

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

Welcome back for Term 4 to everyone after the holidays. We have another busy term ahead so I hope everyone has had a relaxed and enjoyable holiday.

Shake-out Earthquake Drill and Lockdown practices

We will all be participating in this New Zealand wide practice earthquake drill on Thursday 19th October at 9.30a.m.

Over the next few weeks we will also be practicing lockdown procedures for various scenarios. You may hear the children talking about having to go into the classroom cupboards with an emergency kit! This was our first lockdown practice in our classrooms on Tuesday. The next two involve getting all children into the hall to lockdown.

School Photos

A reminder that these are going to be taken on **Friday 20th October**.

Here is the link that was also sent out in our newsletter at the end of last term.

Photo Information – St John's

School: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oDbwD0nuldojM_rYXuC2nP0o0Ndi75HPmlbz9FuxNXA/edit?usp=sharing

It includes photo day information for parents/caregivers to read please, as well as a form to fill out if you would like sibling/family photos.

This **must** be completed prior to the 20th October.

Labour Weekend

School is closed on **Monday 23rd October** for Labour Weekend.

Marae Visit

Earlier in the week you should have received detailed information about the school visit to the Puketeraki Marae at Karitane on **Tuesday 24th October**. If you are able to help with transport and supervision for this day please fill in the form which was on the information letter and return it to school by Monday 16th October. Thank you.

Dunstan Community of Learning (Kahui Ako) Arts Exhibition

This year the schools in the Dunstan Kahui Ako/Community of Learning are holding an Arts Exhibition at The Central Stories Museum in Alexandra. The exhibition runs from Monday 23 October - Thursday 2 November.

All children at our school will have a variety of artwork from throughout the year displayed at the exhibition and we will be going to Alexandra to view the exhibition on **Monday 30th October**.

The Maniototo Community Trust have generously funded the cost of buses for children and teachers to and from the exhibition for the day and we are very grateful to them for doing this.

This means two buses will leave school on Monday 30th October at 8.50a.m. and we will return in time for children to catch buses home or for parents to collect children at 2.50p.m.

The buses will only be able to transport students and staff. Any parents wanting to come are welcome, but they will have to come in their own transport.

We will visit the exhibition from 10.45a.m. to approximately 12p.m., then have lunch by the playground area near the Central Stories building from 12 - 12.30p.m. We will then go to the Alexandra swimming pool where we are booked from 12.40 - 1.25p.m. We will leave Alexandra at 1.35p.m. to be back in time for children to catch buses home.

Children will need to wear their school uniforms on this day. They need to bring morning tea, lunch (no heated lunch) and enough snacks for the day. They need a drink bottle of water to last all day and they need to bring their swimming togs, towels, goggles etc (all in a bag please).

Athletic Sports Practices

The Maniototo Athletic Sports will take place on **Friday 3rd November**. Postponement date will be Monday 6th November.

We will be having 2 practices at school:

Friday 20th October and Friday 27th October from 1.20 - 2.30p.m. (approximately)

We would like to ask for parent help with these practices. If you can help with taking an activity (high jump, long jump, throwing, running or hurdles), please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter indicating days you would be able to help and then return the form to school asap.

Please then just turn up at 1.20p.m. on the day/s you indicated. Thank you.

Please note you do not have to be an expert at any of these things, just willing to supervise and encourage the children.

Special Character:

On Sunday 22 October our Church remembers Mission Sunday. It is a time where we think about, and pray for those living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

Monday 23rd October is Labour Day. Labour Day commemorates the struggle for an eight hour working day. New Zealand workers were among the first in the world to claim this right when, in 1840, the carpenter Samuel Parnell won an eight hour day in Wellington. Labour Day was first celebrated in New Zealand on 28 October 1890.

In Religious Education this term classes will be working on the strand "Communion of Saints" and then later in the term we will be learning about Advent in preparation for Christmas.

Junior Class News:

Early this term we will be preparing for our visit to the Puketeraki Marae at Karitane. We will be learning about parts of a marae, the procedures when we get to the marae and stories of early Maori life from around this East Otago area.

We will be running each day to get fit for the Athletic Sports being held on Friday 3rd November. There will also be an opportunity for children to practice various skills for athletics.

Middle Class News:



Welcome back to Term 4!

It's great to see all the children back and happy to be at school.

We are spending the next couple of weeks getting ready for our Marae sleepover. In class, we are learning about Pūrākau which are Maori Myths and Legends and retelling them. We will be going over our Mihi and practising saying it to each other.

We are also practising two songs for the Marae trip, they are Te Aroha and E Toru Nga Mea. Your child has brought home notices this week about the marae food to be donated and the gear list. Please let me know as soon as possible if you need help with any of this.

In Maths, we have started Fractions this week. The children are learning about what fractions represent and how to use them in an equation.

Last term we were studying Time and it would be great if you could keep going over this with your children at home. Using an analogue clock to read - o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. This seems to be particularly tricky for some children.

In Reading, we are continuing at the moment with Journals for most groups. There is a lot of information in a Journal story and my key focus is on the children comprehending what they are reading. We dissect the stories and pick apart what the author is telling us. There are some very interesting stories and we are learning a lot from these.

We have started practising for the upcoming Athletics. It is great to see the children building their confidence at the different events as they learn how to do them properly.

Thank you for your continued support with your children's schoolwork.

Ngā mihi,
Heather Dowling



Senior Class News:

Whakatauki - Māori proverb.

*Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.
Be strong, be steadfast, be willing.*

Kia ora koutou,

Working alongside our Parents



I love this photo! On Wednesday, the children helped complete the line marking to set up for athletics training. This demonstrates how we learn - at the direction of 'experts' who in this case were our parents and other adults in our lives. Thank you to Logan and Luke for coming in and doing this job. It takes several hours to complete this task, and the donation of their time is important to how our school operates.

We will be holding schoolwide practice in the lead-up to the Maniototo Athletics Sports Day. Please fill in the notice at the end of the newsletter and return it to school.

Maniototo Athletics Day

This annual event is happening on Friday 3rd November at the Maniototo Stadium grounds. The children will be completing daily practice to prepare themselves for this and again, each child will be receiving participation and placing points towards the house shield competition.

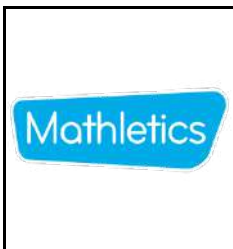
The Athletics Day does rely on the support of parents to help it run smoothly. If you can help chaperone a specific age group (this means you take that age group from event to event throughout the day, help get them organised to compete and record results - with the help of the event controller) please text the school cellphone and let us know. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

As a school we also run the high jump event throughout the day and Ryan Dowling will be in touch to organise this aspect.

Balmoral Dairy Book Bonanza

We now have 4 recipients of the BBB hot chip voucher. Congratulations to the following children - we hope you enjoyed your treat.

Logan Suddaby, Josie Herlihy, Noah Smith and Axel McAuley.



Gold Certificates

We are at **100% achievement** for the Senior Class. Congratulations to Ethan and Mac for achieving 20 certificates and \$20,000 in Banqer. This is a reflection of the children's efforts and organisation as well as determination - as by now all the 'easy' activities are done. I am very proud of these boys for nailing this goal.



'Young Vinnies' project term 3

Thank you for your generous donations to support our Strengthening Families project. We have donated items to 9 families in our community and the children feel good about being able to help people in a quiet but powerful way.

Book Club

The children have all selected a novel to read in their 'Book Club' groups over the upcoming weeks. As a team, they will decide on how much they need to read each night, how they will track this and record their understanding of the storyline. They will then complete a variety of activities I designed once the novel is finished.

This will need some input from you to help them read their book. I encourage you to read aloud to the children at home from the novel or to take turns reading it with your child, and to check in regularly with what is happening in the story.

Enviroschools Hui

Next Tuesday the Year 7 cohort is attending a hui at Omakau School with Erin Elworthy. The focus of the day is on experiential learning related to our living landscape. We are invited to this as we are part of a Central Otago Enviroschool group and this is the first time that we have been able to allow a group of children to attend. I hope the children find the day interesting and enjoyable.

Beehive Area



Here we have some children helping build the fence around the beehive area. Thank you to another parent, Gaz Eketone for coming in and acting as 'foreman on the building site' and teaching and helping the children put up the fence around the area where the beehives will be. Anna Pettigrew who owns the 'Patearoa Honey Company' will place the honeybees into their beehives soon and later in the term the children will spend time learning about the job of being an apiarist.

Week one has started as the rest of the term will remain - at speed! Please set your children up for success with plenty of sleep, especially try to have them back to school on Monday refreshed from their weekend. School is a busy place and learning takes energy.

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:

At our October meeting we reviewed three policies from our School Docs website

- Home learning
- Distance learning
- Student Achievement Information

If you would like to read any of these policies please go to:

1. Log onto www.schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click Search for your school
3. Start typing the school name and then select if from the dropdown list
4. Enter the community username and password: sjr sjr
5. Put the name of the policy in the search section and it should come up for you to read
6. Select your role (board member, staff member or parent/caregiver) from the dropdown list
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30p.m.

Notices and Dates:

Term 4 Week 1	Sunday 15 th October	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Cyrus Janerol & Keisha Evangelista
Week 2	Friday 20 th October	School Photos
	Sunday 22 nd October	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Ben Scott & McKinley Francis
Week 3	Monday 23 rd October	Labour Weekend – School Closed
	Tuesday 24 th October	Puketeraki Marae visit at Karitane
	Sunday 29 th October	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Axel & Kaylah McAuley
Week 4	Friday 3 rd November	Maniototo Athletic Sports
	Sunday 5 th November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Caleb Cai & Jae McAuley
Week 5	Monday 6 th November	Maniototo Athletic Sports – Postponement date
	Sunday 12 th November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Harry & Isla Jeffries
Week 6	Sunday 19 th November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Noah & Nathan Smith

P.T.A Annual General Meeting

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on
Monday 16th October at 7pm at the School.

Reminder

Our school fundraiser “Night at the Races” is happening on Saturday 9th December. We will require all families support to make this a successful fundraiser for our school.

More detailed information will come out this term.

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STARTING 22ND OCTOBER

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15 CAULFEILD STREET, RANFURLY



Join us for a series of cooking classes, focusing on making a range of family meals that won't cost the earth.

Limited places available - bookings essential



Athletic Sports Practices

I can help with athletics coaching at school from 1.20 - 2.30p.m. on:

Friday 20 October

Friday 27 October

(Please circle dates that are suitable)

Name: _____





ORDER FORM PTA Drench Fundraiser

Please return to school by 1st December 2023

Vetlife Ltd will invoice you on delivery of the product to your school with 20th of the following month payment terms. Drench can be delivered to the school for pickup or collection from Vetlife Ranfurly.

Visit www.vetlife.co.nz/ptafundraiser for further information

St Johns School
will receive \$50
per drum purchased!



Name/Trading Name	Postal Address	Email	Number of drums Matrix Hi-Mineral 20 ltr \$670 excl GST	Price total

Reference details for delivery

Child's name: _____

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Class: _____

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