



St John's School Newsletter

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Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

Reports/Portfolios

Mid year reports and portfolios will be sent home on **Thursday 27th June**.

Mid year reports can be kept but we ask that portfolios are returned to school please.

There is a page towards the end of the portfolio where we ask parents to write a comment on your child's work. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews will be held on **Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July**.

If you would like an interview please fill in the form attached indicating your preferred interview time (times are allocated on the first notices in, get their preferred time). Please return the form to school by **Thursday 20th June**. Thank you.

We will send a timetable out the following week letting you know your day and time.

Dunstan High School Singing Group

On Tuesday 11 June we were very lucky to have the Dunstan High School singing group, "Dunstanza," visit our school on their way back from the "Big Sing Competition" in Dunedin. They sang 6 songs and they were amazing. There were both boys and girls in the choir and they sang a variety of songs from NZ songs, classical songs and a couple of modern songs. 4 teachers accompanied them and one played our school piano (donated from the Sisters of Mercy when they left the convent here in 1988)! It sounded great, even though it has not been used very much at all over the years.



Matariki/St John the Baptist Feast day Mass and shared lunch

On **Thursday 27th June at 11.15 am** we will be having a school Mass to celebrate St John the Baptist Feast Day (22nd June) and Matariki (28 June).

After Mass we would like to have a shared lunch and we ask each family to bring a contribution of some finger food for this please, eg, sausage rolls, savouries, sandwiches, cut up fruit, pizza, cut up vegetables/dip, fruit on sticks.

Please note no nuts or fish dishes please due to food allergies.

Matariki Public Holiday

School is closed for Matariki (public holiday) on **Friday 28th June**.

End of term dates

The last day of Term 2 is **Friday 5th July** and Term 3 begins on **Monday 22nd July**.

Attendance

Attendance in schools in New Zealand is getting a lot of publicity at the moment.

Regular attendance is defined as 90% attendance during a term - the equivalent of missing less than 5 days of school in a standard 10 week term.

Regular (90%) attendance over the full year would be the equivalent of missing less than 20 days of school throughout the year.

The government has set a new target for regular attendance. Their target is for 80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

Here are 2 interesting facts:

If a student misses 20 days of school every year, by the end of Year 12 they will have missed more than a years' worth of schooling.

If a student misses 60 days of school every year, by the end of Year 12 they will missed more than 3 and a half years of schooling.

Special Character:



Winter Prayer

Traditional Karakia:

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atākura
He tio, he huka, he hauhū
Tihei mauri ora!

*Get ready for the westerly
and be prepared for the southerly.
It will be icy cold inland,
and icy cold on the shore.
May the dawn rise red-tipped on ice,
on snow, on frost.*

Sourced <https://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/mo-te-puni-kokiri/karakia/he-karakia>

What are Liturgical Colours?

Liturgical colours are the colours you see the priest wearing. The different colours are drawn from creation to remind people of the different blessings of God.

The colours used are:

white (gold), purple (or violet), green, red and rose pink.

Purple reminds us of penance and preparation; red - sacrifice; rose/pink - anticipation; green - hope, life and growth and white/gold joy and purity.

Junior Class News:

* There is a letter attached to this newsletter re Term 3 and 4 reading helpers.

Please fill this in and return it to school by Tuesday 25th June if you would like to help with reading in the Junior Class. Then I will send a timetable home advising of days parents are rostered on to help with reading for Terms 3 and 4.

Thank you.

*In Religious Education time we have been learning about being friends and how Jesus was a friend to others. Here is a poster we made:



Middle Class News:



Hello Everyone!

Term 2 is in full swing!

We have been busy in the Middle Room learning about Disasters for our Topic this term. The children learnt about several different disasters throughout New Zealand's history and are now in groups researching a worldwide disaster of their choice. We have found this topic fascinating and we are finding out a lot of interesting information.

Maths



We are nearing the end of our Addition and Subtraction topic where the students have learnt different strategies for working out 2 and 3 digit equations. Our next maths topic is Measurement - Weight and Capacity. The Middle Room students love Maths and we hope to bring home soon some Maths games to share at home.

Central Otago Ripa Rugby Competition



Last Thursday the Year 5 & 6 team from St John's headed through to Queenstown for the Central Otago Ripa Rugby competition.

It was tough going up there, as the rules were quite different from the Alexandra competition and they played some talented teams.

They won their last game and put up a good fight in the other games they played. I was impressed with our students' determination as they didn't give up and tried hard in every game. They did St John's School proud.

Thank you to Logan Dowling for coaching the team and the parents who came and supported us and provided transport.

Ngā mihi,
Heather Dowling

Senior Class News:

Senior Room News

*“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”
– Albert Einstein.*

Week 7 Term 2

I have been away with my family, and during this time the children have had the pleasure of Miss Katrina Hunter and Mrs Sarah Paterson teaching them. They have learnt a lot about disasters and Matariki and enjoyed the enthusiasm of these two special teachers. There were also other fun activities happening while I was away, and the children have written about them for you below.

Central Otago Ripa Rugby Champs

Last Thursday, the year 5 and 6 children from the middle and senior rooms participated in the Queenstown Ripa Tournament. When we got there, we listened to the welcome speech and started warming up. Our first game was challenging because there were different rules, such as not having to return 5 metres from making a rip. We played five games, lost four and won one. In the competition, we got 7th out of 8 teams. It was a great day and an excellent experience for everyone that went.

By Xavier Love (yr 6)

Dunstan High School Choir

Last Tuesday, the Dunstan High School Choir visited our school. We all went to listen to them, and it was held in our hall.

They had just recently finished their NZ school choir competition, winning 1st place in the NZ song category. They thought they would come in to sing to us on the way back from their competition. The first 3 songs they sang to us were a classic one, a waiata and a jazz song. They were very good singers and were good at changing tone quickly and being on time. Next, just the girls sang 3 songs. They were very good at singing together. They were good at singing different parts simultaneously - I was impressed.

The Dunstan choir was very good at singing, and I liked how the piano lady moved her hands very quickly.

By McKinley Francis (yr 7)

National Young Leaders Day

Last Friday, the year 8 boys and I went to Dunedin to the N.Y.L.D. There were lots of people from other schools. We went to learn how to be leaders, and we listened to five speakers who talked about how they became famous.

Brooke Neale was George's favourite speaker. She was a New Zealand hockey player and was very good. She went to Whangarei College, and when she was in year 9, she was 6 feet tall. She did every sport she could to be better than her brother Shay, who was excellent at everything. When she got older, she could only make the bench for the 1st XI hockey team for Whangarei College, and she wasn't very happy. One day, her mum told her to write down a list of things she wanted to do in the next 10 years, and one of them was to go to the Rio Olympics. She did go to the Olympics in Rio, and she even got to go with her brother, who was in the men's team. She also

made history by being the first hockey team from New Zealand to win Gold at the Commonwealth Games. She said to keep going even if things aren't going your way.

William Pike was Karl's favourite speaker. He climbed a mountain, and he and his friend stayed in a hut. They stayed there for a little while when the mountain erupted. William and his friend were trapped under the mud and dirt. He had his leg trapped, so he told his friend to go and get help. He was unconscious when he woke he was in the hospital. They had to cut his leg off, or he was going to die. He had to get a prosthetic limb and started teaching in a school. He created a website called 'The William Pike Challenge'. He inspired me because he was invited to hike in the cold mountains with his friends. He climbed up the mountain, never giving up on achieving this accomplishment. He teaches us to never give up, and step out of our comfort zone.

National Young Leaders Day was fantastic, and we enjoyed it. Thanks to Mrs. Weir for taking us there.

By Marley, George and Karl (yr 8)

Young Vinnies

Thank you for returning the sausage sizzle orders and supporting our fundraising efforts for CARITAS. Our first BBQ will be next Friday. If your child ordered food, it will be delivered to their classroom at lunchtime.

Coming Up:

Week 9:

Thursday 27th June - Matariki School Mass and shared lunch

- Reports come home

Friday 28th June - Public Holiday

Week 10:

Tuesday/Wednesday - Parent Teacher interviews.

Kind regards,
Geraldine Duncan.

Board of Trustees:

*At our June meeting the Board were presented with a Religious Education report on "Christian Witness".

Christian Witness means "empowering community members (our students) to integrate their faith and their life."

This report provided insights into what our school does to promote Christian Witness and how we can improve this.

*We reviewed three policies:

-Safety checking

-Vetting requirements

-Classroom Release Time.

*We discussed the purchase of new carpet for the office/foyer area of the school.

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

Notices and Dates:

Term 2 Week 7	Sunday 16 th June	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Axel & Kaylah McAuley
Week 8	Sunday 23 rd June	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Caleb Cai & Jae McAuley
Week 9	Thursday 27 th June	Reports & Portfolios sent home
		Matariki/St John the Baptist Feast day Mass and shared lunch
	Friday 28 th June	Matariki – School Closed
	Sunday 30 th June	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Harry, Isla & Jack Jeffries
Week 10	Tuesday 2 nd & Wednesday 3 rd July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Friday 5 th July	Last Day of Term 2
	Sunday 7 th July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Colleen & Yuri Torres
School Holidays	Sunday 14 th July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Jade Aquino & Millie Smith
	Sunday 21 st July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: McKinley Francis & Sophia Crutchley
Term 3 Week 1	Monday 22 nd July	First Day of Term 3
	Sunday 28 th July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Josie Herlihy & Arthur Elworthy



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3pm - 5pm



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Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are going to be held on Tuesday 2nd July (3.15 – 5.15pm and 6 – 8 pm) and Wednesday 3rd July (3.15 – 5.30pm).

Please fill in the form below, indicating your **preferred** interview time & return to school by **Thursday 20th June**.



I would prefer to have my interview on:

- Tuesday 2nd July afternoon (3.15 – 5.15pm)
- evening (6 – 8pm)
- Wednesday 3rd July afternoon (3.15 – 5.15pm)
- I do not mind which day or time my parent interview is scheduled for

Name: _____

Please return this form by Thursday 20th June.

Kind regards

Susan Mulholland

14 June, 2024

Junior Class Reading

Dear Parents,

Once again, I would like to have parent or grandparent reading helpers in my classroom. Reading takes place from 11.15 - 11.50a.m. (approximately) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please circle the day/days most suitable for you. You will be rostered on 3 or 4 times a term and a list will be sent out for Terms 3 & 4 with dates and helpers on it.

Could you please return this form by **Tuesday 25th June**, thank you. I will then send the roster list out to parents involved.

Kind regards,

Susan Mulholland

Reading Help

Please circle which day/s are suitable for you:

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

Friday

Signed: _____

NEURODIVERSITY LEARNING

Thursday 1 August 2024

PARENT SUPPORT -
GIFTED & MULTI-EXCEPTIONAL
CHILDREN

CROMWELL COLLEGE
AUDITORIUM,
9 BARRY AVENUE,
CROMWELL

Around 10% of students can be identified as gifted or multi-exceptional (gifted + something that causes challenges).

Come along to a whānau evening being run by *Central and Southern Educational Kids Trust* and learn from Brooke Trenwith what is in your control to support our children.



UNDERSTAND

How giftedness and multi-exceptionality shows up in our kids



KNOW

How to work with schools



DO

What strategies are in our "hoop" to support our kids



Brooke is the Director of Potential to Performance. She has also been President of the New Zealand Association for Gifted Children, a NZ representative on the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. Brooke is a trained secondary teacher who has taught from early childhood through to the tertiary level and has been an assistant director of an English language school in Taiwan. Brooke's specialisations include inclusive learning (multiple labels), trauma-informed education, coaching, and leadership support.

Register at:

<https://bit.ly/3GJEfG1>



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2024



MANIOTOTO AREA SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 2ND JULY

Please be seated by 5pm

ALL WELCOME



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