



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

Maniototo Athletic Sports

Congratulations to all children for their efforts in the Athletic Sports last Friday. A special congratulations to those children who placed in their age groups. Well done.

A huge congratulation to **Eddie Weir**.
Eddie won the McSkimming Cup scoring 42 points.

Congratulations to the students chosen to represent Maniototo at the Otago Athletic Sports in Dunedin on Tuesday 15th November. Good luck to you all.

It was great to see McAuley House come 2nd in the shield section of the sports and O'Neill House 3rd. Well done.

A big thank you to Ryan Dowling and all the parents who helped out at the running of the high jump event.

Cricket Coaching

Last Monday 7th November and this Monday 14th November we have a cricket coach coming along to take each class for a session, participating in cricket skills and activities. The name of the coach is Berber Swart. Berber is from the Netherlands and the children are looking forward to her second session on Monday.

School concert practices

Children and staff will be busy over the next few weeks learning songs, actions and lines for our end of year concert. Nearer to the performance night parents will be notified by the class teacher about clothes/costumes children will need to wear for the play.

Activities coming up:

- Sunday 27th November - First Holy Communion celebration 3p.m.
- Friday 2nd December - End of year reports and portfolios sent home.
Reports can be kept but portfolios need to be returned to school please.
- Tuesday 6th December - End of Year prizegiving and concert at the Ranfurly Town Hall at 7p.m.
- Monday 12th December - End of Year School Mass at 11a.m.
- Monday 12th December - 1.30p.m. Year 8 graduation
- Tuesday 13 December - Pet Day and last day of school for 2022

First day 2023

School will start for 2023 on **Wednesday 1st February**.

Special Character Clipboard:

We have recently celebrated two special days in the Catholic Church:

1st November is All Saints' Day.

We remember all the saints who have done many wonderful and holy things in their lives.

2nd November is All Souls' Day.

This is a day we remember and pray for all those who have died, especially our relatives and friends.

Junior Class News:

Here are some stories the Junior class wrote recently about our Police Education Officer, Mr Milford.

I liked the book about Mr Milford. He has a dog who stole toilet paper.

Harriet O'Neill

I liked Mr Milford's pepper spray pocket.

Jimmy Jeffries

I liked how on Mr Milford's radio, he could speak to all the policemen in Otago.

Greta Love

I liked Mr Milford's hard vest. The people who tried to hurt Mr Milford would go owww!

Millie Smith

I liked seeing the taser. It zaps people if they are fighting.

Maggie O'Neill

I liked when Mr Milford shone his torch on us.

Georgia Dodds

Middle Class News:



The Middle Room has had a great few weeks with the Athletics Sports and the Aqua Van visit up at Maniototo Area School.

We thoroughly enjoyed going to the Aqua Van and learning about how pollution can affect the waterways and how things have changed over the years from the time before people came to New Zealand and what it is like now. We then got split into two groups and got to visit a touch tank that had lots of sealife from

Jellyfish to Limpets. All the children were brave enough to have a go at holding at least some of the animals. They also got to learn all about crabs and see the different types there are.



On the way home Alex and Alina shouted us an ice-cream! The day could not have been better! Thank you to Alex and Alina for being so generous, the children and I very much appreciated it.



Well done to all the children who competed at our Sports Day. I was lucky enough to chaperone around the Under 11 boys which were most of our Year 5's and cheer them on for the day. I also managed to see the rest of our class at some stage running around the track. I was so proud of how they conducted themselves on this day and how they gave everything a good go and enjoyed themselves. What superstars!



Congratulations to the children that qualified to go to the Otago Sports in Dunedin on Tuesday:

Xavier Love
McKinley Francis
Kaylah McAuley
Jae McAuley
Joshua Barroga

We also have some children competing in the Dunstan Zone Triathlon on Tuesday as well:

Harry Jeffries
Harry Dowling
Finn Dowling

Good luck to you all!!

We have started some cricket coaching with Berber on Monday and had a fantastic time with her. She works for the Otago Country Cricket Association and goes around schools teaching cricket skills. We have another session with her next Monday.

We have finished off our Keeping Ourselves Safe unit and are moving on to practising for our school play. We are all very excited about this and have some groovy dance moves to learn. We will have a sort out of which part your child will be in the play and let you know what they could wear as part of their costume. We are going to be either Camels, Wise Men, Shepherds or sheep.

Nga Mihi,

Heather Dowling

Senior Class News:

Kids make life the best kind of busy.

Kia ora

Recently we have been working on our book club creations related to the novels that were read by groups of children. Most groups are getting through this and we will be ready to present to each other next week. They are very good.

We have also read through the play for the school concert and all the senior children have a part to prepare for. If you look at your child's copy of the script, you will see a page of suggestions for ideas on what to wear. The children will be learning their words for homework next week. Costumes can come to school as soon as they are ready. The school concert date is below.

Cricket is back in favour and there is a lot of action on the field at lunchtime. We recently have the CO Cricket Development coach here taking us for a fun session, we have another one next Monday.

We planted our school vegetable garden this week also. We have been very busy.

Holy Paddocks

This is a very happy little place at the moment with our 10 beautiful calves donated from Maniototo Dairy, and our 6 busy hens from the Dowling hen farm. The children are outstanding in their ability to feed the calves and collect the eggs etc independently. They show such practical real-life skills. I feel quite proud when the children take on these tasks.

Maniototo Athletic Sports

Last Friday was a great day of skill display, competition, comradery and fun. Again I just smiled on the inside all day as I watched our class do their best at each event and work hard to get points for their houses. A positive mindset was very evident and everyone did themselves proud. We have since reviewed our goals and completed a self-evaluation of the day and our efforts, you will see this in the end of year portfolio.

Congratulations to Tom Dowling, Fred Dowling, Tessa Steele, Chloe McAuley, Eddie Weir, Marley Weir, Hayley Barroga, George Dowling, McKinley Francis, Jae McAuley, Xavier Love, Kaylah McAuley and Joshua Barroga who will be representing us in Dunedin at the Otago Athletic Sports next Tuesday.

A special congratulations to Eddie Weir who won the McSkimming Cup with 42 points. Winning the cup is a special achievement but achieving a standard 3 in each event and 1st place is quite incredible.

Tessa Steele also equalled the 13 and over high jump record, sailing over 140cm to equal Lisa Peddie's record from Hyde School in 1995. That was a 27 year old record!

It was also thrilling to see our houses achieve 2nd for McAuley and 3rd for O'Neill overall. The icing on the cake was winning both relay sections! Thanks for your support with school practices, chaperoning and help at the high jump.

Dunstan Zone Triathlon

This event is also being held next Tuesday in Cromwell. This is a fast and fun event where competitors run, bike and swim a certain distance either in teams of 3, 2 or as an individual. Best wishes to all the athletes who are competing - Logan Suddaby, Josie Herlihy, Paige Smith, Rosa Herlihy, Elliot Greer, Mac Dowling, Phoebe Hore, Jacob Sutherland, Ben Gibson, Harry Dowling, Harry Jeffries and Finn Dowling.

Exhibition in Aexandra

Mrs Gray travelled over this week and set up the childrens work at the Central Stories Museum. She is thrilled with how our work looks and we are excited to see it all. Paige Smith travelled over yesterday with Mrs Mulholland to share our school pepeha and a small speech about our schools work, at the opening. Thank you Paige.

Term 4 dates.

Tuesday 15th November	Otago Athletic Sports (pp Thursday) Dunstan Zone Triathlon Cromwell
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 November meeting we reviewed two policies:

Digital Technology and Cybersafety

School Bus Transport

Following on from the School Bus Transport policy was a Bus Code of Conduct which we have adopted for our school. This will be sent to all bus parents at the start of 2023 to be read, discussed and signed by all bus parents and students.

*Our last BOT meeting for the year is on Sunday 4th December at 5.45p.m.

Notices and Dates:

Term 4	Saturday 12 th November	Otago Primary School Swimming Championship in Dunedin
Week 4	Sunday 13 th November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Tom & Harry Dowling
Week 5	Tuesday 15 th November	Otago Athletics Sports PP – Thursday 17 th November
	Sunday 20 th November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Rosa & Josie Herlihy
Week 6	Wednesday 23 rd November	Central Otago Triathlon Queenstown
	Sunday 27 th November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Noah & Nathan Smith
		First Holy Communion celebration 3pm

	Friday 2 nd December	End of Year reports and portfolios sent home
Week 7	Sunday 4 th December	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: New Roster – To be advised
Week 8	Tuesday 6 th December	School Concert & Prizegiving at Ranfruly Town Hall at 7pm
	Sunday 11 th December	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: New Roster – To be advised
Week 9	Monday 12 th December	End of Year Mass (11am) and Year 8 Graduation (1.30pm)
	Tuesday 13 th December	Last School Day for 2022 Pet Day 10am Calf Auction

MANIOTOTO YOUNG FARMERS

FISHING

Competition

ESTD 2021

19-20th Nov 2022

Weigh in Sunday 20th November
2-4pm · Walplata Country Hotel



*Great Prizes
+ Auction, Raffles
& Spot Prizes*

Heaviest Trout
1st Place \$500
2nd Place \$300
3rd Place \$100

Average Weight Trout
\$500 cash prize

Women's Heaviest Fish

Kids Competition

Tickets Available Here
Adults \$20 · Kids \$5

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MANIOTOTO CHRISTMAS FEST

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER
4.30PM - 7.00PM

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
SANTA'S GROTTO
ENTERTAINMENT
HAMPER PRIZE DRAW
BEST DRESSED BIKE
MARKET STALLS
FESTIVE TREATS
CHRISTMAS CHEER

SHOP LOCAL AND HELP RAISE
FUNDS FOR A NEW MANIOTOTO
CHRISTMAS TREE