

# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai

### Athletic Sports

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Maniototo Athletic Sports last Friday.

Well done for your participation and effort.

A full list of place-getters is attached to this newsletter.

A special congratulations to the following children who qualified for the Otago Athletics to be held in Dunedin on Tuesday 19th November:

George Dowling	Karl Suplente	Marley Weir
Ethan Chisholm	Harry Dowling	McKinley Francis
Axel McAuley	Jae McAuley	Nathan Smith
Joshua Barroga	Arthur Elworthy	Isla Jeffries
Xavier Love	Eli Barroga	Theo Dowling
Ben Scott	Juliette Dowling	

We wish you good luck in the events you are competing in.

Thank you to Ryan Dowling for organising the roster of helpers at the high jump and to all the parents who helped out at this event.

Also thank you to those parents who chaperoned an age group for the day.

Your help with all this is much appreciated.

### Sports Shirts

A reminder that sports shirts need to be washed and returned to school as soon as possible if you haven't already done this.

Please check that you don't have any others at home - we are missing quite a few of the larger sizes. If you find any please return them, thank you.

### Dunstan Zone Triathlon

Good luck to those children competing in the Dunstan Zone Triathlon next week on the 12th November in Cromwell.

### **Beekeeping Sessions**

We have two beekeeping sessions booked with Anna McSkimming for this term.

Our first session is next **Friday 15th November** and session 2 is **Friday 22nd November**.

A reminder please, that children need to bring gumboots to wear. They **must** have gumboots otherwise they can't participate in these sessions.

Thank you.

### **Honey for sale**

We have some 3kg pails of Patearoa Honey for sale through school. Please see the attached letter for details.

### **End of Year Concert**

We have started practising in our school hall for our end-of-year concert which is called "The Bee Musical".

From Monday 18th November we will be walking to the Town Hall in the mornings most days to practice. A

reminder that our concert/prizegiving is on **Wednesday 4th December at 7p.m.**

### **End of Year Mass and Year 8 Graduation**

-Our end of year Mass will be held on **Wednesday 11 December at 11.15 a.m.**

Family and friends are welcome to come along to this.

-The Year 8 graduation will be held on **Wednesday 11 December at 1.30 p.m.** in our school hall. Family and friends are welcome.

### **PTA Working Bee**

The PTA are going to hold an afternoon working bee to weed the tussock area on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm.**

All hands welcome.

Please bring along tools needed.

Ngā Mihi

Susan Mulholland

## **Special Character:**

Friday 1st November was **All Saints Day** and Saturday 2nd November was **All Souls' Day**.

On All Saints Day, we remember the saints of the past and on All Souls' Day, we pray for those who have died, especially in our families and our friends.

## Junior Class News:

-The Junior Class have been talking about "Being Friends" with Mrs Elworthy. Here is a photo of some hands showing ideas about how we can help our friends and be kind to others.



## Middle Class News:



Kia Ora,

### Dunedin Overnight Stay

The Middle Room had a wonderful trip to Dunedin at the end of October. We had so much fun and I was so proud of all the children for their participation and behaviour on our trip. What a fantastic bunch of children! I am so super lucky to teach them.

Thank you so much to the parents and Becky who accompanied us on our trip. We couldn't do it without your support and you make it so much easier for me with all your help. It is much appreciated.





Ngā mihi,  
Heather Dowling



## Senior Class News:

Summer holidays are the best  
You can tan and swim and rest  
There are heaps of really boiling hot days  
With awesome games and super hot sun rays  
And nights full of fun with no school stress

*By Jessie Greer*

I wonder will the hell of war ever stop?  
I wonder if the families will ever heal?  
I wonder if the scars will go away?  
I wonder if people will stop crying themselves to sleep?  
I wonder if the cemeteries have enough room?  
I wonder if God will forgive?  
I wonder if the world will end from the wars?  
That's what I  
wonder.

*By Jae McAuley*

There once was a cat called Chive  
He liked to swim and dive  
He eats and sleeps most of the day  
But loves to go mousing in the hay  
My lovely old cat called Chive

*By Ethan Chisholm*

**Puppies**  
Tiny paws so soft,  
Puppy eyes so big and bright,  
Playful, happy friend

*By Josie Herlihy*

Icy ground around  
 Penguins sliding down icebergs  
 Freezing cold water

By Kaylah McAuley

The Leprechaun was a greedy old fellow,  
 His pot was filled with a golden glow,  
 Then he changed his selfish mind,  
 By saying if only a rainbow shined,  
 He would find the biggest pot of yellow

By Nathan Smith

Philippines

	<b>P</b>	roud Filipino
A very	<b>H</b>	ot country
Has beautiful	<b>I</b>	slands and beaches to visit
Has a 120	<b>L</b>	anguages spoken by people in different provinces
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Beautiful and relaxing	<b>P</b>	lace to live
Has 82	<b>P</b>	rovinces
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Has	<b>E</b>	ighteen regions
	<b>S</b>	ummer is always the best

By Keisha Evangelista

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	<b>O</b>	n the field they shine
	<b>O</b>	ffense is their strength
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	<b>T</b>	op of the league
	<b>E</b>	xciting to watch
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	<b>S</b>	ydney rugby league team

By McKinley Francis

**There once was a very large snake  
 That liked to eat lots of cake  
 He thought chocolate cake was  
 yummy  
 And he grew a very large tummy  
 That greedy chubby big snake  
 By Neale Plena**

There once was a man from Finland  
 He wanted to live inland  
 But he lived on the coast  
 He was a terrible host  
 That weird old man from Finland

By Joshua Barroga

## A Busy Term in the Senior Class

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful Senior Class students for their adaptability and positive attitude towards the changes this term. Your patience, understanding, and kindness have made establishing our classroom routines so much easier. I'm so grateful for your support and cooperation.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to the many parents who have offered their support, whether through kind words or helpful actions. Your encouragement has truly made me feel part of our Christian family. 🙏

### Concert Preparations

Our classroom is 'buzzing' with excitement as we prepare for the upcoming school concert! Please encourage your child to practise their lines nightly and review their song sheets to build confidence. Next week, we'll dive deeper into sorting our costumes and accessories for the play. 🐝

### Academic Focus

Our mornings are dedicated to Reading, Writing, and Maths. We've been enjoying the diverse texts in the SRA Reading program, and students' comprehension and vocabulary skills have significantly improved. In Writing, we're exploring various poetic styles like acrostics, haiku, limericks, and "I wonder..." poems. It's inspiring to see the creativity and emotion in the student's writing. Our Maths focus is on decimals, percentages, and fractions. We're nearing the end of this unit and will soon be taking a post-test. 📖

### Calf Project

A special thanks to Luke Jeffries, Ryan Dowling, George, and Harry J for organising the calf project for our Senior Class. We appreciate your initiative and hard work in making this project a reality. We are all enjoying the Fabulous Eight in our Holy Paddocks yard. 🐄

Reggie



Puzzle



Mr Freckles



Willis



Ginger



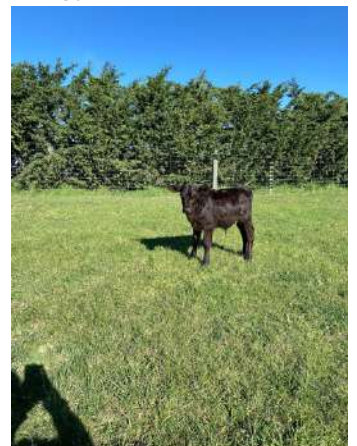
Caramel



Oreo



Fudgy



## Upcoming Dates

Week 5 Nov 11th	Tuesday 12th <b>Dunstan Triathlon</b> Friday the 15th Bee Keeping (Bring Gumboots)
Week 6 Nov 18th	Start concert practice at the Town Hall Tuesday the 19th <b>Otago Athletics</b> Dunedin Friday the 22nd Bee Keeping (Bring Gumboots)
Week 7 Nov 25th	<b>Banquer-</b> Thursday the 28th <b>Auction and Shared Lunch</b> Thursday the 28th Fire Safety Session Friday the 29th Mrs. Hazlett's last day 😊
Week 8 Dec 2nd	Mrs. Elworthy in the Senior Room for 2 weeks Tuesday Dec 4th <b>School Concert</b> Friday 6th <b>Naseby Fun Day</b>
Week 9 Dec 9th	Wednesday 11th End of Year <b>Mass</b> 11.15am & Year 8 <b>Graduation</b> 1.30pm Friday 13th Last Day for Year 😊

## Board of Trustees:

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 12th November at 7.30p.m.**

## Notices and Dates:

<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
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Mass & Year 8 Graduation
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School



**Maniototo Athletics Prizegiving**  
**Friday 1 November 2024**

Age		1st	Points	2nd	Points	3rd	Points
<b>U8 Boys</b>	<b>Matchett Cup</b>  <b>36 Points</b>	Arthur Wilson (Strath)	29	Hudson Crutchley (MAS)	26	Oscar Jeffries (St Johns)	21
<b>U8 Girls</b>		Frankie Pyle (Poolburn)	29	Izzy Eketone (St Johns)	26	Myah Hokianga (Strath)	19
<b>U9 Boys</b>		Max Stevenson (Strath)	35	Chrysler Houppapa (MAS)	23	Riley Stevenson (Strath)	22
<b>U9 Girls</b>		Abigale Graham (MAS)	24	Isla Rutherford (Poolburn)	20	Milly Turner (Strath)	18
<b>U10 Boys</b>		Toby McFadyen-Beck (MAS)	30	George Dykes (Strath)	26	Richie Lynch (Strath)	23
<b>U10 Girls</b>		Rosa Scott (Strath)	30	Olivia Ross (Poolburn)	23	Juliette Dowling (St Johns)	21
<b>U11 Boys</b>		Edward Wilson (Strath)	35	Archie Jones (Strath)	22	Charlie Norman (MAS)	12
<b>U11 Girls</b>		Thalia Hepi (MAS)	33	Osharne Huriwai-Kirk (MAS)	22	Truly Pilgrim (MAS)	20
<b>U12 Boys</b>	<b>McSkimming Cup</b>  <b>42 Points</b>	Xavier Love (St Johns)	37	Joshua Barroga (St Johns)	25	Liam Hamilton (MAS)	18
<b>U12 Girls</b>		Tayla Smith (MAS)	34	Nikita Wilson (MAS)	22	= Charlie Hooper (Poolburn) = Isla Jeffries (St Johns)	18
<b>U13 Boys</b>		= Axel McAuley = Ethan Chisholm = Jae McAuley = McKinley Francis (St Johns)	21 21 21				
<b>U13 Girls</b>		Marley Weir (St Johns)	41	Laura Paterson (MAS)	26	Madi Bankshaw (Strath)	23
<b>13+ Boys</b>		Vladimir Badillo (MAS)	30	Victor Yates (St Johns)	22	= Karl Suplete =George Dowling (St Johns)	17 17
<b>13+ Girls</b>		Lexi McFadyen-Beck (MAS)	32	Grace Pilgrim (MAS)	26	Josie Herlihy (St Johns)	22

	1st	Points	2nd	Points	3rd	Points
	<b>Include points total and school</b>					
<b>Matchett Cup /36 (does not include the U11 shotput points)</b>	=Max Stevenson =Edward Wilson (Strath)	35	Thalia Hepi	33		
<b>McSkimming Cup /42 (include shotput)</b>	Marley Weir (St Johns)	41	Xavier Love (St Johns)	37	Tayla Smith (MAS)	34

<b>House Points</b>		
<b>House</b>	<b>Points average (total the house points and divide by the number of children in the house that are here today)</b>	<b>School</b>
Yellow	22	Strath
O'Neill	15	St Johns
Hamiltons	14	MAS
Green	13	Strath
Blue	13	Strath
Danseys	13	MAS
McAuley	13	St Johns
Serpentine	11	MAS
Poolburn	10	Poolburn
Garibaldi	11	MAS

<b>Records Broken</b>		
<b>Name and school</b>	<b>Old record (who, when, school)</b>	<b>New record/Equalled</b>
Marley Weir, St Johns	Equalled U13 Distance	=2.47

# For Sale

## Patearoa Honey

We have some 3kg pails of Patearoa Honey for sale through St John's School. This could be purchased as a great Christmas gift for family or friends or just for your family.

The cost is \$65 per pail.

If you would like to purchase please let us know by filling in the form below.

Thank you.

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I would like to buy \_\_\_\_ pail/s of honey at a total cost of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please deposit \$ into the school bank account, number:  
03 0951 0066195 000

Or

Send cash along to school.