

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

Thank you for donations to "Swap Day"

Thank you to all those who donated goods to the Young Vinnies Swap Day. Lots of items have gone to new homes. The remainder will go to the Op Shop.

Honey Extracting

A huge thank you to Anna and Rob McSkimming who gave up one very big afternoon on Friday 22nd of March to show each class how the honey from Holy Paddock's beehives was extracted.

We all enjoyed seeing the process and tasting the honey straight from the supers (frames from the hives).

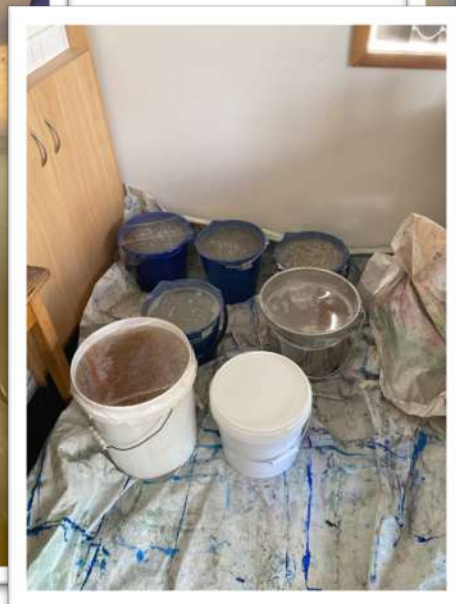
Seven large buckets of honey are now sitting in my office waiting to be put into jars!

A very successful first honey season - thank you, Anna and Rob.

On Monday 8th April we would like each child to bring a small, clean jar with a lid, to school which we can put honey into.

The honey that is left over we will jar up and sell to parents, family, friends and church members.

Details of the costs of these jars of honey will be put out later.



Daylight Saving

A reminder that daylight saving time ends on Sunday 7th April and clocks need to be put back one hour.

Senior Class Camp

The Seniors have been away this week at Camp Columba at Pukerau, near Gore. They look like they have had a fantastic outdoor camp with activities like abseiling, raft making, climbing wall and rifle shooting as well as various other activities.

A big thank you to Mrs Duncan for the time and effort she put into organising the camp. As you can imagine, the health and safety part of any camp takes an enormous amount of planning and preparation. Also a big thank you to all the parents who went and stayed and helped out at the camp. Without you all, the camp would not be possible.

I'm sure everyone will sleep well over the weekend!



Good Luck

Good luck to George Dowling, Harry Jeffries, Jae McAuley, Xavier Love and Isla Jeffries who are competing in the Otago Primary School Swimming Championships Competition in Dunedin on Sunday.

School Holidays

Term 1 ends on **Friday 12th April** and school begins again for Term 2 on **Monday 29th April**.

Some holiday dates to keep in mind during Term 2:

King's Birthday - Monday 3rd June

Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 4th June

Our Teacher Only Day is in conjunction with Maniototo Area School. This Teacher Only Day is one of two that the Ministry of Education has set for schools throughout New Zealand in 2024 to work on preparing and engaging with the New Zealand Curriculum which is being redesigned and refreshed. The next one will be later in the year.

Special Character:

Last week was "Holy Week", an important time for Christians throughout the world, leading to the celebration of Easter.

In our Religious Education times, we learnt about Holy Week events and on Thursday afternoon the 30 March, we participated in "The Stations of the Cross" in our Church where we looked at the pictures (stations) on the walls of the Church and we followed the story of Jesus' death, through prayer and reflections.



**Please note Sunday Mass has now changed to the winter time of 4pm each week.
So from this Sunday 7th April Mass is now at 4pm.**

Father Jaewoo is going to trial, having two Masses each Sunday, one at 4pm and one at 7pm. Every second Sunday of the month the 7p.m. Mass will be a Filipino/Tagalog Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend these.

Junior Class News:

The Junior Class enjoyed an Easter cupcake decorating session with Mrs Elworthy on Wednesday 29th March.

Here are some photos of their amazing, delicious cupcakes.



Here is some writing we did recently about volcanoes:

Volcanoes can erupt. Lava can explode out from a volcano.
Bjorn Ball

Lava can explode out of the volcano. Lava is hot.
Lochy Barnish

A volcano exploded in Iceland with boiling hot lava inside of it.

George Love

The lava erupted out of the volcano.

Amiria Cribb

Magma flows under the earth. It comes to a mountain and creates energy and makes an eruption. It is 107000 degrees. Some clever people know if the volcano is erupting.

Flynn McSkimming - (maybe a future volcanologist!)

Middle Class News:



Ni Hao, Kumusta, Kia Ora and Hello!

Can you believe we are heading towards the last week of term?!

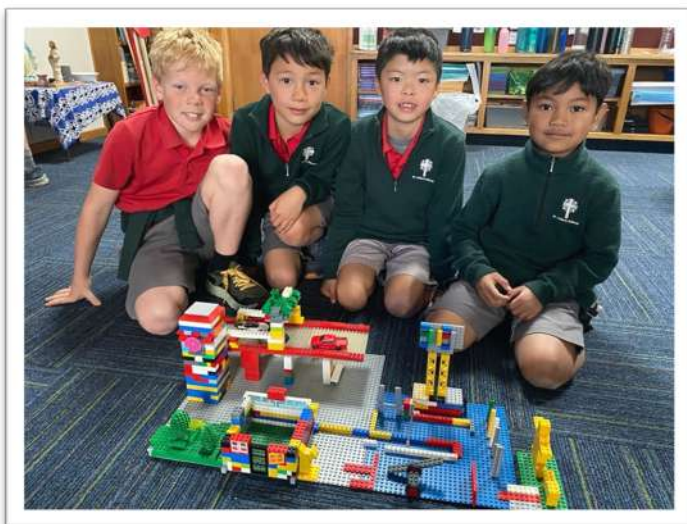
We have been spoilt this term with Anniversary Day and Easter holidays to recharge our batteries.

We have continued to have busy school days and here are a few things we have been busy at:

Shared Reading

We finished our shared book Runt and the last of our activities around this. We loved this book and would thoroughly recommend it. It is even being made into a movie, so we are looking forward to when that might be made and released.

Here is a Lego dog agility course which was very clever. It even has a scoreboard!



We have all enjoyed our shared reading book so much and doing the corresponding activities that we have decided to follow the book for next term from 'Chapter Chat', which is..... Gangster Granny Strikes Again.

Class Garden that keeps on giving

We were lucky enough last week to harvest some more of our beetroot out of our class garden. Becky took it home and made it into a beetroot salad that we enjoyed for lunch. All the children tried some of it and a lot went back for more!



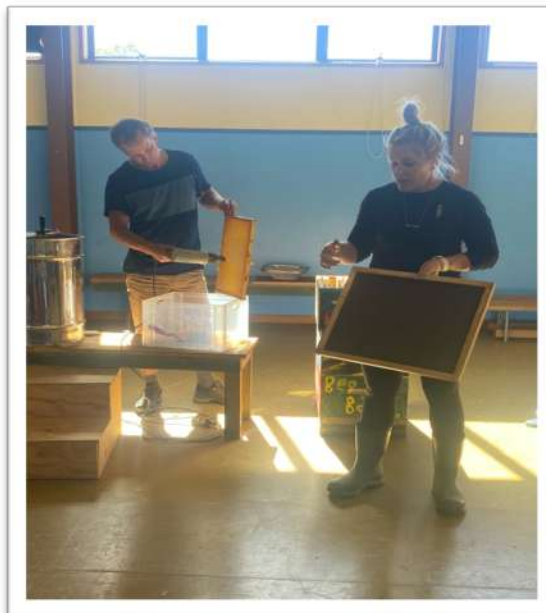
Greta enjoying the Beetroot Salad.



Honey, honey and more honey!!

We had an exciting day on Friday 22nd of March when Anna and Rob McSkimming came to school and moved our beehives into the hall to extract the honey.

Anna talked to us about the process the bees go through to make the honey and the extraction process. Rob helped all the children to have a go at putting the supers in a big honey extractor tub which uses centrifugal force to extract the honey without destroying the comb. We all got to taste some of our honey and it was delicious!!



Meteorites!

On Tuesday the 26th of March, a man called Steve came to St John's School to talk about meteorites. Steve is a farmer from Hawkes Bay who is interested in Space. He came to tell us how he saw it in the sky and how he found it on the ground.

First, he talked about how he saw the meteor in the sky. He said he has his camera that can see from Hawkes Bay to Christchurch. The cameras helped them to know that it landed in Lake Tekapo. Then he told us about his friend Denis. Denis lives in Queenstown and he was sitting in his spa pool one night when he saw a meteor speeding right over his head. Steve started a group and they searched for the meteorite.

Then Steve pulled some coal out of his pocket. He said that when they were searching, they would throw the coal in front of them to practise to look for the meteorite.

After that, Steve had to go home. I hope another meteorite lands in New Zealand soon.

Theo Dowling
Year 5



I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday!



Ngā mihi,

Heather Dowling

Senior Class News:

Senior Room News

‘Out of the classroom having fun!’

Week 10 Term 1

The senior room children are out of class at Camp Columba this week so it is a brief update in this newsletter edition.

Unfortunately, I caught COVID and had a break out of the classroom during week 7 and 8. We have had about 11 children sick but it has hopefully moved through by now. During this time Anna Jeffries taught in the senior room for me, thank you Anna for sharing your time with the wonderful senior room children. You will see some lovely art that they created on the back wall of the Church.

Goal Day



Unfortunately, I missed this but this in no way held the kids back from absolutely smashing their goals. They were amazing with their swimming, biking and running. My heart (and yours) was bursting with pride and admiration at their efforts.

This has been the result of 8 weeks of training and we all know that the hard work is done in those sessions where you feel tired or unmotivated - but these children took no prisoners, and put their best effort into being well prepared.

Thank you parents for supporting them in this. I can see the effects of physical fitness in their alertness and energy for class-based learning - so it is a win -win for all parts of the children's lives.

Being active and fit is worth the effort.



Otago Primary School Championship Swimming

Good luck to our speedy swimmers who are competing this Sunday in Dunedin - Xavier Love, Isla Jeffries, Jae McAuley, Harry Jeffries and George Dowling. Enjoy the race environment and we hope you do well.

Young Vinnies update



Thank you for the generous donations of goods that were dropped off for the Swap Day. What an amazing array of goodies we were given and lots of them have gone to new homes. We will donate the remainder of the gear to the Op Shop.

Next activities:

a. Next week we are going to collect pine cones to donate to community members. We will do this on Tuesday afternoon, leaving school at 1pm.

If you can help with transport for this, please let me know.

We are also asking for donations of feed bags etc to collect the pine cones in.

Children can wear mufti on this day and they need to bring a jacket with them, they might also like to bring gardening gloves along.

b. On the Friday of week 11 we are going to complete a 'Move It' Challenge where we imitate other young people in the world travelling to their village well to get water for their families.

Kind regards,
Geraldine Duncan.

Board of Trustees:

Our last meeting for Term 1 is on Tuesday 9th April.

Notices and Dates:

Term 1 Week 10	Sunday 7 th April	Otago Swimming Sports in Dunedin
	Sunday 7 th April	Sunday Mass at 4pm (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) Altar Servers: Eli & Joshua Barroga
Week 11	Tuesday 9 th April	BOT meeting
	Friday 12 th April	Last day of Term 1
	Sunday 14 th April	Sunday Mass at 4pm (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) Altar Servers: Xavier & Greta Love
School Holidays	Sunday 21 st April	Sunday Mass at 4pm (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME) Altar Servers: Jessie Greer & Ethan Chisholm
	Sunday 28 th April	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Florence & Juliette Dowling
		Last day of holidays
Term 2 Week 1	Monday 29 th April	First day of Term 2

Are you going overseas for the school holidays?

*When you return, you can now complete a digital **New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD)** before you fly back into New Zealand – replacing the need to fill out a paper declaration card on the plane.*

Everyone coming into New Zealand needs to complete an NZTD. You'll answer questions about your trip and what's in your bags. You can complete it at a time that suits you, on the [NZTD website](#) or by downloading the [NZTD app](#), and submit it 24 hours before your trip back to New Zealand.

Download the NZTD app today!

travellerdeclaration.govt.nz

LUNCHBOX TIPS FOR TOP TEETH!

Enjoy these tooth-friendly foods for a healthy smile

- Boiled egg
- Lean meat and canned fish
- Grainy savoury sandwiches
- Salad bowls
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Plain yoghurt and sliced cheese
- Plain crackers
- Baked potato
- Plain milk
- Tap water

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service

Scan this code for more great tooth tips

OPEN DAY

Thursday 9th May 2024

Welcome & College Tour at 1PM & 6PM

St Kevin's College *A College of Special Character*

This open-day event allows prospective families to visit the campus and gain insight into the institution's educational offerings.

This includes a tour of the College grounds and Hostel.

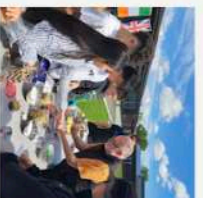
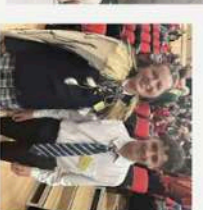
Day showings are 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. <https://fb.me/e/54CRL940p>

Evening showings are 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm. <https://fb.me/e/3BhbwOALC>

All tour enquiries can be emailed to enrolment@stkevins.school.nz

We can't wait to welcome you to St Kevin's College!

2024



MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 21ST MAY | 5.30PM TO 7 PM

ALL WELCOME

RSVP: OFFICE@MANIOTOTO.SCHOOL.NZ



APRIL

Holiday Programme

2024

Come and join us at the library for some fun activities.
Open to school age children, younger children must be accompanied by a parent. Register at your library.



Alexandra Library

Wednesday 17 April 10.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday 24 April 10.30am - 11.30am

Roxburgh Library

Tuesday 16 April 10.30am - 11.30am
Tuesday 23 April 10.30am - 11.30am

Maniototo Library

Tuesday 16 April 11am - 12pm
Tuesday 23 April 11am - 12pm

Cromwell Library

Wednesday 17 April 10.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday 24 April 10.30am - 11.30am

The programme consists of making "dinky cars" and "foraged friends"



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