



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

PTA Christmas Raffle

All raffle cards, money and raffle Christmas donations are to be returned to school by **Monday 5th December**. This is to be drawn on Tuesday 6th December and winners notified at the School Concert on Tuesday evening.

Thank you.

School Concert

We have all been busy preparing for the 2022 School Concert. This will be held in the **Ranfurly Town Hall at 7p.m. on Tuesday 6th December.**

Children do not need to be at the hall until **6.45p.m.** They need to come to the side entrance door of the hall.

Doors to the main hall will not open until 6.50p.m. Seats have been reserved at the front for Year 8 parents and families.

This year the drink and ice-cream will not be happening at the end of the concert - we will have these on Pet Day instead!

End of Year Reports and Portfolios

End of year reports will be given out to children today to bring home, along with their portfolios.

Reports can be kept but we ask that you please return the portfolios to school by **Wednesday 7th December** with a parent comment about your child's work on the self evaluation page. Thank you.

End of Year Mass

Our end of year Mass will be held on **Monday 12th December** at 11a.m. in the Church. Parents and friends are welcome to join us for this.

Last Day of School/Pet Day

Our last day of school is **Tuesday 13th December**.

This is also **Pet Day**. Children can wear mufti clothes to school on pet day.

First Day of School for 2023

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

Merry Christmas

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and best wishes for 2023. Meri Kirihimete.

Special Character Clipboard:

-A special congratulations to: Axel McAuley, Xavier Love, Jessie Greer, Florence Dowling, Kaylah McAuley and Isla Jeffries who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 27th November.

What a great celebration they had!

A big thank you to Mrs Anna Jeffries for preparing the children for this special sacrament.





-We are now in the Church season of "Advent".

On Monday, at Faith Focus, an advent wreath was displayed to the children and the first candle was lit. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas and begins on the Sunday nearest to November 28th. A candle represents each Sunday before Christmas. There are three purple candles and one rose one. The purple candles symbolise hope, love, peace and the rose coloured candle symbolises joy.

Junior Class News:

Here are some photos of the Junior Class checking out their garden - we have beetroot, lettuces, strawberries and pansies growing in the garden.



Middle Class News:



Wow! It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for 2022! Where has the time gone?

We have been very busy here at school. The children that went to the Otago Athletics did well and enjoyed their time competing against the Otago schools. Well done: Xavier, Kaylah, Joshua, Jae and McKinley! We also had three students attend the Dunstan Zone Triathlon from the Middle Room - Harry J, Harry D and Finn - Well done!

Our awesome triathlon teams:

Dunstan Zone Results:

Josie 2nd

Rosa and Paige 4th

Ben and Jacob 3rd

Logan 5th

Mac, Elliot and Phoebe 3rd

Harry, Harry and Finn 5th

Central Otago Triathlon Results:

Josie 3rd

Ben and Jacob 4th



We enjoyed our trip to the Exhibition in Alexandra on the 11th of November. It was so much fun traveling by bus and then getting to see our creations and other schools' exhibits. The children also enjoyed a swim.



We have been busy preparing for the school concert. The children are doing a fantastic job of being in character and remembering their lines. Thank you for sending along all their costumes. You are going to enjoy seeing your children on stage next week. I have been very proud of them and the enthusiasm they have shown towards their performance. Such Superstars!

Lastly, I would like to just say what a fantastic year I have had in the Middle Room! I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your children this year. Thank you for all your support at home with your children and for your support of me and all our class trips this year. I really do appreciate everything you do. You should feel proud of your children and the hard work they have completed this year and the way they show our school values. I will miss the Year 5's next year, they have been such great role models in our classroom and I wish them all the very best moving through to the Senior Room. I am also looking forward to the Year 2's coming up to the Middle Room next year. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Have a safe and happy holiday,
Heather

Senior Class News:

To our leaving year 8's ...

You're off to great places

Today is your day

Your mountain is waiting

So get on your way!

Week 7, term 4

Otago Athletics Championship

Congratulations to our children who represented Maniototo last week at the Otago Championships. Our children all did really well, had a great day out and enjoyed the experience. A special congratulations is extended to the following children ...

Kaylah McAuley 3rd - U10 relay

Marley Weir 3rd - U11 hurdles
4th - Y5 / 6 800m
5th - U12 relay

Eddie Weir 2nd U12 high jump

George Dowling 2nd U12 discus
3rd shot put

Tessa Steele 1st 13+ 100m sprint
1st 13+ high jump
1st= 13+ long jump

Xavier Love 6th - 60m sprint

McKinley Francis 4th - U11 relay

Fred Dowling - 5th Discus

What a great achievement. Thank you to the parents for their help over the day with organising our very large group of athletes. It is a busy event and the very capable help of the adults makes it a lot easier to manage.

Central Otago Triathlon Championship

This was held last week in Queenstown and we had three children competing at this in windy conditions.



Ben Gibson and Jacob Sutherland placed 4th in the Year 8 boys team section - Jacob raced up an age group.



Josie Herlihy placed 3rd in the Year 6 girls individual event. This was very well done against competition that looked quite a bit bigger than Josie.

Holy Paddock Calves

Our calves are growing like mushrooms and are getting ready for auction day. The class is doing a great job of leading the calves, getting them friendly and thinking about how to get you to buy them!

Shazza Girl	Parry Boy	Smoush Boy	Splash Girl	Jigsy Girl
				
Luke Boy	Ricky Boy	Beaudy Boy	Bronch Boy	Batman Boy
				

We are working on our auctioneering skills and will have the calves ready to be sold at Pet Day. The calves will be delivered to their new homes that day.

Holy Paddocks eggs

We are now selling our eggs in Mrs Hazlett's fridge outside the Hazlett yard. They are \$3 for ½ dozen and have a fabulous sticker on the front that was donated to us by Geraldine Dowling.



Portfolios

These have come home today. If your child is in year 6 or 7, please fill in the evaluation in the portfolio. Keep your child's report that is in the portfolio and then send the portfolio back to school before the end of the year.

If your child is in year 8, please keep their portfolio at home. I will send home their other portfolios before the year ends.

Year 8 Graduation

Every year I host a small graduation ceremony for the year 8 children. This will take place on Monday 12th December at 1.30pm in the school hall. Families are welcome to come to this.

Secret Santa

Secret Santa is happening next week in our class. Each child has been given a letter explaining what this is all about with a name at the bottom - that is the person that they do kind things for 'in secret'. This could be nice notes (written by someone else so the handwriting can't be recognised or typing them up), secretly done helpful activities, jokes or brain teaser activities, or small inexpensive gifts. The children will find out who their Secret Santa is on Friday.

Special Congratulations

Gold Certificate in Athletics - Congratulations to Noah Smith and Eddie Weir who have achieved 20 certificates in Athletics. Well done boys.

Chloe has completed her second Science Badge - this one was all about Zoology. Well done Chloe for persevering and working through the activities involved in achieving this.

Newsflash!

This week we have measured the children's height and compared it to the measurements taken in February. Everybody has grown but taking out first place for the biggest height gain during 2022 is Eddie Weir for the boys with a mighty 7.5cm, and Marley Weir and Phoebe Hore for the girls with 6 cm each. I am most amazed and curious about what the Weir children are eating to make such huge growth gains! Eddie thinks it must be the fact that he has a toastie for lunch everyday. I might have to follow his example.

Term 4 upcoming dates.

Tuesday 6th December	School Concert 7pm Each child receives a special book from the PTA
Wednesday 7th December	Year 5 are visiting the Senior Room in preparation for 2023
Thursday 8th December	Kiwi Water Park trip
Friday 9th December	Young Vinnie baking and delivery of gifts to Ranfurly residents
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:

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

Notices and Dates:

Term 4 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
Term 1 2023	Wednesday 1 st February	First day of school for 2023

Swimming Lessons – Ranfurly

Billy Laing lessons are from 27th – 31st December at the Ranfurly Pool.

Please contact Belinda Colling (021384416) if you would like to enrol your child in these.



MANIOTOTO CHRISTMAS FEST

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER
4.30PM - 7.00PM

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
SANTA'S GROTTA
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

Community Oral Health Service – Alexandra Dental Clinic

The Dental Therapist in Alexandra has recently retired. Therefore there will be a delay in the next routine dental appointment for your child/children. We are currently recruiting and hoping to have someone in this role as soon as possible. In the meantime, we have staff travelling from other areas to cover when available.

Should a child need urgent dental care parents are asked to call 0800 672 543 (this is a free call from cell phones) or contact your local dental practice.

The best dental care starts at home, so don't forget to use fluoride toothpaste, avoid sugary foods, drink water or milk and brush your child's/children's teeth twice a day.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

