

St John's School Newsletter

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Nau mai haere mai.

Welcome back to everyone for Term 4.

Congratulations

A special congratulations to those children who had great success in the "Tiaki Maniototo" logo competition last term:

Years 1 - 4

1st - Cyrus Janerol

Years 5 - 8

1st - Eddie Weir (Overall Winner)

2nd - Tom Dowling

3rd - Georgia Elworthy

Well done to you all. Here are their winning entries.



Cyrus Janerol



Georgia Elworthy



Tom Dowling

Eddie Weir



Covid-19 Vaccination Status

This section contains information and requests re Covid-19 vaccination status for families so please read it carefully.

As you can imagine, we are inundated with daily information re Covid and we are now required to collect and maintain an up-to-date register with the vaccine status of all eligible students, staff and support people. **“From 1 January 2022, only vaccinated staff and support people can have contact with children and students. They need to have their first dose by 15 November, 2021.”**

This includes parent helpers in classrooms (reading helpers, sports helpers, car drivers), teachers and staff from other schools and agencies as well as maintenance staff.

At this stage we are collecting vaccination records for **over 12 year old** students. Could you please email or message a photo of your child's vaccination card showing the date of Dose 1 and the date of Dose 2.

Please send this to:

office@sjr.school.nz or to the school cellphone 027 266 1758 by Thursday 28th October. Thank you.

This information will be held by the school in accordance with the Privacy Act and will only be shared with public health authorities. We are getting our vaccination data collection system in place and will be in touch again soon asking for photos/evidence of parents' vaccination status (NB if you are intending to help out in any capacity in classrooms or with school activities you will need to be fully vaccinated and provide evidence of this).

Working Bee

Thank you to those parents who came and helped with our working bee on Friday 24th September. We got many jobs done and the native planting area and tunnel house are looking great.

Athletic Sports

We will continue with our two Friday practises here at school on the 22nd and 29th October. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help at these sessions.

The running of the Maniototo Athletic Sports event on Friday 5th November is in doubt because of Covid restrictions. We will let you know about this when a final decision has been made.

School End of Year Concert/Prizegiving

If we continue to remain in Alert Level 2 we will not be having our annual Christmas concert due to Covid gathering restrictions at Alert Level 2.

We will have a prizegiving, but it will be a low key, held at school, occasion.

We are following the Ministry of Education guidelines which state:

“...even if an event is considered to be for educational purposes, unless it is necessary to give effect to the curriculum, we recommend you avoid such events until Alert Level 1.”

End of year celebrations have been given as an example of being “an important aspect of school life, but not a curriculum requirement.”

National Shake-Down Drill

On Thursday 28th October we will be taking part in the nationwide earthquake shakedown drill at 9.30a.m. Children are familiar with “Drop, Cover, Hold”. Each class is practising and discussing what to do in an earthquake.

Labour Weekend

School is closed on Monday 25th October for Labour Weekend.

Health/PE Consultation Feedback

Thank you to those people who returned the Health/PE questionnaire sent out in August. Here is a brief summary of feedback we received:

1. What does our school do well in Health and Physical Education?
 - Physical activity
 - Senior Class camps and EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom)
 - Footsteps Dance group
 - Health education covers a wide variety of topics.
2. Is there a particular aspect of the Health & Physical Education curriculum you would like more emphasis on?
 - More EOTC at Junior and Middle Class levels
 - Ball skills, particularly if children are not participating in weekend sports
 - More swim time and lessons

We will be endeavouring to add some of these ideas to our Health and Physical Education programme.

Special Character Clipboard:

*In Religious Education, classes will be working on "The Communion of Saints" strand this term. This includes reading and learning about the lives of some of our Churches saints, and how we can be like the saints in our everyday lives.

*Mrs Anna Jeffries will be taking a group of Middle Class children for preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These children will participate in this Sacrament before the end of the year and then next year will prepare for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

*October is a month when we remember Mary, Jesus's mother. Each morning we will be going to the Senior Class to pray the prayers of the Rosary. If children have their own rosary beads they are welcome to bring them to school and use them at this time.

Junior Class News:

Balmoral Book Bonanza

A letter and a pizza wheel were given out to each Junior Class student on Tuesday for their Term 4 Balmoral Book Bonanza. Juniors need to complete two pizza wheel book reviews and talk about their books to Mrs Mulholland and the class before they receive the Balmoral hot chips voucher. They can bring the book along to school and share it with the class if they would like to. Please note that this is completely optional.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Cai, in anticipation of the yummy hot chips!

Special Visitor

On Tuesday 19th October the Junior Class had a special visit from Juniper, Millie Smith's paradise duckling.



Here are some photos:
Sadly, the duckling is no longer with the Smith family!

Middle Class News:



Kia ora everyone, what a very busy term we have ahead of us. It is good to see all the students refreshed and ready.

Over the next couple of weeks in maths, we will be looking at money, time and temperature. We had a big brainstorming session on: What is money and the denominations money comes in. We had some really interesting discussions around this.



In writing the students will be looking at imaginative writing, expressing imaginative ideas through their writing, with a picture. This topic is a lot of fun and allows students to express themselves through writing.



Here are a few samples of some students' writing that has been done this week about the man in the above picture. The students were given the sentence starter - "With a tiny bit of hope ..."

With a tiny bit of hope he thought about his past life. The old man sat by himself and looked at the red flower in the cold mist. He thought about the loved ones, his wife, children and his cousins. He hoped for a better life, a better future, lots of food, lots of water and a new home. He must have had a tragic past life.

By Cyrus

With a tiny bit of hope he sat down on a dark seat in the freezing sky with a flower. His life was ruined, he hoped the flower would give him a better future. The man was robbed and lost everything. Then he lost his house which burnt in the fire. As he sat down on the dark bench looking at the bright pink flower he wished for a better home. I hope the man gets a better life.

By Axel

With a tiny bit of hope the flower gives him faith in the cold winter breeze. He looks up at the stars that make patterns, and forgets the past. Patrick looked around at the fog and started to get miserable and remembered he had no one to hug, no one to have by his side. Patrick was heartbroken, then he remembered that his future would be much better than sitting on a cold bench in the park alone. He was devastated that his life couldn't be better. He was missing something, he was missing someone!

By McKenna

Every student was given a Balmoral Book Bonanza letter to take home last term. This is a reminder so students know what to do at home to receive their hot chips voucher.

Balmoral Book Bonanza

Goal- to complete this by the end of the year, so you can receive your voucher for hot chips at the Balmoral Dairy!

How to Present: Different ways to choose from...

- a. Act something out to do with the story or act as a character and show this to Miss Smith.
- b. Redesign the cover of the book.
- c. Make a quiz about the book (only 5 questions).
- d. Find five tricky words in the story and write the meaning of these words.

Read 1 non-fiction book and 1 fiction to complete this task.
You can read more if you like.

Fiction (made up)
Novels, myths,
legends, fairy tales.

Non-fiction (true)
Newspaper, magazine article, recipes, instruction
booklets, autobiography books.

I hope everyone keeps well, and always email me please, if you have any questions.

Nga Mihi
Bailey Smith

Senior Class News:

**Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.
Be strong, be steadfast, be willing.**

Kia ora koutou,

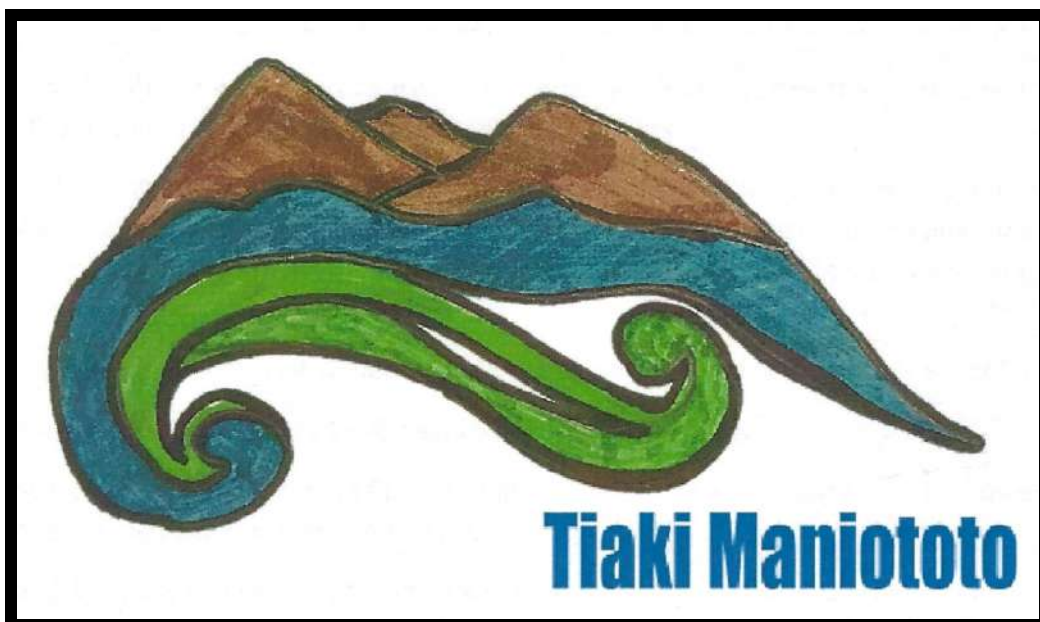
Working Bee - learning alongside our parents



I love this photo! This was taken at our recent school working bee and demonstrates how we learn - at the feet of 'experts' who in this case are our parents and other adults in our lives. This was the setting up of the line marking machine which was exciting. I no longer need to crouch and try and measure long lines with a can of dazzle - which were never straight anyway. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing this machine for us and thanks to Logan and Luke for setting it up.

Tiaki Maniototo Logo competition

The children entered a competition that was held at the start of term 3 to design a logo for use by the Tiaki Maniototo group. Congratulations to Eddie Weir who was named as the overall winner with his cleverly designed work. As part of his prize, he was the first person to do planting at a trial site and then stayed and planted all day - a phenomenal effort. You will have seen his photo in the ODT.



The overall results are...

Years 1 - 4	Years 5 - 8
1st Cyrus Janerol 2nd Esme Hore 3rd Evelyn Crutchley	1st Eddie Weir - OVERALL WINNER 2nd Tom Dowling 3rd Georgia Elworthy

Past pupil action



Over the last few weeks of term, we had some past pupils playing hockey in the Otago U15 teams. It was great to see our Maniototo children continuing to experience fun on the turf with their friends.

Orienteering Day to Naseby



What a great event this was. The children whizzed around the SandPit course and came back very puffed from running hard, scratched from going cross-country bush bashing and most importantly proud of their efforts. I am so thankful that I have a class that I can do this with ...

- They are active and able to move freely
- They can manage themselves without me directing them (great map reading skills and marker spotting)
- They are keen to try new activities
- We are supported by a wonderful parent (and Aunty and teacher aide) community that will come along and join us on our adventures.

One of our class long term goals for the year was to walk the 10km Rob Roy Glacier track in Wanaka. With recent information from the MOE regarding school activities, I have decided that we will do this closer to home. I'm not sure exactly what we will do yet but I do have a date - Monday 29th November. It would be a day trip that might extend beyond school hours to allow for travel time. Pop it in your diary as I would love (and need) your company on this.

At the end of the term, we did our fitness testing and compared this to our results from the end of term 2. Chat with your child about their data - they reflected the many press-ups, situps and steps ran over the term. The wall sit times were incredible - in the end, I stopped the children at 12 minutes as they needed to head away to Technology at MAS. I do not know how they managed to do this - there are very determined children in our class.

The **cross country** was very successful for us as a class. The children all finished and coped with the pressure of the event and they blew their personal best times out of this world! Some children improved by over 1 minute - I know how hard they try in our training sessions so this was incredible. Our children did really well in the combined results with MAS. Congratulations!

Results	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 6	Eddie Weir (new record)	Jacob Sutherland	Sam Elworthy
	Indiana Hepi	Marley Hore	Hayley Barroga
Year 7	Thomas Helm	Ben Gibson	Nate Spooner
	Tessa Steele	Amelia Smith	Chloe McAuley
Year 8	Toby Duncan	Hunter Sutherland	Ryan Crossan
	Ruby Hore	Isabelle Helm	Georgia Elworthy

A very **special congratulations** go out to Eddie and Marley Weir who both set new records in their age groups - that is a very special achievement. They are both very fast runners.

Balmoral Dairy Book Bonanza

We have more recipients of the BBB hot chip voucher. Congratulations to the following children - we hope you enjoyed your treat.

Sam Elworthy	Jacob Sutherland
Rosa Herlihy	Chloe McAuley
Paige Smith	



Gold certificates

We are at **94% achievement** for the Senior Class. Congratulations to Tom, Billy and Elliot for achieving 20 certificates and \$20,000 in Banqer.

This is a reflection of the children's personal efforts and organisation as well as determination - as by now all the 'easy' activities are done. I am very proud of these boys for nailing this goal.

'Young Vinnie' project 2021

We would like to announce our project for term 4 ...

Biking the distance to Auckland - right here in the Maniototo.

The focus of our project is fundraising for the South Auckland Christian Food Banks in Auckland. They are one of the few food banks that do home deliveries at this time and so are very busy. The children have decided upon this as we are so thankful that we can attend school and participate in other normal daily activities and we feel for those who are still in Level 3.

The details for the day are

Friday 10th December - the whole school will be on their bikes completing the 1448.9km distance (via State Highway 1) to Auckland.

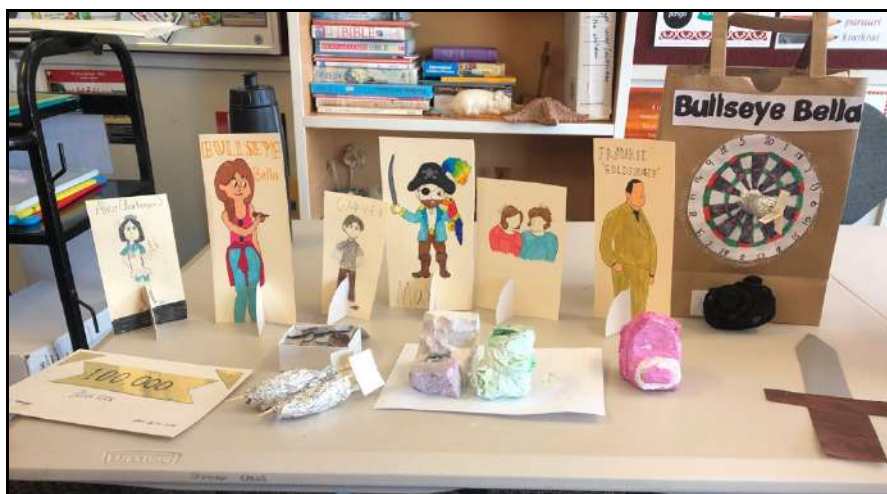
We will all end up meeting at the Waipiata Domain as an endpoint.

The senior class are doing this a little differently. As an individual class, we will bike that distance ourselves over the course of that week (6th - 10th December). So this would mean that each child will bike 76km over the week. We will use the Central Otago Rail Trail for this and possibly the Naseby Forest tracks. More details will be shared as the children organise the event.

The children will raise money by gathering personal sponsors and any other great ways we can come up with - if you have any ideas, please come chat with us.

Book Club

This activity started with Novel Study books in Lockdown in term 3, and culminated in the children being part of a Book Club where they had regular meetings and then a full-on presentation to the rest of the class.



This is an example of the contents of a presentation for one of the groups - this is a fun and creative way to build on our reading skills as well as being reliable, following a plan, speaking in front of others, sharing our ideas and 'selling' books to our friends.

The class really enjoys this and so we will revisit this task in November with another Book Club set up. I love seeing the children engaged with books.

Digital Citizenship Week

This is the official week where we look specifically at how we can help our children reflect on how their digital lives impact their social and emotional well being. When I mention digital lives, I mean anything that your child does online. They are online more than ever before, so teaching them how to use technology thoughtfully and responsibly is an essential part of their growth and development. This learning will continue for us throughout our Puberty unit.

I am making a conscious decision myself to limit my time on social media platforms as I tracked how many times I would click on these things a day and I was shocked. I was letting the online world have an impact on my real life for no positive reason, other than it was easy to hit the app button. I discovered that my bad habits had just snuck in.

Sports prizegiving updates

Quite a few children attended winter sports prize givings recently. Congratulations to all of you for being part of a team, and particularly to those who received special awards related to ability or improvement in skills.

Ka kite

Geraldine Duncan

Board of Trustees

*At our October Board meeting we reviewed a policy on:

Religious Education

If you are interested in reading and reviewing this policy you can:

1. Log onto www.schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click Search for your school
3. Start typing the school name and then select it from the dropdown list
4. Enter the community username and password: sjr sjr
5. Put the name of the policy in the search section and it should come up for you to read
6. Select your role (board member, staff member or parent/caregiver) from the dropdown list
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

*In May 2022 the triennial Board elections will be taking place. If you are interested in becoming a Board member you are welcome to come along to any of our meetings and observe to see

Notices and Dates:

Week 1	Sunday 24 th October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Ryan Crossan, Harry Jeffries
Week 2	Monday 25 th October	Labour Weekend – School Closed
	Thursday 28 th October	National Shake-Down drill
	Sunday 31 st October	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Eddie & Marley Weir
Week 3	Sunday 7 th November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Cyrus Janerol, Hayley Barroga
Week 4	Sunday 14 th November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Ben Gibson, Toby Duncan
Week 5	Sunday 21 st November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Billy Watson, Elliot Greer
Week 6	Sunday 28 th November	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Georgia & Sam Elworthy
Week 7	Sunday 5 th December	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Mac & Finn Dowling
	Friday 10 th December	Biking the Distance to Auckland – Young Vinnies fundraiser
Week 8	Sunday 12 th December	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Tom & Harry Dowling
	Tuesday 14 th December	Last day of School Year 2021
Week 9	Sunday 19 th December	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Rosa & Josie Herlihy
	Sunday 26 th December	Sunday Mass – 5pm Altar Servers/Bell Ringers: Logan & Mckenna Suddaby

Maniototo Cricket Club

If your child would like to play cricket this season, and they haven't played before for our Club - please contact Ryan Dowling on 0274347239.

Drive Smokefree for Tamariki – Upcoming law change

From 28 November 2021, it will be illegal to smoke or vape in a vehicle that has children under 18-years-old in it (whether the vehicle is moving or not).

Evidence is clear that infants and young children are vulnerable to the effects of second-hand smoke, which accumulates in vehicles even when windows are open and reaches much higher levels than in other settings. Children don't have the ability to move away from smoke in vehicles and may not be able to complain about it.

The key messages here are:

- Go smokefree in your car.
- Do it for your tamariki, do it for your whanau.
- Put the smokes out of sight while tamariki are in the car.
- Swap your smokes for chewing gum when in the car.

Book Club

If you are wanting to order book club as a gift for your children, below is how you can order with the gift function through the Book Club Loop. Then when it is sent to school we are able to see that it is a gift and it will not be given to children.

Book Club

The **Gift Function** on the **Book Club Platform** allows parents to tag items on their **Book Club LOOP** order that are intended as a surprise gift. Items marked as a gift will be delivered to your School with all other **Book Club** orders and marked accordingly, so you can set them aside at the School office for parents to collect.

How to turn on **Gift Function** on the Book Club Platform bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 LOG-IN**
- 2 Select the PROFILE tab**
- 3 Under LOOP settings check the box ALLOW GIFTS SCHOOL DELIVERY**
GIFT ITEMS WILL BE MARKED ON THE STUDENT DISTRIBUTION SLIP.

You tick this Parents see this on **LOOP** **GIFT ORIGIN?**

That's it! Parents will now be able to tag Book Club items as a gift when they place their order through **LOOP**.

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More Kids Reading More Reading More



Primary Cross Country Results

Here are the results of the Maniototo Cross Country that was held last term (timed with Maniototo Area School). Congratulations to Eddie & Marley Weir for breaking the Year 6 boys & Year 5 girls record.

Year 1

Boys: 1st Archie Sutherland (MAS), **2nd Jack Jeffries (St John's)**, 3rd Liam Wilson (MAS)

Girls: **1st Juliette Dowling (St John's)**, 2nd Mackenzie Davis (MAS), 3rd Kora-Lee Martin (MAS)

Year 2

Boys: 1st Toby McFadyen-Beck (MAS), 2nd Bede Paterson (MAS), 3rd Oscar McAtamney (MAS)

Girls: 1st Esme Hore (MAS), 2nd Sophie McAtamney (MAS), 3rd Rose-May Poihakena-Jackson (MAS)

Year 3

Boys: **1st Xavier Love (St Johns)**, **2nd Joshua Barroga (St John's)**, **3rd Arthur Elworthy (St John's)**

Girls: **1st Kaylah McAuley (St John's)**, 2nd Thalia Hepi (MAS), 3rd Nikita Wilson (MAS)

Year 4

Boys: **1st Jae McAuley (St John's)**, **2nd McKinley Francis (St John's)**, **3rd Harry Jeffries (St John's)**

Girls: 1st Vanessa Kinney (MAS), 2nd Laura Paterson (MAS), **3rd Mckenna Suddaby (St John's)**

Year 5

Boys: 1st Spike Hayvice (MAS), 2nd Andrew Becker (MAS). **3rd George Dowling (St John's)**

Girls: **1st Marley Weir (St John's)**, **2nd Josie Herlihy (St John's)**, 3rd Lexi McFadyen-Beck (MAS)

Year 6

Boys: **1st Eddie Weir (St John's)**, **2nd Jacob Sutherland (St John's)**, **3rd Sam Elworthy (St John's)**

Girls: 1st Indianna Hepi (MAS), 2nd Marley Hore (MAS), **3rd Hayley Barroga (St John's)**

Year 7

Boys: 1st Thomas Helm (MAS), **2nd Ben Gibson (St John's)**, 3rd Nate Spooner (MAS)

Girls: **1st Tessa Steele (St John's)**, 2nd Amelia Smith (MAS), **3rd Chloe McAuley (St John's)**

Year 8

Boys: **1st Toby Duncan (St John's)**, **2nd Hunter Sutherland (St John's)**, **3rd Ryan Crossan (St John's)**

Girls: 1st Ruby Hore (MAS), 2nd Isabelle Helm (MAS), **3rd Georgia Elworthy (St John's)**