



Cardrona Ski Trip

The children really enjoyed the day on Monday and although the weather could have been a lot better, it did not deter their enthusiasm over the day. Thank you to everyone for transporting the children and being available to help. Mrs Dowling did an awesome job of getting great photos of the kids on the field and looking after you all. Next time I will be there!

Photos from this trip can be viewed on the school website.

Curling

The lessons are going well and we have had our third session today. Please refer to the original notice that came home so that you know what is happening with transport. I don't have any details regarding the curling tournament yet.

Young Vinnies

Jo Bell, who is the local youth coordinator, has visited recently. We love seeing her as she has a lovely energy about her, and she helps us to connect our actions to our faith. She is planning another visit on the last Tuesday of the term, which is also St Vincent de Paul's Feast Day. The Executive are planning some activities for this day.

Here are the dates of what we have coming up.

Thursday 15th September	Arrowtown trip
Friday 16th September	Kiwi Curling session- wear mufti
Monday 26th September	Kiwi Curling Tournament
Tuesday 27th September	St Vincent de Paul Feast day
Wednesday 28th September	Tiaki Maniototo planting day which the Junior Room and the Year 6's will help with.

Balmoral Book Bonanza

I really encourage the children to get these completed. The details are in their homework book.

Pet Day

A highlight of your child's schooling! This event has rolled around again and will take place in November or December. So you might like to think about what your child will bring along - remember that one pet per family is absolutely fine. There is also a soft toy section.

Garden manure

We have started digging over our veggie garden ready for spring planting. If anyone has some manure that we could use on the garden bed, please let me know.

Haka practice

Our school (with Mary-Anne Westhead's support) has developed a haka that we can perform on special occasions. The senior children have led this and my heart swells with pride when I see them performing this. They have done such a good job and they are passionate and focused on their performance. Our haka is a great example of our children working together towards a common goal and taking pride in what they can produce as a collective group. I am so proud of your children.

Congratulations update

Congratulations to Phoebe Hore who has completed her Botany science badge.

Gold certificates in Athletics

(20 certificates which means the achievement of 1000+ points for 20 weeks).

- Tessa Steele
- Logan Suddaby

- Fred Dowling
- Tom Dowling
- Jacob Sutherland
- Chloe McAuley
- Hayley Barroga

Of particular note, is the achievement of 25 certificates by Paige Smith and Phoebe Hore.

Ngā mihi

Geraldine Duncan.

Board of Trustees:

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 13th September at 7.30p.m.**

Notices and Dates:

Week 7	Sunday 11 th September	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Chloe & Jae McAuley
Week 8	Thursday 15 th September	Arrowtown Trip
	Friday 16 th September	Kiwi Curling Session
	Sunday 18 th September	Sunday Mass – 4pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Harry & Isla Jeffries
Week 9	Sunday 25 th September	Sunday Mass – 5pm NOTE: change of time Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Eddie & Marley Weir
Week 10	Monday 26 th September	Kiwi Curling Tournament
	Friday 30 th September	Last day of Term 3
School Holidays	Sunday 2 nd October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Cyrus Janerol, Hayley Barroga, Joshua Barroga
	Sunday 9 th October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Ben Gibson, Xavier Love
	Sunday 16 th October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Elliot & Jessie Greer

	CROSS COUNTRY PLACE/TIMES RECORD 2022					
Year 1	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Max Stevenson		Strath	Izzy Eketone		St Johns
2	Kahu Houpapa		MAS	Bryleigh Barroga		St Johns
3	Arthur Wilson		Strath	Georgia Dodds		St Johns
4	Riley Stevenson		Strath	Evie Steele		St Johns
5	Jimmy Jeffries		St Johns	Evelyn Cai		St Johns
6	Hudson Crutchley		MAS	Myah Hokianga		Strath
Year 2	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Tayne Larson-Macaulay		Strath	Juliette Dowling		St Johns
2	Jack Jeffries		St Johns	Mackenzie Davis		MAS
3	Archie Sutherland		MAS	Issy Bankshaw		Strath
4	Liam Wilson		MAS	Milly Turner		Strath
5	Digby Jones		Strath	Georgia Clark		MAS
6	Blake Scott		MAS	Olivia Scott		St Johns

Year 3	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Toby McFadyen-Beck		MAS	Rosa Scott		Strath
2	George Dykes		Strath	Esme Hore		MAS
3	Elliott Barroga		St Johns	Ella Turner		Strath
4	Bede Paterson		MAS	Sophie McAtamney		MAS
5	Oscar McAtamney		MAS	Tessa Stevenson		Strath
6	Caleb Cai		St Johns			
Year 4	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Edward Wilson		Strath	Thalia Hepi		MAS
2	Xavier Love		St Johns	Nikita Wilson		MAS
3	Joshua Barroga		St Johns	Evelyn Hagen		MAS
4	Arthur Elworthy		St Johns	Kaylah McAuley		St Johns
5	Archie Jones		Strath	Florence Dowling		St Johns
6	Sam Hore		MAS	Jessica Greer		St Johns

Year 5	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Jae McAuley	7.57	St Johns	Laura Paterson	7.51	MAS
2	Chad Atkinson	8.06	Strath	Vanessa Kinney	8.05	MAS
3	James Meehan	8.3	MAS	Madi Bankshaw	8.52	Strath
4	Harry Jeffries	8.34	St Johns	Tayla Smith	9.35	MAS
5	Hugo Paterson	8.59	MAS	Isla Drake	9.58	MAS
6	Harry Dowling	9	St Johns	Lucy Turner	10.2	Strath
Year 6	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Logan Suddaby	8.2	St Johns	Marley Weir	7.58	St Johns
2	Andrew Becker	8.23	MAS	Josie Herlihy	7.59	St Johns
3	George Dowling	8.45	St Johns	Lexi McFadyen-Beck	9.38	MAS
4	Lucas Clark	8.53	MAS	Ariah Spooner	9.45	MAS
5	Harvey Wood	9.39	Strath	A'esha Cairns-Whitcombe	9.53	MAS
6	Benjamin Geddes	9.58	Strath			

Year 7	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Max Gregan	11.01	MAS	Indianna Hepi	11.46	MAS
2	Jacob Sutherland	11.03	St Johns	Hayley Barroga	11.52	St Johns
3	Sam Elworthy	11.41	St Johns	Brooke Atkinson	12.19	Strath
4	Nathan Paterson	12.07	MAS	Alexis Jones	12.23	MAS
5	Rhys Wilson	12.39	MAS	Ali Leslie	12.48	Strath
6	Noah Smith	12.48	St Johns	Marley Hore	13.26	MAS
Year 8	Boys Name	Time	School	Girls Name	Time	School
1	Ollie Scott	10.29	Strath	Tessa Steele	11.2	St Johns
2	Dane Walpole	10.49	Strath	Amelia Smith	11.25	MAS
3	Ben Gibson	11.06	St Johns	Chloe McAuley	11.29	St Johns
4	Thomas Helm	11.45	MAS	Grace Paterson	12.04	MAS
5	Jae MacDonald	11.49	MAS	Charlie Owens	12.58	MAS
6	Fred Dowling	12.56	St Johns	Te Oranga Huriwai	13.02	MAS

