



# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

### End of Term 3

Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back for a busy Term 4 on Monday 17th October.

### School Trip to Arrowtown

What an awesome day we had in Arrowtown at the Museum.

A huge thanks to the parents and grandparents who helped us with transport and supervision for the day. We couldn't have done it without you.

The children enjoyed the variety of activities offered and some left Arrowtown with gold fever!





### **Equestrian Team Competition**

Congratulations to Phoebe Hore, Josie Herlihy, Marley Weir and Georgia Dodds who recently competed on their ponies in a school's equestrian competition, representing St John's School. They had a great day and came back to school with a number of prize winning ribbons and a shield! Well done girls.

Below is a photo of the girls and their ponies in fancy dress.



### **School Athletic Sports Practices**

On the separate letter that went home last week asking for parent help on 2 dates for athletics practices, the dates on the main letter and then the form below, were different.

Apologies. The correct dates are:

Friday 21st October and Thursday 27th October 1.30 - 2.30p.m.

### **P.T.A. AGM**

The PTA are holding their AGM on **Wednesday 19th October at 7.00p.m.** at school. Everyone welcome.

### **Bread Tags**

A reminder these are no longer being collected as most tags are now paper.

### **Labour Weekend**

School is closed on **Monday 24th October** for Labour Weekend.

### **Bus Vests**

If your child has not returned their washed bus vest to school could they please do this at the beginning of the term. Thank you.



### **School Concert/Prizegiving**

Our end of year school concert and prize giving will be held on **Wednesday 7th December** at 7p.m. in the **Ranfurly Town Hall**.

### **Special Character Clipboard:**

\*Tuesday 27th September was the Feast of St Vincent de Paul. The Young Vinnies is the youth side of the St Vincent de Paul Society and was set up to help young people realise that there are people in society in need, and to encourage them to help these people.

Here is a prayer for Young Vinnies:

We have full and busy lives, Lord, and may not know what it is like to sit alone longing for a knock at the door and someone to talk to. We are young and fit, Lord, how can we understand what it is like to be old and helpless with eyes that are dim, ears that are deaf and limbs that are stiff and clumsy. We are fit and strong, Lord, and find it hard to imagine what it is like to be in bed day after day, suffering pain that no one wants to hear about. Lord, we will seek out the lonely, the sick, the old, and bring them into the warmth of our lives.

Amen

\*First Holy Communion has been confirmed for **Sunday 27th November**.

This will be celebrated at Mass at **3p.m.** with Father Sani.

### **Junior Class News:**

The Junior Class, along with our four Year 6 students, spent a great morning on Wednesday 28th September planting native plants beside the Taieri River on Wilson Road, Gimmerburn.

A huge thank you to the Mums who helped with transport and women power digging holes:

Brit Barroga, Alina Zheng, Gabrielle Love and Sara O'Neill.

The children worked so hard and it was incredible to look back and see how many plants they managed to plant in one and a half hours. It was a massive effort from them all.

This area is eventually going to be a recreational area and they will be able to feel proud about their contribution to it.



## Middle Class News:



Phew! We made it! It has been a very busy term. Thank you for all your support this term on all our class trips, the children have thoroughly enjoyed them.

We have finished learning about Time this term. The children have all done very well with this as it is one of the trickiest topics in Maths to learn. Continue to ask the children the time at home by getting them to tell you either 5:15 or quarter past 5 as an example. If you have an analogue clock at home get them to practise telling you what the time is on that.

The Year 3 and 4's are good at being able to say if it is o'clock, half-past, quarter past or quarter to; and the Year 5's are able to read any time on the clock. This is a skill that they should keep working on.

We have been finishing up our Persuasive Writing this week as well. I have been convinced that we need a longer weekend, no homework and shorter school days. I'm not sure if the students will get that past Mrs Mulholland or the Ministry though.



Sharing their Persuasive Arguments with the class.





Arrowtown School house fun.



I hope you all have a fantastic holiday and enjoy a well earned rest for a couple of weeks.  
I look forward to seeing you all next term!

Nga Mihi  
Heather

## Senior Class News:

**Mauria te pono**  
**Believe in yourself.**

Kia Ora families

Here we are, three-quarters of the way through the school year. Term 3 has seen the removal of mask-wearing from school settings and we had our first school trip in a long time. Visiting Arrowtown and learning about the gold mining era and its history was really interesting. The children got so much from this day and were thrilled to find or be given a fleck of gold to bring home. Each child has written a recount of the day and created a poem based on the theme of gold and you will see their creations in the end-of-year portfolios. Your children are inquisitive about new learning and they all enjoyed the Arrowtown experience. Thank you also to our parents and grandparents that could attend.

### Book Club

Each book club group is making their way through their novel. All have an exciting and interesting storyline that has engaged the children and we are slowly creating visuals to display on the wall. This will continue into term 4.

### Curling Tournament - Tuesday 18th October

The curling tournament is being held on the first Tuesday of next term. The transport list is at the back of the newsletter. The children will be at the ice rink all day.

## Young Vinnies



Jo Bell, who is the local youth coordinator, visited on Tuesday and helped develop an understanding of how we are made in the image of God and how we work together to hold up people's human dignity.

Tuesday was also St Vincent de Paul's Feast Day. We celebrated with a BBQ lunch cooked for us by Kate Dowling and schoolwide games.

## Interschool Equestrian event.



These very clever girls won this very big shield at the Interschool equestrian event that was held in Palmerston recently. They competed in dressage, show jumping, turn out and dress up and excelled in all areas.

Congratulations to Phoebe Hore, Marley Weir, Josie Herlihy, Georgia Dodds and Maddi (who joined our team for the day).

## Clear File pockets

Each child has a clearfile pocket that they use to take notices back and forth from home - so that notices do not get lost in their school bags. These clearfiles are labelled like this - written on cello tape.

Joe Bloggs

Please return to school

Some of the children cannot find theirs at school. Can you please have a look at home for these over the holidays? Thank you.

## Balmoral Book Bonanza and Science Badge

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

### **Holy Paddocks Calves**

This year we will be rearing our beautiful calves again from Maniototo Dairies and they will be available for purchase at the Pet Day auction. We have now decided to align the calf auction with this event as they tie in so well.

Earlier in the term, the children wrote to PGG Wrightson and explained the process of hand-rearing our calves and the selling of these to offset camp costs. In response to our request for support with this activity, PGG Wrightson very kindly donated milk powder and muesli. Thank you to Loryn, Jo and the team at PGG Wrightson for your fantastic support. As well as to Maniototo Dairies for donating the calves to us and to Anna and Luke Jeffries for rearing them for us until the start of term 4. What a great community we live in.



### **Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships**

This event was delayed due to covid and is now being held on Saturday 12th November at Moana Pool in Dunedin. It is a championship event that children qualify for by competing and reaching time standards in our school sports. Our event was also cancelled this year due to covid guidelines.

We are offering this event to our children. If your child is interested please let me know. We would use times from swim club races with some adjustment.

### **Congratulations update**

Gold certificates in Athletics (20 certificates for 20 weeks).

- Marley Weir
- Ben Gibson

Also impressively, is the achievement of 25 certificates by George Dowling, Logan Suddaby and Sam Elworthy.

**Term 4 dates.**

Tuesday 18th October	Curling tournament
Friday 21st October	Athletics practice
Monday 24th October	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 27th October	Athletics practice
Friday 28th October	Aqua Van and 'Spec Creek' visit
Friday 4th November	Maniototo Athletic Sports (pp Monday)
Friday 11th November	Visit the exhibition in Alexandra
Saturday 12th November	Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championship
Tuesday 15th November	Otago Athletic Sports (pp Thursday)
Wednesday 7th December	School Concert
Monday 12th December	End of year Mass and Year 8 Graduation
Tuesday 13th December	Last school day for 2022 Pet Day Calf Auction

Ngā mihi

Geraldine Duncan.

<b>Board of Trustees:</b>
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- At our September meeting a report on the curriculum area of Reading was presented to the Board.
- Three Policies reviewed were:
  - Care and Management of Students
  - Support of Student Wellbeing
  - Food and Nutrition
- The Board discussed some strategic ideas for 2023.



## Curling Tournament transport - Tuesday 18th October

The games will start at 9.30am and run through until 2.30pm, and we will need drivers to be at school at 8.50am.

Children are to wear warm mufti clothing suitable for being on the ice on this day. They will need a packed morning tea and lunch (that doesn't need heating) and a drink bottle. There are items for sale at the curling rink bar (chips, chocolate bars) and these may be available for sale, so your child may like to bring some cash along.

Each child will be given a school red jacket the day before. Please wash these after the tournament and return them to school.

### Our teams are as follows

Some teams may have decided to sort a uniform to wear eg) a certain colour or a particular hat etc.

Icebreakers: Fred, Tom, Ben, Tessa, Paige  
Stone Cold: Elliot, Rosa, Chloe, Phoebe, Hayley  
Team Titans: Jacob, Sam, Mac, Noah, Eddie  
The King Curlers: Josie, Marley, Logan, George  
The Sliding Rams: Axel, Harry J, McKenna, McKinley  
Maniototo Movers: Finn, Harry D, Ethan, Jae

<b>Judy Hore</b>	<b>Geraldine Dowling</b>	<b>Logan Dowling</b>
Phoebe Paige Tessa Hayley	Fred George Ben Noah Ethan Jae	Mac Finn Tom Harry D
<b>Renee Weir</b>	<b>Marcus Sutherland</b>	<b>Geraldine Duncan</b>
Eddie Marley Josie McKenna	Jacob Sam Logan Harry J	Elliot Chloe Rosa Axel
McKinley will meet us at the ice rink		

If your child is unwell please let us know and keep them at home. It won't be a problem.

Thank you.

## Notices and Dates:

<b>School Holidays</b>	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Cyrus Janerol, Hayley Barroga, Joshua Barroga
	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Ben Gibson, Xavier Love
	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Elliot & Jessie Greer
<b>Term 4 Week 1</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Curling Tournament
	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Sam & Arthur Elworthy
<b>Week 2</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Weekend – School Closed
	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Tessa Steele & Florence Dowling
<b>Week 3</b>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Maniototo Athletic Sports PP – Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Mac & Finn Dowling
<b>Week 4</b>	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Otago Primary School Swimming Championship in Dunedin
	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Tom & Harry Dowling
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Otago Athletics Sports PP – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Rosa & Josie Herlihy
<b>Week 6</b>	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Noah & Nathan Smith
<b>Week 7</b>	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: New Roster – To be advised
<b>Week 8</b>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	School Concert & Prizegiving
	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: New Roster – To be advised
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