



# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

Nau mai harare mai

Welcome back for Term 4.

### New students

We welcome three new five year olds and their families to St John's School:  
Harry McSkimming, Patrick O'Neill and Thea Huddleston.



### Thank you

A big thank you to the parents who helped the Senior Class with their rubbish run on the last day of Term 3. The Seniors collected two trailer loads of rubbish from around our school end of town including two couches!!

Thank you to those parents who disposed of the rubbish.

### **Athletic Sports**

You should have received a notice earlier in the week about Athletic Sports being held on **Friday 1st November** at the stadium grounds in Ranfurly.

Thank you to those parents who have offered to chaperone an age group.

As a school we also run the high jump event throughout the day and Ryan Dowling will be in touch with parents to organise a rostered timetable for this.

Yesterday we had our first school practice and we have two more - one next Tuesday 22nd October and one on Wednesday 30 October. Thanks to those parents who have offered to help with these.

### **Labour Weekend and Teacher Only Day**

A reminder that school is closed on **Monday 28th October** for **Labour Weekend** and **Tuesday 29th October** for our **Teacher Only Day**.

### **Shake-out Earthquake Drill**

We will be participating in this NZ wide practice earthquake drill on Thursday 24th October at 9.30a.m.

### **Contacting teachers**

Teachers can be contacted on the school cellphone: 027 266 1758 by text message or call between 8 am and 5 pm or by their school email.

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Thank you

### **Honey for Sale**

We have 10 jars of St John's School honey left for sale @ \$20 a jar.

If you would like one please send a message on the cellphone and send your child with \$20 cash or you can pay the amount into the St John's School account number:

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### **Fern Fuel for Schools**

Thank you to those people who have nominated our school to receive a donation from Fern Energy for bulk fuel purchased.

Ngā Mihi,  
Susan Mulholland

## **Special Character:**

-This week, Mrs Anna Jeffries, has started taking the 14 students who made their Confirmation earlier this year for their First Holy Communion preparation.

First Holy Communion date is **Sunday 24th November**.

-This Sunday, 20th October, is "Mission Sunday." It is a time where we think about and pray, for those living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

-We welcome Father Jaewoo back from his holiday with family and friends in Korea.

## Junior Class News:

We have a busy term ahead with a number of new children starting school before the end of the year and several more coming for visits who start at the beginning of 2025.

We are busy practicing for Athletics Sports and this will include running each day to get fit.

We have also started singing practices to learn songs for our end of year concert which is called "The Bee Musical".

Mrs Elworthy will be working with the children on two topics this term: Firewise and Being Friends.

Here are some of our holiday stories:

In the holidays George and Harriet came over to my house. We went to play by the monkey bars but George went down the slide and kept falling on his head. I did skip bar on the monkey bars. Then we had cupcakes for morning tea and we had a dance party. The songs were called "Watch Me" from Ferdinand. The other one was "Roar". Then we played with our black lamb and we fed her. When they left Millie and Asher and I went on the water slide. Asher kept falling down.

Emerson Smith

In the holidays it was my birthday. I was 5. I got a toy combine harvester and a bike. I liked eating the strawberries.

Patrick O'Neill

In the holidays I went to a horse show in Waimate. Pearl, my pony, won a red ribbon.

Ruby Dodds

In the holidays I went to the Marlborough Sounds. We went in a boat. We went to the pub. We had an earthquake. We had to climb up lots of stairs to get to the house. We got fish. We got bait from the wharf.

Bjorn Ball

In the holidays we went to Nanny and Pop's house. Maggie and I got to stay there to go to Twizel. We got to stay for 2 days in Twizel. We went for a 5.3 km bike ride and a 3.5 km bike ride. We walked 1 km. When we were going to Cromwell we went to feed the fish and get pens. It was fun.

Harriet O'Neill

In the holidays I went to the Blossom Festival. I saw a clown riding a 1 wheel bike.

Kyle Dang-ay

## Middle Class News:



Welcome back for Term 4!

We've had a great start to the term. I can already tell that this term is going to be very busy and just whizz by.

### Maths

In Maths, we have started our Fractions and Decimals topic. The children are still practising their multiplication tables for homework, which is also a key component of working out Fractions.

I tested the children on their Time knowledge at the end of last term, and the children all did very well. Ask them to tell you the time on different clocks and how many more minutes until the next hour. It is a hard concept to grasp that we say how many minutes past for the first half hour and then change and say how many minutes to for the second half hour. Any extra practice with this would help.

### Reading

Most of the children are reading novels for the first part of this term. Novel reading relies on the children reading their specified chapter for homework, so we are all in the same place the next day. Reading novels can be tricky as the children read larger chunks of text at a time and need to recall what they've read and discuss it.

Such a good skill to master!

### Writing

The children have written about their holidays this week, which is a great way for me to find out what they have been up to in the holidays in more detail.

We are moving on to studying the topic of Advertisements this term. This is a fun topic, as we look at how companies vie for our attention using different language features and marketing techniques.

### Athletics

For the first few weeks of term we will be practising for the Athletic sports. I really encourage the children to try their best and compete in every event to the best of their abilities. The children will practise on Tuesday afternoons at school and we will do some practice during class time as well.

### Drama

We have started singing practice for our school concert. The concert is around the topic of Bees this year, so we have been practising the songs and will continue to do so until the sports are over and then we will start practising the concert performance part.

### Overnight Stay

Yay! We're all very excited in the Middle Class about our trip next week. A letter about this went home earlier in the week. We are going to the Otago Museum to do a Space programme, going swimming, watching the Runt movie (which was our class novel earlier in the year), staying at the camping ground at St Kilda and then going to the Art Gallery the next day.

Next newsletter we will have lots of photos to post about our adventures.

### Contact

I love hearing from and communicating with parents about their children. Please contact me during school hours on the school cell phone and/or outside of school hours on my school email - [heather@sjr.school.nz](mailto:heather@sjr.school.nz). I will get back to you during my work hours.

Thank you.

Ngā mihi,  
Heather Dowling

## Senior Class News:

Welcome back to a very busy Term 4.

I am really enjoying having this time with the Senior Class and have been so impressed with how cooperative, settled and focused everyone has been starting the term.

We are enjoying leading the school in the Rosary in the mornings and learning more about Mary.

Our literacy focus is around the SRA Reading Programme (You may remember this yourself), which the class are really enjoying. We are learning poems for our Oral Language and to help us build the skills we will need for our school concert parts. Writing has been very busy with a holiday recount, our writing below and starting our poetry writing unit. Maths topic this term is fractions, decimals and percentages. We are certainly finding we need a strong, quick knowledge of our times tables to make solving these problems easier.

Our afternoons are being used for Athletics practices, Art and singing practices for the concert.

Please feel free to email me while I am in the Senior class with any questions, concerns or information regarding your child.

Mrs. Hazlett [jayne@sjr.school.nz](mailto:jayne@sjr.school.nz) 😊

### October School Holiday Memories from the Senior Class

(Year 7 & 8 will share a copy of their writing with their families)

**Do you remember feeling happy at seeing your best friend Marcus who lives far away?**

**Do you remember watching a rugby game with your dad and eating chips while dad shouted at the tv?**

**Do you remember forgetting to close the gate and the calves going into the backyard eating your mum's garden?**

**That was my October School Holidays**

**Neale**



**Do you remember going to Farlie in the pouring rain being stuck behind a stock truck for ages through the Pigroot?**

**Do you remember the pain of going to Alexandra to get two teeth pulled out and one of the roots snapping?**

**Do you remember hitting golf balls with Harry J onto the tennis court at the Patearoa domain and having a good laugh?**

**That was my October School Holidays.**

**By Xavier**



Do you remember driving 5 long boring hours all the way to Christchurch and eating far too much candy in the back?

Do you remember getting on the rope swing at the river and having lots of fun trying to get off and falling in and everyone laughing?

Do you remember going to a friend's house and going on their swing and getting pushed and spun all around laughing and trying not to fall off?

That was my October school holidays  
Kaylah



Do you remember having to get out of your warm bed and your Dad telling you to hurry up because he was leaving soon, but when the cold fresh air hit your face you put your blanket back over your head and pretended you didn't hear him?

Do you remember getting smelly and wet, when you had to clean and scrub the muddy, dirty, cow shed till it shone?

Do you remember driving around on the muddy tracks to open the gates for the noisy cows to come to the cow shed and nearly getting stuck as the mud flicked up at your face?

That was my October school holidays.

Isla J



Do you remember when you shot 36 rabbits in 3 hours in the Paraminou Gorge while waiting for the horses to be shod?

Do you remember shooting pigeons at your Grans in Pleasant Point and the happy smile on Grandad's face?

Do you remember the tractor grubber breaking because you drove too fast and getting away from your very cross dad?

They were my October holidays.

Arthur



Do you remember being stuck in the house playing board games while it was raining cats and dogs outside?

Do you remember pretending to get the game-winning, buzzer beater, while playing basketball with your brother?

Do you remember getting a hole in one on the last hole while playing mini golf in Dunedin with your family and enjoying the winning ice-cream?

That was my October School Holidays.  
Joshua



## Board of Trustees:

-At our October meeting the Board was presented with a curriculum report on Reading.  
-We reviewed four policies:

- Managing Income and Expenditure
- Expenditure
- Financial Conflicts of Interest
- Attendance Dues and Other Income

## Notices and Dates:

<b>Term 4 Week 1</b>	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Axel & Kaylah McAuley
<b>Week 2</b>	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Caleb Cai & Jae McAuley
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Weekend – School Closed
	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Maniototo Athletic Sports
	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Harry, Isla & Jack Jeffries
<b>Week 4</b>	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Colleen & Yuri Torres
<b>Week 5</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Dunstan Zone Triathlon
	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Jade Aquino & Millie Smith
<b>Week 6</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Otago Athletic Championships
	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: McKinley Francis & Sophia Crutchley
<b>Week 8</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Concert & Prizegiving – 7pm at Ranfurly Town Hall
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Room Day Out – Naseby
<b>Week 9</b>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Pet Day

### Maniototo Adventure Park

The Maniototo Adventure Park are missing some grippers that are used for curling.

If anyone had accidentally taken a set of grippers home, if they could please return them to the school or to the rink.

**Breast Cancer Fundraising Day**



Mufti day was held to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation today and we raised \$122.00

**Maniototo Area School  
Art Auction & Garden Tour**



**Saturday 19th October 2024**

Tickets \$35 (incl. Devonshire Tea)  
 Gates open 1:00pm - Art Auction 2:30pm  
 316 Puketoi Runs Road, PUKETOI 9398  
 Bus available from Ranfurly 1 site if needed \$10 (cash)  
 (email office @maniototo.school.nz to book the bus)

Maniototo Area School, along with Jane Falconer invites you to join us and tour the stark beauty that is her Clachanburn award winning garden, in the heart of the Maniototo, for our Vietnam History Trip Fundraiser.

Whilst there you will have the exclusive and rare opportunity to view, fall in love with and then bid on the incredible artwork available for auction, each piece individually handcrafted and created by our celebrated and award winning Central Otago artists, sculptors and photographers. (full details on the school Facebook page)

We are fortunate to have been gifted two prints from world renowned Maniototo based artist Grahame Sydney, which we will have available to bid on at auction.

The artists have generously provided selected pieces specifically for auction, to help the group fund their history tour of Vietnam, the first one by the school in over 10 years.

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA TICKET

MANIOTOTO  
AREA SCHOOL

# CAR WASH



<b>CAR</b>	<b>SUV</b>	<b>UTE/4X4</b>
 <b>\$20</b>	 <b>\$20</b>	 <b>\$20</b>
WASH/WAX/POLISH	WASH/WAX/POLISH	WASH/WAX/POLISH

**WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER    15 CAULFEILD STREET, RANFURLY**

## 3PM TO 6PM