

## St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

## Welcome

We welcome three new students and their families to St John's School: James Badillo (Year 2)
Yuri Torres (Year 3)
Colleen Torres (Year 6)


## Maniototo Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children for their efforts at the Maniototo Cross Country that was held at the Stadium on Tuesday 22nd August.
Attached are the results.
A very special congratulations to Eddie Weir, Marley Weir, Xavier Love and Joshua Barroga who broke records on the day. Well done.


## Otago Cross Country

16 children were eligible (through their times) to attend the Otago Cross Country held in the Kaikorai Valley College grounds today, Friday 1st September. Seven have decided to participate in this event: Xavier Love, Joshua Barroga, Isla Jeffries, Ethan Chisholm, Marley Weir, Josie Herlihy and Eddie Weir. We hope they had a great day and enjoyed the experience.

## Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone for their gold coin donations for Daffodil Day and the Cancer Society, last Friday. We raised $\$ 86.00$ for this cause.


## Parent Consultation

Thanks to those parents who took the time to fill in the online or paper survey for strategic planning and Health and Physical Education planning. We appreciate your input.

## Performer-Bob Bickerton

Next Thursday 7 September we have performer, Bob Bickerton, coming to school in the afternoon to perform his show called, "Te Ao o Taonga Puoro". Bob is a musician and has been traveling around schools presenting musical shows for many years. This performance features 20 different traditional Maori instruments. He will discuss how to play them, how to make them and he will tell a number of old stories that give background stories to these taonga (treasures).

## Puketeraki Marae Visit

We have a school trip planned to Puketeraki Marae at Karitane on Tuesday 24th October (after Labour Weekend). Please keep this date free if you are interested in helping with transport and supervision on this day.
The Middle Class will be staying on for an overnight sleepover at the Marae.

## School Holidays

The end of term is very quickly approaching. Term 3 finishes on Friday 22nd September and Term 4 begins on Monday 9th October.
School is also closed on Monday 23rd October for Labour Weekend.

## Special Character:

In Faith Focus times over the next three weeks students will be learning and taking part in activities to do with Caritas Social Justice week which runs from 3-9 September. The theme is:
"Imagine Peace for All." For the next three years the focus for Social Justice Week will be on peace and responding to conflict.
-We wish all Dads a Happy Father's Day on Sunday.
Here is a prayer for all Fathers:

God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

## Junior Class News:

Here are some stories recently written by some of the Junior Class children:

At the cross country I got 1st. I ran fast. Bryleigh came 4th. We went down a ditch. I went on to the 1st podium. It was fun. They said, on your marks, get set, go. The clapper said bang! It was loud. It hurt my ears. I went under the rugby posts. It was fun.
Izzy Eketone

At the cross country I got 3rd. Greta got 2 nd. Xavier got 1st. I stood on the podium. George Love

I like Friday night fry ups at Grandma's. I have chicken nuggets and chips.
Nika Miller

On the weekend Ruby had her birthday. Mum made a white chocolate cake with lots of sprinkles. She got horse toys and a rainbow saddlecloth. It was a family birthday. Dad had some cake too. It was fun.
Georgia Dodds

On the weekend I got a puppy. It was black and white. We got it off Liam. There were heaps of puppies. I saw my cousin, Olivia. My puppy is playful. He is sleeping in a kennel.
Arthur Dowling

Arthur came to my house to get 2 calves.
Lochy Barnish

## Middle Class News:



Tēnā Koutou Katoa,
Over the past few weeks we have been working on our descriptive writing. The children have watched short films and then have had to describe in detail what is happening in the story by using different language features such as onomatopoeia and similes.
Here are some examples of their writing:
In the pitch black temple, mist slowing gloomed in. Suddenly a blinding light of a door glowed with the outline of a man standing there. Click, clack - the sound of boots echoed everywhere. The lantern just showed enough light for the man to see. Rumble, Rumble. Shock filled me as I turned the next corner. Butterflies in my stomach, I surged on not knowing what was going to come next.
A musty, dirty smell filled the old building. Rock fell from the roof. I came to two paths. What way should I go? Then the rumble again, almost like a guide showing the way. So I decided to follow it. It almost felt like this old ancient building was watching me. Black all around me. Scared - I carried on. Had I gone the right way or not? Just as I thought to turn back I walked into a huge building and stared up at what I had found...

Xavier Love

On a dark gloomy night the wind was whistling through the village. The orphanage was dark and cold. Woosh, woosh, woosh. Light suddenly broke through the blinds shining brightly on the kid's faces. The door creaked open and the wind rushed through with just enough light from the glimmering stars to see. Flap, flap, flap. Suddenly a bug flapped through the darkness of the window with a bright, glowing sack. It stood there shimmering in the light and then he started flapping his wings and woosh he was flying. From the light into the dark. Softly, he landed at the edge of the girl's bed. The light of the sack was as bright as a normal light. Suddenly he picked up the bag and he softly picked a shimmering egg. Crack, crack, crack. He slowly cracked the egg open. It quietly fell down onto the girl's dance shoes and started getting brighter and brighter. Then the girl fell into a deep dream.

Kaylah McAuley

Ngā mihi,
Heather Dowling

## Senior Class News:

As Mrs Duncan is away there is no Senior Class news for this newsletter.

## Board of Trustees:

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th September at 7 p.m.

## Notices and Dates:

| Term3 <br> Week 7 | Sunday 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | rd September $\quad$| Sunday Mass at 4pm |
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|  |
| Florence Dowling |$|$|  | Friday 8 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ September | Kiwi Sport Curling |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Week 8 | Sunday $10^{\text {th }}$ September | Sunday Mass at 4pm <br> Altar Servers: Mac, Finn \& Charlie <br> Dowling |
|  | Thursday14 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ September | Kiwi Sport Curling |
| Week 9 | Friday $15^{\text {th }}$ September | Kiwi Sport Curling |
| Week 10 | Sunday $17^{\text {th }}$ September | Sunday Mass at 4pm <br>  <br> Harry Dowling |
|  | Sunday $24^{\text {th }}$ September | Sunday Mass at 5pm (NOTE: <br> change of time) <br>  <br> Josie Herlihy |


| YEAR ONE BOYS | Year Group | School | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Blake Sutherland | 2 | MAS | 1 |
| Arthur Dowling | 1 | StJ | 2 |
| George Love | 0 | StJ | 3 |
| Bjorn Ball | 1 | StJ | 4 |


| YEAR ONE GIRLS | Year Group | School | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Georgia Dodds | 1 | StJ | 1 |
| Evelyn Cai | 1 | StJ | 2 |
| Stella Dykes |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | MAS | 4 |
| Briar Gillespie |  |  |  |


| YEAR 2 BOYS | Year Group | School | Place |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Arthur Wilson | 2 | Strath | 1 |
| Max Stevenson | 2 |  |  |
| Hudson Crutchley | 2 | Strath | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Kahu Houpapa | 2 | MAS | 4 |


| YEAR TWO GIRLS | Year Group | School | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Izzy Eketone | 2 | StJ | 1 |
| Aria Parker | 2 | MAS | 2 |
| Evie Steele | 2 | StJ | 3 |
| Bryleigh Barroga | 2 | StJ | 4 |


| YEAR THREE BOYS | Year Group | School | Place |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Jack Jeffries | 3 |  |  |
|  |  | StJ | 1 |
| Liam Wilson | 3 | MAS | 2 |
| Archie Sutherland | 3 | MAS | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Chrysler Houpapa | 3 | MAS | 4 |


| YEAR THREE GIRLS | Year Group | School | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Juliette Dowling | 3 | StJ | 1 |
| Greta Love | 3 | StJ | 2 |
| Abigale Graham | 3 | MAS | 3 |
|  | 3 | MAS | 4 |


| YEAR FOUR BOYS | Year Group | School | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Toby McFadyen-Beck | 4 | MAS | 1 |
| George Dykes | 4 | Strath | 2 |
| Richie Lynch | 4 | Strath | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Eliott Barroga | 4 | StJ | 4 |


| YEAR FOUR GIRLS | Year Group | School | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Osharne Huriwai- Kirk | 4 | MAS | 1 |
| Truly Pilgrim | 4 | MAS | 2 |
| Esme Hore | 4 | MAS | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Sophie McAtamney | 4 | MAS | 4 |


| YEAR FIVE BOYS | Year Group | School | Time | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Xavier Love | 5 | StJ | 7.24 | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Joshua Barroga | 5 | StJ | 7.25 | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| Arthur Elworthy | 5 | StJ | 8.16 | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Charlie Norman | 5 | MAS | 8.34 | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| Sam Hore | 5 | MAS | 8.42 | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| Marcus Carig | 5 | StJ | 9.38 | $\mathbf{6}$ |


| YEAR FIVE GIRLS | Year Group | School | Time | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thalia Hepi | 5 | MAS | 8.09 | 1 |
| Nikita Wilson | 5 | MAS | 8.44 | 2 |
| Isla Jeffries | 5 | StJ | 8.48 | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Evelyn Hagen | 5 | MAS | 8.5 | 4 |
| Florence Dowling | 5 | StJ | 8.53 | 5 |
|  | 5 | StJ | 9.16 | 6 |


| YEAR SIX BOYS | Year Group | School | Time | Place |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jae McAuley | 6 |  |  |  |
|  |  | StJ | 7.37 | 1st Equal |
| McKinley Francis | 6 |  |  |  |
|  |  | StJ | 7.37 | 1st Equal |
| Ethan Chisholm | 6 | StJ | 8.13 | $\mathbf{3}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Cyrus Janerol | 6 | StJ | 8.25 | $\mathbf{4}$ |
|  |  | StJ | 8.3 | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| Harry Dowling | 6 | StJ | 8.39 | $\mathbf{6}$ |


| YEAR SIX GIRLS | Year Group | School | Time | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Laura Paterson | 6 | MAS | 7.49 | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Vanessa Kinney | 6 | MAS | 7.57 | $\mathbf{2}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Madison Bankshaw | 6 | Strath | 8.14 | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Annabelle Scott | 6 | Strath | 8.29 | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| Isla Drake | 6 | MAS | 8.56 | $\mathbf{5}$ |
|  | 6 | MAS | 9.2 | $\mathbf{6}$ |


| YEAR SEVEN BOYS | Year Group | School | Time | Place |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Matthew Costelloe | 7 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Strath | 11.44 | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Logan Suddaby | 7 |  |  |  |
|  |  | StJ | 12.00 | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| Lucas Clark | 7 | MAS | 12.12 | $\mathbf{3}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| George Dowling | 7 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Strath | 12.49 | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| Hunter Tisdall | 7 | MAS | 13.5 | $\mathbf{6}$ |
|  | 7 |  |  |  |
| Vladimir Badillo | 7 |  |  |  |


| YEAR SEVEN GIRLS | Year Group | School | Time | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Marley Weir | 7 | StJ | 10.36 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Josie Herlihy | 7 | StJ | 11.16 | 2 |
| Ariah Spooner | 7 | MAS | 11.47 | 3 |
| Lexi McFadyen-Beck | 7 | MAS | 13.1 | 4 |
|  | 7 | MAS | 13.12 | 5 |
| Jayda Deverill | 7 | MAS | 16.19 | 6 |


| YEAR EIGHT BOYS | Year Group | School | Time | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eddie Weir | 8 | StJ | 9.15 | 1 |
| Jacob Sutherland | 8 | StJ | 10.48 | 2 |
| Nathan Paterson | 8 | MAS | 11.2 | 3 |
| Sam Elworthy | 8 | StJ | 11.31 | 4 |
| Jake McMillan | 8 | MAS | 11.41 | 5 |
| Henry Cook | 8 | Strath | 12.13 | 6 |


| YEAR EIGHT GIRLS | Year Group | School | Time | Place |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| indianna Hepi | 8 | MAS | 11.28 | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Hayley Barroga | 8 | StJ | 12.29 | $\mathbf{2}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Alexis Jones | 8 | MAS | 13.11 | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Marley Hore | 8 | MAS | 13.57 | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| Sophie Meehan | 8 | MAS | 15.27 | $\mathbf{5}$ |
|  | 8 | MAS | 16.02 | $\mathbf{6}$ |



