

# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

### Thoughts and Prayers

We extend our sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Geraldine Duncan and the Dowling family after the passing away of Gerald, Geraldine's Dad, at the beginning of this week.

Gerald was a great supporter of St John's School and over the years held many positions on various committees and organisations to do with our school.

Geraldine and all her siblings attended St John's School.

Gerald was always very interested in the various activities that were happening at our school and how things were going and he is fondly remembered and highly regarded by all of us.

### Parent Interviews

Thank you to those who came along to the Junior and Middle Class parent interviews earlier this week. It is always a good time to have a catch up about your child's learning and classroom activities.

The Senior Class parent interviews will be held early in Term 3.

A reminder that we would like the blue portfolios of children's work returned by **Thursday 4th July**.

Reports can be kept. Thank you.

### Thank you

A big thank you to everyone for your shared lunch contributions last Thursday for our Matariki celebration. It was amazing!

### School Holidays

Term 2 ends on Friday 5th July and Term 3 begins on Monday 22nd July.

### Ice Skating

You should have received a notice about ice skating earlier in the week. The date is **Tuesday 23rd July 9.30 - 11.30 am**.

Thank you to those parents who have returned the form re transport to and from Naseby.

A note will be sent home on Monday 22nd July with a list of drivers and children in each car. Thank you for your help with this.

Ngā mihi,  
Susan Mulholland

## Special Character:

Today we took part in the New Zealand wide Caritas Mufti Mania Day, and had a "Pyjama Day". Thank you to all those who gave a gold coin donation to support Holy Trinity School in Papua New Guinea. This money will go towards helping this school upgrade classroom equipment and resources, eg, new desks, whiteboards, etc.

## Junior Class News:

The Junior Class have been taking part in drama with Mrs Elworthy. They have been participating in learning lines and actions for some little plays. The children have had various roles in performing The Gingerbread Man and Little Red Riding Hood. Here are some photos of them with their character masks on.



## Middle Class News:



We've made it! It has been a busy term for the children who travel through the week and on weekends for sport. They've coped really well and are ready for a well-deserved holiday to recharge their batteries.

We welcomed Zach back last week from his holiday in the Philippines and enjoyed listening to his adventures there and comparing life here in New Zealand.

## Donation of Hair

The Middle Room is proud of Maggie O'Neill for donating her hair for a wig. We love that she was so keen to help out others who needed it.

We also think she looks gorgeous with her new haircut! Here she is with her certificate from the wig factory. Well done Maggie!



## BP Challenges

Over three weeks the children took part in different activities that involved the children having to work as a team using simple materials to solve problems.

In the first week the children had to make a structure that would survive an earthquake with dry spaghetti and marshmallows.



In week 2 the children had to make a stretcher out of newspaper, cellotape and string that would carry a load. The children had to walk through an obstacle course carrying the stretcher and not dropping their load.



In week 3 the children had to make a bridge out of newspaper that would go between two chairs and hold 500g of butter.

The children had a lot of fun and it was interesting to see all the different approaches to the different challenges.



### **Matariki**

We had a great celebration last Thursday for Matariki at school. We started with a school Mass that celebrated St John the Baptist and Matariki. We then came back to the classrooms and sang some Matariki songs and the students presented a dance they had been practising with Mrs Elworthy.

We then enjoyed some delicious kai!

### **Parent Interviews**

Thank you to all the parents that could make it to parent interviews this week. I enjoyed catching up with all of you and sharing your children's successes. I appreciate all of your support.

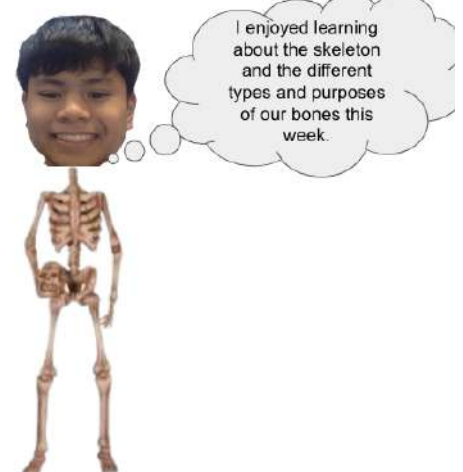
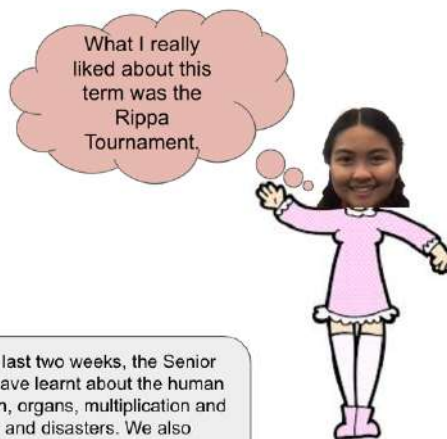
I hope that you all have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Ngā mihi,

Heather Dowling

# Senior Class News:

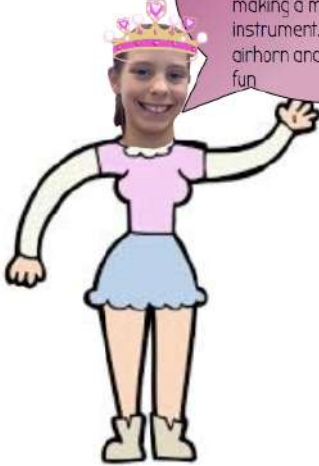
## Senior Class Term 2 Reflections





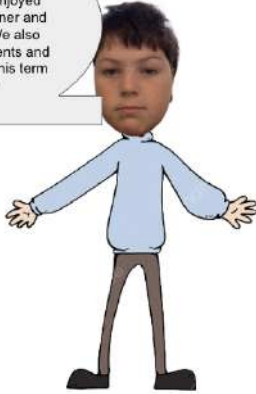
This term we have done lots of activities like the year 6 rippa tournament and the last two weeks we have done sausage sizzles.

This term we have made musical instruments with Mrs Elworthy. I made a guitar and it looks pretty cool. I enjoyed this time and we even learnt a line dance.

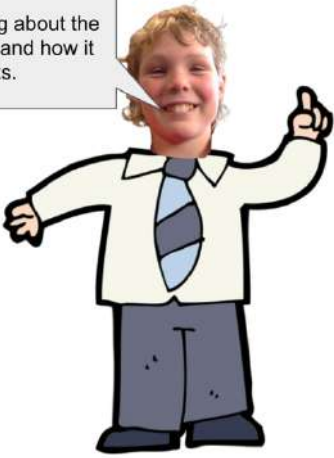


This term I have really enjoyed getting to spend time with my friends and making a musical instrument. I made an airhorn and it was super fun

The thing I enjoyed most this term was the rippa rugby tournament. I really enjoyed scoring tries in the corner and making lots of rips. We also made musical instruments and I made hand drums. This term was really fun.



I liked learning about the human body and how it works.



This term, I had fun doing art! Art was really fun for me because I learned more techniques on how to make better art. I also improved a lot in my art skills

This term was good because we did lots of different learning about the human body.



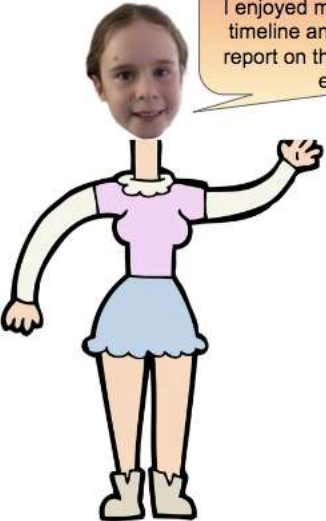
This term we have been learning about the human body and bones. The biggest bone is the femur that is in our thigh. The smallest bone is the stapes in our ears.



This term I enjoyed learning about the human body. Did you know that a baby skull has 21 bones in it and when they grow, their bones fuse together! The human body is amazing!



My highlight of this term has been learning about disasters. I enjoyed making the disaster timeline and the news paper report on the Kilauea volcano eruption.



## Board of Trustees:

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 13 August at 7 pm.**

### 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](http://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)

## Notices and Dates:

<b>Term 2 Week 10</b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Colleen & Yuri Torres
<b>School Holidays</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Jade Aquino & Millie Smith
	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: McKinley Francis & Sophia Crutchley
<b>Term 3 Week 1</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	First Day of Term 3
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Iceskating
	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Josie Herlihy & Arthur Elworthy
<b>Week 2</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Soccer coaching session for each class
	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Marley Weir & Maggie O'Neill
<b>Week 3</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Soccer Coaching session for each class
	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Eli & Joshua Barroga

<b>Week 4</b>	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Xavier & Greta Love
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Maniototo Cross Country
	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Jessie Greer & Ethan Chisholm
<b>Week 6</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Mufti Day for NZ Cancer Society, Daffodil Day
	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Florence & Juliette Dowling
<b>Week 7</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Bike Safety sessions for each class with the Police Education Officer (students will be asked to bring their bikes to school for these days, if possible)

# Sugar In Disguise

## Learn to be a Sugar Sleuth!

Did you know sugar comes in many forms with different names? Be a sugar sleuth and see how many of these you can find on food and drink packets. Having sugary foods and drinks often, can weaken our tooth enamel and, overtime, lead to holes in our teeth.



Community Oral Health Service **Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

Scan this code for more great tooth tips







Join

Find out more



# ST JOHN YOUTH

Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

*Ranfurly Division*



Monday



3pm - 5pm



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**Hato Hone  
St John**

# 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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[www.potentialtoperformance.co.nz](http://www.potentialtoperformance.co.nz)

Entry by Koha/Donation

**CARDRONA**  
ALPINE SKI & SNOWBOARDS

**TREBLE  
CONE**

## **Local School Child Season Pass 2024**

Unlimited Cardrona and Treble Cone season pass for local primary and secondary school kids - available to purchase online or in-store.

**LOCAL PRIMARY  
CHILD SEASON PASS**

**\$169**

**LOCAL SECONDARY  
CHILD SEASON PASS**

**\$249**

### **EXISTING ONLINE PROFILE**

Your new season pass will be automatically loaded on to last year's red card (lift pass).

### **NEED A NEW CARD?**

Please pick up your red card (lift pass) at our Wānaka, Queenstown, Cardrona or Treble Cone offices.

***Click here to purchase online***

Or copy this link: <https://secure.cardrona-treblecone.com/s/local-school-child-season-pass/p/local-school-child-season-pass-2024>

For information on our 2024 local kids programmes; Ride Tribe Cardrona, Ride Tribe TC, Ride Tribe Minis & Academy visit our website or email [kids.programmes@cardrona-treblecone.com](mailto:kids.programmes@cardrona-treblecone.com)  
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The poster features a dark blue background with two glowing lightbulbs on either side, held by grey hands. A string of small white lights hangs across the top. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and orange colors.

# QUIZ NIGHT

**MAS Vietnam Trip Fundraiser**

**Saturday 17th August 2024**

**Maniototo Park Stadium**

**Doors open at 7pm - Quiz starts 7.30pm**

**Celebrity Quiz Master - Matt Chisholm**

Cash Bar - Supper - Auctions - Raffles  
Cash Prizes!

**\$20 per person - Teams of 8 people**

**Register Your Team at Maniototo Pharmacy or  
call Becky Bruhns 0274173987**

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No Team??? Call Becky, we can create one!!