

**St John's
School**

St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone for your gold coin contributions for the Cancer Society's annual "Daffodil Day" appeal. We raised \$152.00.

Here is a photo showing staff member, Sharon Thompson and 6 year old student, Willow Eketone, looking very bright and colourful on Daffodil Day.



Chinese Language Week

This was from 1st - 5th September.

A big thank you to Alina Cai, who, once again, came in and read a book in Chinese to us all.

Here is a photo of Alina Cai reading the book, "Birdsong," in Chinese, to students.

Alina also showed us a poster she had made of the numbers 1 - 10, written using very complicated Chinese characters! The book Alina read to us was a counting to 10 book.

Alina also answered many questions about China and coming to live in New Zealand.

Middle and Senior Class Ski Trip

A big thank you to Geraldine Duncan, Heather Dowling and Fiona Weir for their organisation of a very successful ski trip on Monday, 8th September. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day helped by perfect, blue sky weather conditions.



Cricket Coaching

On Thursday, 11 September, all classes participated in a cricket coaching session with Alex, from Otago Country Cricket.



Flight Topic

This term, each class has been looking at the Science topic "Flight".

For the last three Friday afternoons, children have been split into three groups and have rotated around each classroom, participating in various technology activities related to flight.



Curling Lessons and Tournament

The Senior and Middle Classes have participated in three curling lessons this term, followed by a curling tournament on Tuesday, 16th September.

Once again, I would like to acknowledge the generosity of Claire Mulholland, who has donated to Maniototo Schools to pay for lessons and bus transport to and from Naseby for all of the lessons and for the tournament.

Claire has also provided Maniototo Schools with several "Little Rocks" indoor curling sets, which can be easily set up in a hall area for use. We are looking forward to having a go at using this equipment.

End of Term

A reminder that today is the last day of Term 3 and Term 4 starts on Monday, 6th October.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on **Friday, 10th October**, starting at lunchtime.

Please make sure children are dressed tidily in their school uniforms with their hair done!

Below is the link for Photo day info and the Sibling/Family Photo Request Form. If you are wanting Sibling/Family photos, please fill in the form as if this form is not filled in by Thursday 9th October no Sibling/Family photos will be taken. The family photos will be taken at 2.30pm. (Different to what it says on the Photo Day Information).

Please read the instructions carefully to book your family/sibling photos.

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Thank you.

End of Year Concert/Prizegiving and Last Day for 2025

Our end of year concert and prizegiving date is **Thursday, 4th December at 7 p.m. In the Ranfurly Town Hall.**

The last day of school for 2025 is **Friday, 12th December.**

Beginning of 2026

School will begin for 2026 on Thursday, 29th January.

2026 Swim School

The PTA have booked swim teacher Jo Blackie, for our annual swim week for 2026.

This will be Monday 2nd February - Thursday 5th February (Friday 6th February school is closed for Waitangi Day.)

Ngā Mihi

Susan Mulholland

Special Character:

An end of term prayer:

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

Amen

Junior Class News:

The Junior Class have been busy on their Mrs Elworthy days. A few weeks ago, they made pikelets. Here are some photos from this.



Then this week, the children have been learning about capacity, and they did some outside water activities, looking at the capacity of various measuring apparatus. Helping out was Aimee Hazlett as Mrs Francis was sick.



Middle Class News:



Ni Hao,

Where has the term gone? We have had a busy couple of weeks with sporting events dotted amongst our learning.

Otago Cross Country

We were super proud of Juliette Dowling for coming first in the Year 5 section of the Otago Cross Country held in Dunedin. A huge cheer rang out in the Middle Room when news was sent through that she had gained first place. It is very hard to get into the top ten at this event, so to have come first was a major achievement. Well done, Juliette! The other students from the Senior Room also did very well - congratulations on qualifying and competing.



Learning about Flight through Reading/Writing/Technology/Science/Art

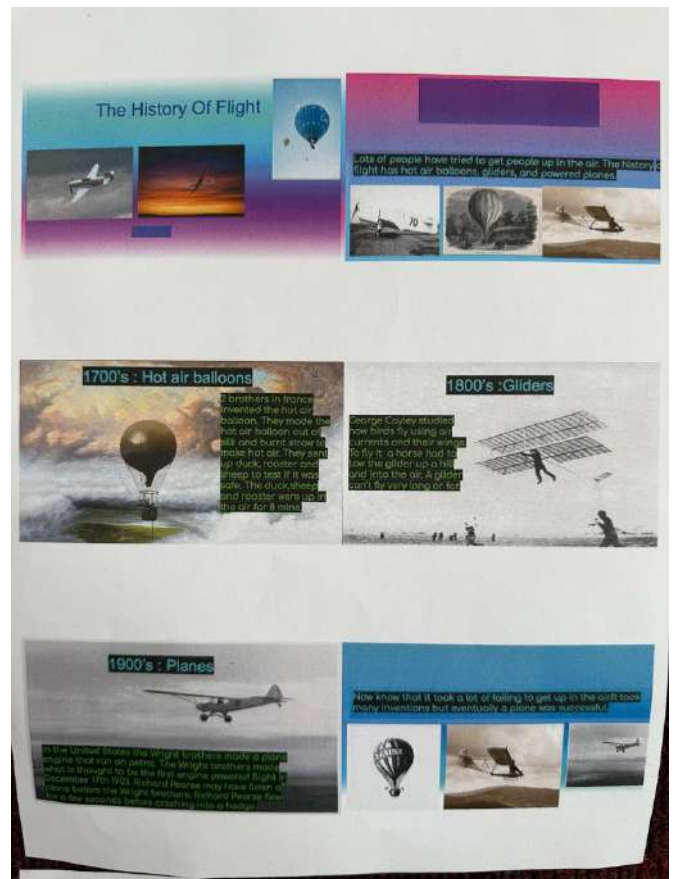
As you would have read in Mrs Mulholland's report, we have been studying Flight at school this term. We have really enjoyed this topic and have been fascinated by the science behind Flight and the evolution of Flight. Mrs Elworthy and I have been teaching the topic through our Reading time in class, and the students have applied the knowledge they have gained through their writing. Mrs Hazlett did some amazing art with the students, and we wrote about what it would be like if the students could fly.

Through our technology sessions on a Friday, we have made balloon rockets that shoot across a piece of string attached to a straw. We had fun making these experiments and then seeing how far we could get a balloon to shoot down a piece of string in the corridor.

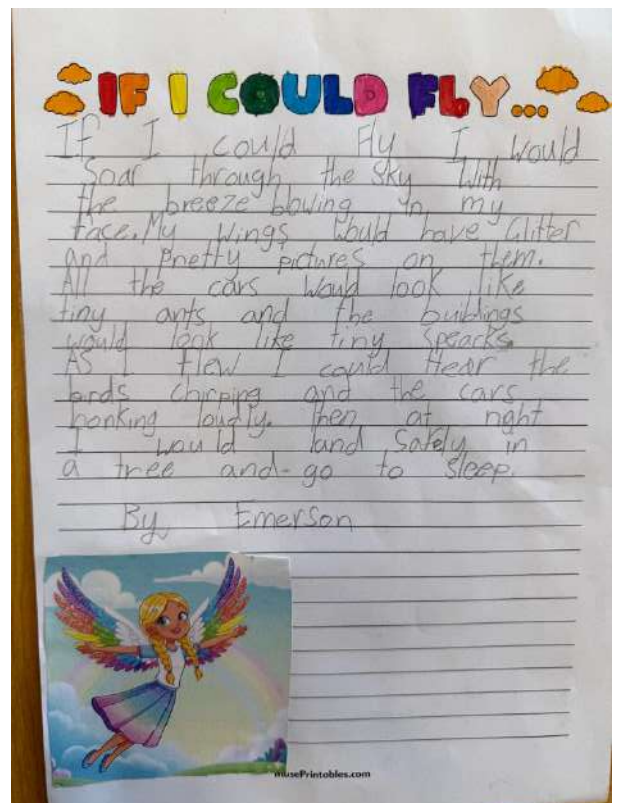
Here are some photos of what we have been learning about with Flight this term:



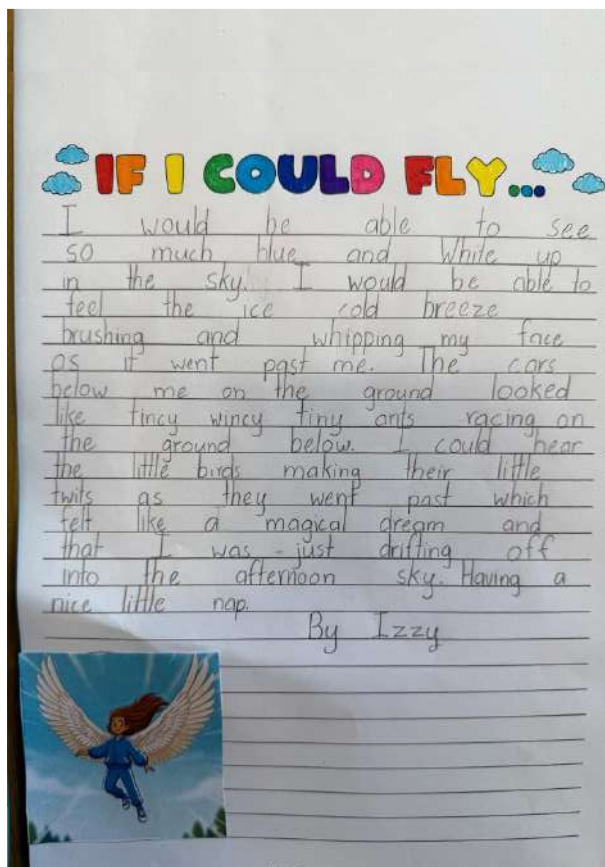
Balloon Rockets



*Children wrote about the either the Wright brothers or the History of Flight



*Emerson Smith's artwork and writing "If I could fly..."



*Izzy Eketone's writing and artwork "If I could fly..."

Ski Trip

Mrs Duncan and Mrs Weir organised a fantastic ski trip last week. The weather was amazing, which helped to make it a brilliant day.

I was so proud and impressed with all the students, who all improved in their lessons and were taking off down the slopes in no time. Thank you to all the parents who skied and supervised up the mountain. Your help was much appreciated!



Cricket Coaching

Last week, we had Alex come and take us for some cricket coaching. We enjoyed learning how to bat and bowl and playing a game of cricket. We have since been out and played again, we love it so much.



Happy Holidays!

I hope you all have a fantastic holiday and find time to relax after a busy term. It's been a challenging month with those pesky bugs going around, so I hope this break gives everyone a chance to get healthy and recharge. Enjoy the time with your whānau and friends!

Ngā mihi,
Heather Dowling

Senior Class News:

Happy Holidays! Enjoy a well-deserved break.
Ngā mihi o te wā whakatā! Kia pai tō koutou hararei.
Maligayang Piyesta Opisyal! I-enjoy ang nararapat na pahinga.
节日快乐！好好享受这应得的假期吧

Senior Room Newsletter Week 10 Term 3

What a term it's been! Despite the last few weeks being a bit under the weather with all the class sickness going around, it's been an enjoyable term. Now, we can all look forward to a well deserved break and some needed rest. We hope everyone gets to enjoy some quality time together as a family at home. No more school lunches to pack for a while—hooray! Have a fantastic and relaxing holiday.

Young Vinnies Project

Our survival backpacks are officially complete and have been handed over to Strengthening Families. This has been an amazing project that we are proud to have finished. Many of the children even commented that they'd love to have one of these bags at home. This project has definitely prompted me to think about how well prepared my own family is for an unexpected event - and currently, we're not as ready as we should be!

To help with our understanding of this, we had a really interesting talk last week from Derek Shaw from Civil Defence, who shared some great tips on being prepared. Here is a photo of the class holding the backpacks.



Runners shine at the Otago Cross Country Championship



On Friday, the 5th of September, 7 students from St John's School went to the Otago Primary Schools Cross Country event in Dunedin. It was an excellent day with great results, and Juliette Dowling got an amazing 1st place in the Year 5 girls. It is a really hard course to run, but also very fun. It's my favourite course I have run.

By Xavier Love

Our school's finest runners put their best foot forward at the Otago Cross Country Championship held at Kaikorai College in Dunedin. The course was fast and challenging, with athletes from all over the Otago region competing for top spots.

We were incredibly proud of all our students who competed. They showed grit and determination, taking on the best runners from other schools.

A massive congratulations to Juliette, who dominated the Year 5 girls' race and took home a well-deserved 1st place! 🏆 We also want to give a huge shout-out to Xavier, who ran a fantastic race to place 7th in the Year 7 boys' category.

A top 20 finish in this competition is a remarkable achievement given the high number of participants and the elite level of competition. Every one of our students who competed should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Cricket with Alex

Last Thursday, Alex from Otago Country Cricket visited our school to teach some cricket skills. The Senior Room was outstanding! Many students are already keen cricket players, but all students had a chance to show off their excellent catching and throwing. Bowling was a bit trickier, but everyone gave it a go and worked hard. Alex was so impressed with their effort and great attitude that she said she'd love to come back next term.



Year 5-8 Curling Tournament was a success!

What a fantastic day we had on Tuesday at the annual curling tournament. The ice was filled with energy and nerves as our Year 5-8 students took on the students from Maniototo Area School in a friendly but competitive round robin.

It was awesome to see the great spirit from all the teams. Eight teams were competing in the Year 7 and 8 division, and six in the Year 5 and 6 division. The round robin format meant every team got to play against their rivals from MAS, which was a great way to hone their skills before the finals. We even had a four-phase draw shot round between two Y7/Y8 teams to work out who advanced to the final. It was tight.

The competition was good, with some excellent shots and strategic plays. The talent on display was a reflection of the time and effort put in by these young athletes over the three practice sessions. It was a great training ground, and we're sure we saw a few future Maniototo and New Zealand curlers out on the ice.

A big thank you to all the students for their sportsmanship and to the staff at MIC for providing these opportunities for us.

Year 5 and 6 Winners: Millie, Victor and Ben

Year 7 and 8 Winners: Isla, Finn and Axel.



This year's curling program was made possible through the generosity of Claire Mulholland. Claire's late husband, John, was a very keen curler, and as a memorial to him, Claire has very generously paid the curling costs and the bus transport. We appreciate her contribution to this experience for our students.

Upcoming Term 4 Dates

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| Week 1 6-10th October | Fri- school photos |
| Week 2 13-17th October | Tues- volleyball skill session |
| Week 3 20-24th October | |
| Week 4 27-31st October | Fri - Maniototo Athletics Sports Day |

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| Looking ahead | 11th November- Otago Athletics Championship in Dunedin 22nd November - Races Night (School Fundraiser) 4th December - School Concert 9th December - Kiwi Water Park in Cromwell (need a wetsuit) |
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Board of Trustees:

*Here are the Board of Trustees election results:

St John's School

School Board Elections

Parent & Staff Elections Results Declaration

Parent representative votes:

| Name | Votes |
|----------------|-------|
| BALL Sarah | 39 |
| BARNISH Sarah | 30 |
| BARROGA George | 35 |
| DOWLING Luke | 17 |
| DOWLING Ryan | 38 |
| EKETONE Garrad | 46 |
| LOVE Nicolas | 33 |
| Invalid Votes | 0 |

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

BALL Sarah
BARROGA George
DOWLING Ryan
EKETONE Garrad
LOVE Nicolas

Staff representative:

I hereby declare Erin Elworthy duly elected.

Signed

Sharon Thompson
Returning Officer

*At our September meeting, the Board was presented with a curriculum report on Reading.

*We reviewed three policies: -Safety Checking, - Police Vetting - Missing Student Procedure

*Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 14th October at 7.30 p.m**

Notices and Dates:

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| Term 3 Week 10 | Friday 19 th September | Last day of Term 3 |
| School Holidays | Sunday 21 st September | Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Zach Tomalon & Harry Dowling |
| | Sunday 28 th September (daylight saving begins – Mass start time 5pm) | Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Theo Dowling, Nathan Smith & Maggie O'Neill |
| | Sunday 5 th October | Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Cyrus Janerol, James Badillo & Neale Plena |
| | Monday 6 th October | First day of Term 4 |
| | Sunday 12 th October | Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Ben & Olivia Scott |
| | Sunday 19 th October | Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Axel & Kaylah McAuley |
| | Sunday 26 th October | Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Caleb Cai & Jae McAuley |
| | Sunday 2 nd November | Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Harry & Jack Jeffries |

Kinga Krupa Matinee Piano Concert

Classical pianist Kinga Krupa is visiting Ranfurly to perform a solo piano concert at the Arts

Centre on the last Sunday of the school holidays.

This is a rare and enriching opportunity for children to attend a live performance and be

introduced to and inspired by classical, instrumental music. Kinga is a piano teacher as well

as a professional performer, and she is very keen to make this opportunity as accessible to

children as possible.

Where: Mānīatoto Community Arts Centre, Reade Street, Ranfurly

When: Sunday 5th October, 2pm

Tickets: Adult \$10, Child \$2, available from Ranfurly iSite, Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

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Council Meetings

Audit and Risk

Friday 5 September, 9.30am
Ngā Hau e Whā, William Fraser Building,
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra

Vincent Community Board

Monday 8 September, 10am
Ngā Hau e Whā, William Fraser Building,
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra

Hearings Panel

Tuesday 9 September, 9.30am
Ngā Hau e Whā, William Fraser Building,
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra

Teviot Valley Community Board

Thursday 11 September, 10am
Roxburgh Service Centre, 120 Scotland St

The live stream links to these meetings, along with any cancellations and rescheduling, will be provided on Council's website: www.codc.govt.nz/meetings

Cromwell Community Board

Tuesday 16 September, 2pm
Cromwell Service Centre, 42 The Mall

Maniototo Community Board

Thursday 18 September, 2pm
Ranfurly Service Centre

Assessment Committees

Monday 15 September, 10am
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra

Tuesday 23 September, 10am
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra

Council

Wednesday 24 September, 10.30am
Ngā Hau e Whā, William Fraser Building,
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra

Spotlight On...

Local Elections - Have Your Say!

Things are hotting up for the 2025 Local Elections, with voting papers to be mailed from 9 September.

Once you're ready to cast your vote, drop your papers in the orange bins at supermarkets or Council Service Centres.

Voting closes at 12 noon, Saturday 11 October.

Not sure who to vote for? Check out our confirmed candidates at:

www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/elections

Local elections decide who represents our communities on district and regional councils, who make key decisions on rates, planning and local services.

Not enrolled? Go to vote.nz

You can still cast a special vote at your Council Service Centre.

Boil Water Advisory for Ranfurly and Patearoa Update

The Boil Water Advisory for Ranfurly was lifted on Tuesday 2 September 2025. Residents no longer need to boil water for drinking or food preparation.

A temporary ultraviolet (UV) treatment plant has been installed to meet the required drinking water standards. This temporary plant will remain in place until the water treatment plant upgrades are completed.

Please note: the Boil Water Advisory for Patearoa remains in effect. Upgrade work on the Patearoa Treatment Plant is being prioritised and is progressing well.

Council acknowledges the inconvenience this advisory has caused and sincerely thank the residents for their patience, cooperation and resilience throughout this period. We appreciate everyone's continued support as we work to deliver safe, reliable drinking water for all our communities. For future updates go to: www.codc.govt.nz/services/water-services

Meet Your Election Candidates

VOTE 2025

Alexandra - Alexandra District Club

Hosted by Central Otago Gray Power

Meet the Mayoral Candidates

Saturday 13 September, 1pm

Meet the Council and Otago Regional Council Candidates

Saturday 20 September, 1pm

Cromwell - Cromwell Presbyterian Church, Elspeth Street

Organised by Cromwell Rotary Club and Cromwell Lions Club

Meet the Candidates

Tuesday 16 September at 7pm

- CODC Mayoral candidates
- Councillors (Cromwell Ward)
- Cromwell Community Board
- Otago Regional Council

Maniototo - Maniototo Rugby Club

Rooms, Ranfurly

Meet the Candidates

Wednesday 17 September at 5.30pm

- CODC Mayoral candidates
- Councillors (Maniototo Ward)
- Maniototo Community Board
- Otago Regional Council

Politics and Pizza - Youth Edition

Central Cinema

Wednesday 8 October at 6-7pm

Young people are invited to a relaxed and interactive evening to meet the candidates.

Whether you're voting for the first time or just curious about local politics, this is your chance to connect, learn and enjoy some pizza.

Find it Online...

For service requests, rates, dog rego, consents, licencing, permits, grants, funding - get it done online at: mycode.codc.govt.nz/do-it-online

Council news see: www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/news

Council's weekly Noticeboard see: www.codc.govt.nz/publications/noticeboard

Available vacancies see: www.codc.govt.nz/your-council/careers

What's on at our Libraries see: libraries.codc.govt.nz

What's on at our Pools see: pools.codc.govt.nz

What's on across our district see: www.centralotaggonz.com/experience/events

Central Otago Arts directory: www.centralotagoarts.com

Are you new to Central? Link up with Welcoming Communities:

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