



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

Welcome back

Welcome back to everyone for Term 3.

Maniototo Cross Country

This is being held on **Tuesday 22nd August** at the Maniototo Stadium. Children in each class will be busy preparing for this at school by daily running to get fit. Children can wear (or bring) shoes suitable for running in and they need a drink bottle of water each day please.

Coaching Sessions

We have several sports coaching sessions coming up: -

*On Wednesday 26th July each class will participate in a football/soccer coaching session with Jess Ibrom from Southern Football.

*On Thursday 10th August each class will participate in another hockey coaching session with Berber Swart who is from the Central Otago Hockey Association.

New Zealand Maths Week

The 7 - 11 August is NZ Maths Week.

We would like to invite parents to come and watch our Maths classes in action.

Each classroom will be open for parents to come and see Maths on **Monday and Tuesday the 7th and 8th August between 9 and 10a.m.** During this time you will see the types of activities that children participate in during Maths time each day.

Puketeraki Marae Visit

This term in our Te Reo lessons with Whaea Mary-Anne we will be learning about procedures and protocols for a day visit to the Karitane/Puketeraki Marae which we have booked to visit as a school at the start of Term 4, **Tuesday 24 October** (NB After Labour Weekend).

The Middle Class will be staying on for a night sleep over at the Marae.

Please keep this date free if you are interested in helping with transport for our Marae visit.

Special Character:

*On Sunday 23rd July it is "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly".

In 2021 Pope Francis established a Church wide celebration World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. He wanted to highlight that those in their older years are a great gift to our world and that every generation has something to give. We would like to acknowledge the grandparents and "elderly" of our school community who help support our students in many different ways from helping with reading in the Junior Class to coming along and supporting the various activities we do, eg, Athletic Sports Day, Poem & Speech presentation and the Christmas concert. Thank you.

*In Religious Education this term classes are working on the "Church" strand. Halfway through Term 3 we move onto the "Sacrament" strand.

Junior Class News:

The Junior Class all enjoyed their holiday break. Here are some stories:

In the holidays I went to Tekapo for skiing. On the first day we went to Omarama hot tubs. Then the next day we went skiing for three days. Then we went to the hot springs. Then we went home. On the last day of the holidays we went biking to Waipiata. On the way there we met Mrs Mulholland. She had playdough in her bag. She was going to school.

By Evelyn Cai

In the holidays I went to Christchurch to see Gran Fred and Nana Jo. We went to the mall and got some lego. Mine was Indiana Jones. Then we went to Hanmer Springs. After we unpacked we went to the hot pools. I went on the waterslides. I went on swoopbowl. Jack and I then went on together. It was fantastic.

By Jimmy Jeffries

In the holidays my Mum's Dad came. He stayed for four nights and three days. My Mum's Dad made me a shelf. I painted it pink and I put glitter on it. Mum's Dad gave me three shirts. They were unicorn and butterfly and flower shirts. When we went to Dunedin I got new shoes and we dropped him off at the airport.

By Bryleigh Barroga

In the holidays we went to Milford. I went on a boat. I saw a dolphin and a sea lion. I saw waterfalls. We stayed at a motel. It was supercool because it had a TV in the room.

By Mack Mayo

In the holidays I watched my Mum play her soccer. She lost her soccer. They only got one goal. After that we went to Bjorn's party. He had a Batman cake. I ran after Lochy's brothers. It was fun. I went under Bjorn's bed and a kitten scratched me.

By Izzy Eketone

Middle Class News:



Hi Everyone,

We've had a great start back to Term 3!

Nothing to report here today as I've been away at my Code Spelling course the last couple of days and I sent all the information for the start of the term in my letter home on Monday.

Ngā mihi,
Heather Dowling

Senior Class News:

**'No one has ever become poor by giving'
Anne Frank.**

Kia ora koutou families and welcome back for term 3.

We had a great start to the week with a discussion on what the children saw as being key elements to us having a successful term. Their ideas were insightful and are detailed below.

A great term for the senior class is made up of the following elements ...

Having fun	When playing games with each other, we want to make them competitive yet fair by having even teams and agreement on the rules. We also need interesting work that we have to try hard to do, and sometimes we like to do group work and we always like to understand how we know when we are finished.
Having activities and events to look forward to and to prepare for	This term we have on: Maniototo Cross Country Our class ski camp at Coronet Peak We would like to go to the forest and do orienteering. We will have curling sessions.
Completing our work and feeling good about what we have produced	Having a good attitude to our work and being determined, focused and positive. Staying on task and not mucking about.
We like being with others	Showing patience and kindness to our classmates Including everyone and anyone

	Being a cooperative person Be a nice person to others.
Being active and having outdoor time	Going to the Naseby Forest Lots of class games Completing our training for the cross-country and ski camp Getting the athletics gear out at the end of the term.
Our class is very capable of achieving the above and so it looks to me like we will have a great term.	

Young Vinnies learning with Jo Bell

Jo is the Young Vinnies coordinator and she travels up from Dunedin to spend time with us. She is a lady full of vitality, kindness, and fun. Jo just loves coming to our classroom.

This week's session was about Poverty and it was interesting. We looked at a website called Dollar Street which compares the monthly income of 4 families from 4 different parts of the world and key elements of their lives. The family that we looked at survived on \$42 /month. It is worth taking the time to look at this.

There was a lot of interesting learning from the session. The major takeaway was the understanding the children gained from an activity linked to a car breaking down (ask your child about it), that poverty is not a choice for people and it is the circumstances that they are in, that lead to their options becoming limited and then the onward effect of this affecting people's self-esteem, ability to contribute and learn and feeling like they belong. This was a thought-provoking session.

The follow-up from this for the Young Vinnies is that we will contact our local Strengthening Families coordinator and work with them to gather resources to provide for the needs of people in our community. I am excited about this project and the far-reaching effect of our actions. This linked back to the Catholic Social Teaching Principles which are listed below, and that I use to guide our class in our everyday actions and decision making.



Homework

Is underway again and follows the same format as last term. Please encourage your child to develop their personal reading habit at home as this has immense benefits in all areas of their learning.

All of the children should reach the very impressive 20 certificate goal in Mathematics this term.

Senior Room Ski Camp

On Monday you will receive information to fill in for our class camp. Please return this to school by next Friday. This information has been in our last two newsletters, but just a quick refresh ...

We will be staying up the mountain in the Joel Lodge for two nights, and skiing for two days.

The dates are ... Leave school on Wednesday 23rd August after lunchtime

Ski at Coronet Peak on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th of August

Return home later on Friday afternoon.

Cate Herlihy will act as our Camp Mum on this trip and I will be able to accommodate up to 10 more adults as part of our group. You do not need to be a skier to attend so please do consider coming along to our 2023 class camp.

Your child may feel alarmed about the idea of skiing for two days. Please reassure them that they will receive ski lessons and that they ski at their comfort level. This will be a new experience for some of us but definitely something to feel excited about.

Looking ahead to Term 3

Tuesday 22nd August - Cross Country

Wednesday - Friday (23-25th August) - Coronet Peak Ski Camp

It is so lovely to be back at school with the children.

Kind regards

Geraldine Duncan.

Senior Room Motto 2023

Before

We speak - we listen

We quit - we try

We do - we think

We react - we breathe.

Board of Trustees:

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th August at 7.30p.m.

Notices and Dates:

Term 3 Week 1	Sunday 23 rd July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Noah & Nathan Smith
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Week 2	Sunday 30 th July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Eddie & Marley Weir
Week 3	Sunday 6 th August	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Eli & Joshua Barroga
Week 4	Sunday 13 th August	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Xavier Love & James Marshall
Week 5	Sunday 20 th August	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Hayley Barroga & Jessie Greer
Week 6	Tuesday 22 nd August	Maniototo Cross Country
	Wednesday 23 rd & Friday 25 th August	Senior Class Ski Camp
	Sunday 27 th August	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Arthur & Sam Elworthy
Week 7	Sunday 3 rd September	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Jacob Sutherland & Florence Dowling
Week 8	Sunday 10 th September	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Mac, Finn & Charlie Dowling
Week 9	Sunday 17 th September	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Zach Tomalon & Harry Dowling
Week 10	Sunday 24 th September	Sunday Mass at 5pm (NOTE: change of time) Altar Servers: Ethan Chisholm & Josie Herlihy



Tiaki Maniototo

Tiaki: (verb) to look after, nurse, care, protect, conserve, save.

You're Invited!
Tiaki Maniototo Community Day
 28th July
 Maniototo Rugby Clubrooms 2pm
 Your chance to hear what we have achieved, help us plan the next steps and have any questions answered.
 Guest speaker: Kate Scott (WAI Wānaka)
 Supper provided
 RSVP by Friday 21st July

Photo: Will Nelson, CDBC

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THE COMEDY HYPNOTIST Gerard V HYPNO SHOW

kids
at
play

CASH ONLY BAR

Ticket Price: \$40
includes supper

*There will be... raffles, silent
auction and lots of laughs!*

Phone: 0272926850

Fundraising for Kids at Play Ranfurly

Date: 9th September
2023

Showtime: 7:00pm

Doors open 6:30pm

Location: Maniototo Park
Stadium

