

# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

We have started an action packed Term 4. We have a lot of activities coming up so please make sure you read notices thoroughly and note the dates when things are on.

### Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Heather, Vaughan, Tom and Harry Dowling and to Anne and Alan Gould after the loss of Heather's brother suddenly in Sweden during the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to them at this very difficult time.

### Labour Weekend

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

### End of Year Concert and Prizegiving - Change of date

After our last newsletter it was brought to our attention that another secondary school prizegiving was being held on Wednesday 7th December which involved several of our school families so we have changed our concert/prizegiving to **Tuesday 6th December at 7p.m. in the Ranfurly Town Hall.**

### Aqua Van

On Thursday 27th, and Friday, the 28th of October the Tiaki Maniototo Project is bringing the University of Otago Marine Studies Centre Aqua Van to the Maniototo! Live marine critters and touch tanks will be set up at Maniototo Area School Gymnasium for both schools to visit over the two days. The Aqua Van is a hands-on experience that creates awareness and understanding of the importance of stream health and links the Upper Taieri to the Sea. The team at the Aqua Van are extending this opportunity to community members from 3 - 4 pm. This is a perfect opportunity for community members outside school to come along, even bringing your preschool-aged children to look at the marine critters and touch pools.

During the day some students will get the opportunity to go to the Sowburn in Patearoa. Here they will investigate stream health and see an electric fishing display to see what fish live there.

The Middle and Senior Classes have received information about their trip to the Sowburn River at Patearoa next Friday 28th October.

The Junior Class will be walking up to the Maniototo Area School gym to visit the aqua van from 11a.m. - 12p.m. on Friday 28th October. Mrs Hazlett will be taking them to this as I am away at a Principal's workshop that day.

Our thanks goes to Tiaki Maniototo for funding this great experience for our students.

### **Keeping Ourselves Safe**

You have all received a notice earlier in the week telling how all classes are working on this unit of work early this term.

A reminder that we have a parent meeting for those interested in learning more on:

**Thursday 27th October from 3 - 3.30p.m.** This will be held in the Senior Room.

We are working closely with Police Education Officer Garry Milford, and he will be visiting each class, taking lessons and helping teachers.

He has asked me to inform parents that as part of this programme our school has a commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our students. The programme helps students identify healthy and unhealthy relationships.

**Should any student make a disclosure (speak up if they feel that something is wrong or that they are being mistreated) we, as a staff, have a responsibility to report to the Police and/or Oranga Tamariki (Ministry for Children).**

**As part of the “Keeping Ourselves Safe” programme, in conjunction with the Police, we have agreed to do this.**

### **Athletic Sports Day**

The Maniototo Athletic Sports will take place on **Friday 4th November** at the Ranfurly Stadium. The postponement date is **Monday 7th November**. Postponement notices will be on Burn Radio and Maniototo Area School and St John’s School websites.

- Children 7 years and older (ages as at 1st October) are to be at the Stadium by 9a.m. Children will be organised into ages, ready to begin at 9.30a.m.
- 5 and 6 year olds are to meet Mrs Mulholland and Mrs Hazlett in front of the squash court area at 9a.m.  
Junior Sports begin at 9.30a.m. and will be finished by approximately 11.30a.m. and these children are then free to go home with their parents.  
The format for the Junior Sports is similar to other years with a round robin format of events that include throwing, jumping and running.
- Children will need:  
Drink  
Lunch (7 years and over)  
Shoes suitable for running in  
School sports shirt (these will be given out nearer the day). These need to be returned to school, washed please, after the event  
Shorts/track pants  
Sunhats/sunblock
- There is a gold coin entry for all adults and this is used to help with running costs.
- St John’s School is in charge of running the high jump event at the sports. Ryan Dowling will be organising parents to help with this, so if you are asked to help on the day, please be willing to give some time to help or give Ryan a ring on 027 434 7239. The more people who can help on the day, the smoother the event runs. Thank you.

### **“Shake-out” Earthquake Drill**

On Thursday 27th October at 9.30a.m. our school will be participating in a nationwide practise of the earthquake drill - “drop, cover, hold.”

### **Dunstan Community of Learning Exhibition (COL - also known as Dunstan Kahui Ako)**

On the 11th November our school will be part of the above group of schools exhibiting at the “Central Stories Museum and Gallery” in Alexandra.

This exhibition will showcase the learning students across our group of schools have been working on this year about “our stories” as they relate to the Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum and our own local curriculum.

Mrs Rachel Gray has worked with each class to make an exhibit for this, tying in with the “Voyagers” topic we have been working on this year.

We have the opportunity to visit the exhibition, as a school, on the opening day, **Friday 11th November from 11a.m. - 12p.m.** Then after lunch we have booked to go for a swim at the Alexandra swimming pool.

At this stage we are unsure whether we will be traveling by bus or cars as funding for buses has been applied for by our Community of Learning. I will send a notice out next week if we need car transport/adult help to get to and from Alexandra for the day. Thank you

### The Sports Houses

You may be aware that since we started the House Shield competition, O'Neill House has won it every time. Under the guidance of the senior class children, we have redone our houses to try and even them up in terms of gender. We have done this as we want to have a fair competition. We would now expect that we will not have to make any changes to houses from here on.

	<b>McAuley</b>	<b>O'Neill</b>
<b>Y8</b>	Chloe Tessa Rosa Elliot	Paige Phoebe Tom Ben Fred
<b>Y7</b>	Jacob Sam Mac	Eddie Hayley Noah
<b>Y6</b>	Logan Josie	George Marley
<b>Y5</b>	Nathan Axel Finn Cyrus McKenna Jae	Harry D Harry J McKinley Ethan Keisha
<b>Y4</b>	Jessie Kaylah Xavier	Isla Florence Joshua Arthur
<b>Y3</b>	James Charlie Ben	Zach Theo Caleb Eli
<b>Y2</b>	Olivia Greta Millie	Jack Juliette Maggie
<b>Y1</b>	Evie Izzy Oscar	Jimmy Bryleigh
<b>Y0</b>	Georgia Emerson Archie	Harriet Arthur Evelyn

## Special Character Clipboard:

\*This term, in Religious Education, classes are finishing off the "Church" stand and beginning the strand called "Communion of Saints".

We will also be learning about Advent at the end of the term.

\*This Sunday is "World Mission Sunday." On this day we pray and think about missionaries around the world as they continue their work helping those in need.

\*October is the month of the Rosary. We are gathering together as a school each morning to pray part of the Rosary, led by the Senior Class students.

The Rosary is a meditative, repetitive prayer in honour of Mary the Mother of Jesus. It consists of a set number of specific prayers which is repeated. Rosary beads are used as counters to help maintain the rhythm as the prayers are prayed in sequence.

Children are welcome to bring their own rosary beads to school to use, if they have them at home.

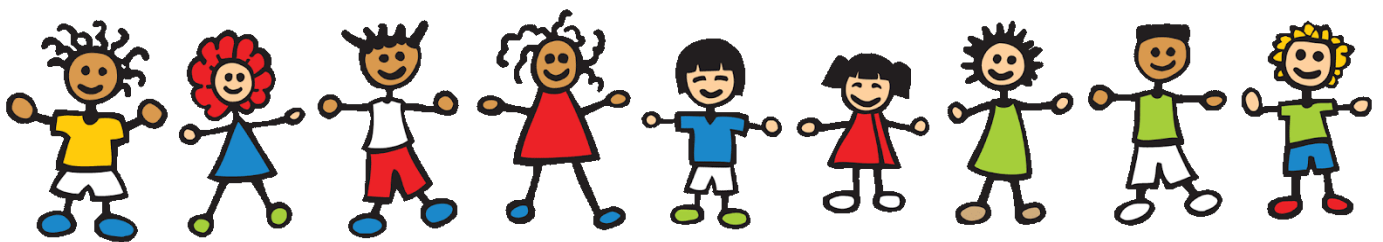
## Junior Class News:

\*The Junior Class began the "Keeping Ourselves Safe" unit on Tuesday, talking about where we live, what is our address, rapid number, telephone number. Many did not know their address or rapid number and after our discussion most came the next day knowing both, having talked about this at home - I was impressed!

\*Could the Junior Class children please bring along a small garden tool suitable for weeding our vegetable garden on Tuesday 25th October. Also gardening gloves, if they have them.

Thank you.

## Middle Class News:



Welcome back to Term 4!

We've had a great start to the term and we are back into the swing of things in the Middle Room.

Congratulations to our two Year 5 teams that represented St John's at the recent Curling Tournament in Naseby. They both came 2nd equal!

The Sliding Rams: Axel, Harry J, McKenna and McKinley

Maniototo Movers: Finn, Harry D, Ethan and Jae

Thank you to Mrs Duncan for taking the teams for the day and the parents for transporting them.

In Maths we are studying Weight and Capacity for the first few weeks and then we will be revising our topics from the last two terms. If you have scales at home, see if your child can read them and predict what

weight items will be. Find items in your home and see if your child can predict which one will be heavier. We are enjoying doing this at school.

Get the children to fill up containers with liquid and read how many mls there are or predict which container will hold more water. Lots of fun!

The older children are reading novels for the first few weeks. There isn't always a book for every child, so some of the children are kindly taking turns to read their homework in class and then will read a book from home for homework.

In Writing, we have been practising our Recount writing and then the children have asked for some writing contracts where they get to choose the type of writing they would like to do from a list of activities.

We have started our Keeping Ourselves Safe topic which in the Middle Primary focuses on the children being in control of their actions and their bodies.

In R.E this term we are starting off with the 'Communion of Saints' topic.

We are practising for Athletics at the moment as well, with an emphasis on doing our best.

This term is a busy one with lots of events that will ensure the weeks will fly by quickly.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Nga Mihi  
Heather

## **Senior Class News:**

**If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you.**

**Kia ora and welcome back for term 4.**

Welcome back for the final term of the year. As usual, we have a lot going on and I have included a list of dates at the end of the newsletter. Please read each notice that comes home and note down the details you need to know.

### **Maniototo Athletics**

We have started our training towards the athletics sports day. The children are really great at getting the equipment out and setting it up and helping the other children with learning how to do the activities. They are also determined and focused in their practice and give every activity their best effort.

From the results of the Maniototo Athletics day, a team is selected to travel to Dunedin to represent us at the Otago Athletic event on Tuesday 15th November. Selected children will be notified on Monday 7th November by a letter from school.

### **Balmoral Book Bonanza**

I am continuing to receive work towards this and our goal is to have everyone achieve their hot chip/ice cream award by the end of the year.

Chloe, Paige and Fred received their voucher this week.

### **Curling**

Tournament day was on Tuesday and we had a good day out with some really challenging games and pleasing results.

In the year 7 and 8 section team 'Ice Breakers' placed first alongside 2 other teams, and were awarded 3rd on count back. Our other teams were not far behind.

In the year 5 and 6 section, the two year 5 teams placed 2nd equal and the year 6 team was not far behind.

Photos of each team will be on the school website.

### **Dunstan Zone Triathlon**

This is on Tuesday 15th November in Cromwell. Unfortunately, this is the same date as the Otago Athletic Sports. A notice will come home gauging interest next week. I am aware that until people know if they are competing at the Otago Athletic Sports, it is very hard to know what to do so the letter next week indicates your child's interest. In the past, the place-getters in the individual, and boys and girls sections from the Dunstan Zone Triathlon will go on to compete in the Central Otago Triathlon Championship event in Queenstown on Wednesday 23rd November. At this stage, I know no details about the Dunstan Zone triathlon.

### **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**

Our calves will arrive next week. We will then move through the process of naming them and training them to walk on the lead. Always a fun process!

The calves will be auctioned at Pet Day by the children. This is the start of the new routine where we will auction the calves every second year at Pet Day and then sell them to a predetermined buyer the other year.

Our calves are always exceptional! Well-fed, used to being handled and obviously showered with love - they make great nurse cows and always grow quickly. They really are a sought-after purchase on auction day! We also have plenty of feed in Holy Paddocks this year so they will be exceptional. I'll leave the rest of the selling talk up to the kids, but we look forward to hosting you at the calf auction.

The money from the calf auction greatly reduces the senior camp costs and also helps run Holy Paddocks.

### **Congratulations update**

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

- Mac Dowling

### **Term 4 dates.**

Wednesday 26th October	HPV year 8's
Thursday 27th October	School athletics practice
Friday 28th October	Aqua Van and 'Sowburn' visit We will be leaving school to walk to MAS at 8.45am
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) Dunstan Zone Triathlon Alexandra
Wednesday 23rd November	Central Otago Triathlon Queenstown
Tuesday 6th December	School Concert 7pm
Monday 12th December	End of year Mass (11am) and Year 8 Graduation (1.30pm)
Tuesday 13th December	Last school day for 2022 Pet Day 10am Calf Auction

## Board of Trustees:

\*At our October meeting a report on the curriculum area of Maths - Number was presented to the Board.

\*Our Sun Protection policy was reviewed.

\*Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8th November**.

## Notices and Dates:

<b>Term 4 Week 1</b>	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
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	“Keeping Ourselves Safe” – parent meeting from 3-3.30pm
		“Shake-out” National Earthquake drill at 9.30am
	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
	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	“Central Stories Museum and Gallery trip to Alexandra.
<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>	Tuesday 6 <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
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Mass and Year 8 Graduation
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Last School Day for 2022 Pet Day/Calf Auction

