



# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

### Welcome back

Welcome back to everyone for Term 3.

### Thank you

A big thank you to those parents who helped transport children to and from Naseby for our Tuesday ice skating session and for your help with putting boots on and supervising. This was much appreciated. We had a great morning skating.



### Maniototo Cross Country

This is being held on **Tuesday 20th August** at the Maniototo Stadium. You will receive details about this event nearer the time.

Children in each class will be busy preparing for this at school by running daily to get fit. Children can wear (or bring) shoes suitable for running in and they need a drink bottle of water each day, please.

### **Heads up - Bike Safety Topic early September**

Each class will be learning about, and participating in activities to do with the Olympic Games over the next few weeks in topic time before moving on to "Safety" (topics may include road safety, farm safety, personal safety and bike safety).

A heads up that we have booked the Police Education Officer, Garry Milford, to come to school and do some bike safety sessions with each class on **Monday and Tuesday the 2nd and 3rd of September.**

This will mean that we will be asking parents to please bring children's bikes and helmets (if your child has a bike) into school for this. Bikes will be stored in the hall. Please don't bring bikes in until we send a note asking for them. Thank you.

Ngā mihi,  
Susan Mulholland

### **Special Character:**

On **Sunday 4th August at 4p.m Mass** we have 14 children participating in the celebration and sacrament of Confirmation. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in this celebration.

Bishop Michael Dooley and Father Jae Woo will lead this ceremony.

Confirmation completes Baptism, by the laying of hands and the anointing with chrism oil, which first happened at Baptism and we are confirmed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded of our participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus and strengthened to follow Jesus more closely.

A very special congratulations to the following children:

Keisha Evangelista	Colleen Torres	Jade Aquino	Neale Plena	Ben Scott
Zach Tomalon	Charlie Dowling	Theo Dowling	Jack Jeffries	Yuri Torres
Juliette Dowling	Greta Love	Olivia Scott	Maggie O'Neill	

A big thank you to Mrs Duncan and Mrs Dowling for preparing the children for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### **Junior Class News:**

-In topic time this term the Junior class children will be learning about the Olympic Games with Mrs Elworthy for the first few weeks before moving on to safety topics. This may include road safety, bike safety, farm safety, and personal safety.

-In Religious Education time we are currently working on the strand "Being Church". For the first few weeks, we will be working on learning how we are part of the Catholic Church family.

-In Maths the older children in the Junior Class are working on fractions this term. We mainly learn about  $\frac{1}{2}$  half and  $\frac{1}{4}$  quarter and we work out  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of shapes and numbers.

### **Middle Class News:**



Welcome back to Term 3!

I hope you all had a relaxing break. It was great to see all the children back after their holidays and hear about what they have been up to. The last few days we have had all the children in our class at school, which has been exciting for all of us as that hasn't happened since about week 5 last term with children away on holidays and illness at the end of last term.

### **What's on in the Middle Room this term?**

#### **Reading**

The children are currently reading from PM reading books or Journal stories. The journal stories are great because they have so much information and a variety of fiction and non-fiction stories and articles. It is a great way to build on the children's vocabulary and comprehension skills. They read with myself or Becky most days during class and then have reading activities to complete. The children will continue to bring home reading each night for homework.

#### **Writing/Topic**

Our topic for the first part of the term is the Olympics. We have found out a lot of facts this week and are finding this topic to be very interesting. Ask your child what they have learnt about this topic and they will be able to tell you some fascinating things that we have learnt about the Ancient and Modern Olympics. We look forward to following our New Zealand team and seeing how they go over the next few weeks. If you get a chance to watch some of the Olympics at home that would be great, as they can update us at school the next day.

#### **Maths**

The children are studying Multiplication and Division for the first half of this term. The children are learning what it means to multiply and then use their knowledge in strategy work. The children have timetables for homework to help them with this.

#### **R.E**

This term we are working through the 'God Strand' where the children learn about the Trinity and the Holy Spirit.

We have some children completing their Confirmation in our church next weekend on the 4th August.

#### **P.E**

The children are starting to get ready for the Cross Country which is coming up next term and they will be starting to run each day to get fit for this. Please ensure your child has running shoes at school each day and a drink bottle.

#### **Save the date!!!**

I have organised an overnight stay in Dunedin for the Middle Room for the 24th October. Please put this in your diary if you would like to come with us.

We will be going to the Otago Museum and the Art Gallery and a special highlight will be watching the movie 'Runt' from the novel we read in Term 1. We are staying at the Dunedin Holiday Park in a Lodge.

There will be more detailed information about this later in the term, as the trip is not until next term. I would like to do some fundraising for this trip and will order some chocolate boxes for each student to sell. This will help keep our costs down.

Ngā mihi,  
Heather Dowling

## **Senior Class News:**

### **Senior Room News**

*Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.*

My strength is not as an individual but as a collective.

#### **Week 1**

I would like to thank the St John's School community for your care and support over the passing of my father, Gerald Dowling. He was a proud past pupil and was always interested in what the children were currently doing in our Young Vinnie projects and farm-related activities, as well as the staff and parents of the school. Dad delivered a speech at the recently held 75th School Jubilee as he was a first-day pupil in 1945, and this part makes me feel proud of where our school started and where we are now.

“From humble beginnings, the school grounds and facilities have morphed into a first-class education experience. The grounds have evolved from an open drain the length of the grounds, straggly pine trees, rusty wire fences, and uneven playing fields to smooth grassed playing areas, a multi-use astroturf and cricket wicket, to modern and safe climbing equipment for younger students.

Been and gone have been the bus shelter, large and very cold swimming pool, and old tractor in the corner. Our landscaped entrance and off-road carpark provide an attractive welcome to our school grounds. This has all been achieved through working bees down the years and various fundraising projects run by our impressive parent community.”

What a special place we have. Thank you for your generous support of our family, the afternoon tea after Dad's funeral, and the beautiful flowers we received.

#### **Cross Country**

This event is being held at the Maniototo Stadium on Tuesday, August 20th, so we have three weeks more of training time before race day.

All children will participate in this event in their year group. I emphasise this because some students will walk and run, and others will run the whole way, but we can all achieve this by preparing well through training, and once we are done, we will feel good about ourselves.

By finishing the race, each child gets a house point (with more points awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) and can qualify for the Otago Cross Country event, which will be held in Dunedin on Friday, September 6th.

The following distances are approximate for each group ...

Year 7 and 8 - 2km

Year 5 and 6 - 1.6km

Year 3 and 4 - 1.2km

Year 1 and 2 - 800m.

The senior class is completing a training programme for this. Running is not fun for everyone but an opportunity to develop mental resilience, physical fitness, and strength. Please help your child prepare for this event by helping them develop running endurance at home.



Children are welcome to bring running clothes and a woolly hat for daily training at school.

### **Congratulations**

Mathletics Gold Certificates - this happens when 20 weeks of reaching 1000+ points have happened. So, there is much work to do before getting a gold certificate.

***Congratulations to Karl Suplente and Colleen Torres.***

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Your child has brought home a booking sheet for these, as I was absent during the last week of term. If you wish to have an interview time, please return the form by next Wednesday.

Lastly, please make sure your child has a red and blue pen for school, a pencil, a pencil sharpener, and a ruler. It is much easier for them to be organised if they do not have to borrow from others.

Kind regards  
Geraldine Duncan.

### **More Skating Photos**





## **Board of Trustees:**

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

2025 will be time for Board of Trustee elections, so if you think you may be interested in joining our Board you might like to come along to a meeting and see what it's all about.



## 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>Week 1</b>	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
		Celebration & Sacrament of Confirmation at 4pm
<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)

<b>Week 8</b>	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Finn & Charlie Dowling
<b>Week 9</b>	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Zach Tomalon & Harry Dowling
<b>Week 10</b>	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Sunday Mass at 4pm Altar Servers: Karl Suplente, Neale Plena & Marcus Carig



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# 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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# 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**

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



## Parent-Teacher Interviews for Senior Class Only

- \* I would prefer to have my parent interview on:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August  | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon (3.15 – 5.15pm) |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening (6.00 – 8.00pm)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon (3.15-5.15pm)   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening (6.00 – 8.00pm)   |

- \* I do not mind which day or time my parent interview is scheduled for.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to school by **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**. Thank you