

ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

✘* **Welcome - Welcome - Welcome** *✘

What's Happening?

October

Term 4 begins - 11 Oct
Manawanui opening - 2pm,
15 Oct
Labour Day - 25 Oct -
school closed
South Zone Music Festival
- Wed, 27 Oct
PTA Sausage Sizzle - 29
Oct

November

South Zone Athletics,
Caledonian Ground - 3
Nov
South Zone Athletics, Post
Day - 5 Nov
Cooperative Sports Day - 3
Nov
Kids@Conference -4 & 5
Nov

We warmly welcome Jack Cooper and Finn Gardiner to our school.
We trust you both settle in quickly and have a very happy time with us.

END OF A BUSY TERM

Today marks the end of a very busy term for everyone. Highlights have included:

- ongoing work and final completion of our new Manawanui building
- a very positive review by the Education Review Office
- inter-school chess and scrabble events for senior children
- ongoing winter sports including netball, hockey, rugby and miniball
- participation by students in the Ariki Cup and Otago cross country
- a wonderful dance and music presentation by our Middle Team
- swimming instruction for our Middle and Senior teams
- participation by senior students in the Mathletics Competition and the Dunedin Social Studies Quiz
- a highly successful PTA disco for our Middle and Senior children
- a very strong performance by our Kapa Haka group in this year's Maori and Pacific Island Festival
- Visits to the Art Gallery and Settlers Museum by senior classes

Looking at the list above, it is no wonder that both children and teachers are ready for a break. We wish everyone a happy and restful holiday. School reopens for Term 4 on Monday 11 October.

Places Available for New Enrolments in 2010 and 2011

Our school currently has some spaces at all levels for new students. If you have family or friends looking for a school for their child this year or next, please ask them to contact the office. We are proud of our high-quality programmes and welcome all new families.

Our School Values **Kindness, Caring & Manners**

Our current focus is:

~ **Caring** ~

We make the best use of everyone's resources by caring for our own property and the property of others.

Our next focus will be:

~ **Manners** ~

Using everyday manners with others makes everyone's day positive and happy.

Manawanui Opening

The Board will be holding a formal opening of our new building on Friday 15 October, beginning at 2pm in front of Te Manawanui. Parents are most welcome to attend. A light afternoon tea will be served following formalities.

National Chess Championships

We wish our school chess team (representing Otago); Logan Mullions, Luke Otley, Ben Clayton and Jayden Faed, every success at the National Schools Chess Championship in Christchurch.

Maori Language Survey

A combined group of Māori community, schools and tertiary institutions are interested in gauging interest in extending the current level of Māori language provision in schools. A survey has been developed and interested families and whanau are asked to consider completing it online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QQGCNZ3>

Supporting Others - Earthquake Support

Our Student Council ran two projects in response to the earthquake crisis in Canterbury.

Cans for Canterbury: Our thanks for the many cans sent to school. Over 200 cans have been sent to the Salvation Army in support of needy families.

Butterflies of Hope: Classes have created hundreds of colourful butterflies with messages of support for schools in Canterbury. These butterflies will be boxed and sent to a selection of schools in Canterbury.



Otago Cross Country

Congratulations to our South Zone cross country representatives Matt Horne (4th), Jack Leslie (17th) and Kiya Lawson who ran with distinction at the Otago Cross Country last week.

Our Middle Team Entertain

On Wednesday our Middle Team entertained families with two wonderful performances of this year's production, "The Sands of St Clair". Both children and teachers can feel justifiably proud of the wonderful variety of dance and visual images presented. Congratulations to both the performers and their teachers for a wonderful experience for us all.

GENERAL & COMMUNITY NOTICES

Senior Music Assembly - Our senior pupils will be presenting a special music assembly for parents on Wednesday 20 October - 1.30pm.

Caversham Children's Athletics - opening night 12 October, 6-7pm at Caversham Harriers Club Rooms. Ring Lyndon - 456 5125 - for details.

Kidstation Holiday Programme - ring Kevin - 0274 492 102



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