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# ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

## What's Happening?

### December

Junior Swimming Week -  
6-10 Dec- 9am - 12.30pm.

Reports and class  
placements mailed to  
parents - 10 Dec

Junior Picnic - 13 Dec

Middles Salt Water Pool -  
13 Dec

Board required to report to  
Minister of Education re  
Schools Review - 14 Dec

Senior Celebration - 1pm &  
6pm - 14 Dec

Senior Leavers Night - 6pm  
- 14 Dec

Parent Helpers Morning  
Tea hosted by teachers -  
10.30am, 15 Dec

Senior Team Picnic  
(weather permitting) - 15  
Dec

Final Day, 2010 - 16 Dec /  
Closure at 1pm.

**Check our  
website for  
this year's  
parent survey**

(a link is on our News page)

✘\* **Welcome - Welcome - Welcome** \*✘

We warmly welcome Mei Admiraal and Alixander McLaren to our school. We trust you settle quickly and have a very happy time with us.

## A BUSY END OF TERM

The term is quickly rushing to a close. It is satisfying however, in the rush, to see so many wonderful events still taking place:

**Junior Performance:** On Thursday, a full-house enjoyed a performance by our Junior Learning Team at the KPAC. Children sang and danced their way through an adaptation of Quentin Blake's book, *Angelica Sprocket's Pockets* entitled, 'The Time of the Season'. Congratulations to all those involved and special thanks to teachers for their extra efforts at this busy time of year.

**Middle Cross Country:** This year's Middle Team cross country was run in beautiful, sunny conditions. The event was competitive with a combination of training and natural talent shining through. All children can feel proud of their results. The picnic that followed was a lovely way for families and children to mix and relax after an energy sapping morning.

**Family Fish and Chip Night:** Thank you to the many families who attended this year's Family Fish and Chip Night. It was great to see so many people along, enjoying a relaxed evening together.

**Orange Parade:** Our senior Road Patrol teams enjoyed a day of activity provided by the police and DCC to acknowledge their contribution to road safety at our school. We all add our grateful thanks for the work undertaken by these children.

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

Our next focus will be:

~ **Manners** ~

Using everyday manners makes everyone feel valued and enables us all to co-exist happily together.

Our next focus will be:

~ **Kindness** ~

Being kind to others makes the recipient feel valued, respected and special.

**ALL SPORTS TOPS MUST BE RETURNED NEXT WEEK (except for Futsal)**

## *BP Technology Challenge*

Last week, teams from our Senior Team took part in the Dunedin BP Technology Challenge at the Dunedin College of Education. Teams competed well, utilising their skills to complete a number of structural and building challenges. Congratulations to our Red team who were placed third overall.

## *Missing a Diamond Ring??*

Last week a child found a diamond ring in the school grounds. Although the ring was damaged the setting is intact. If you have lost a diamond ring, please contact the South Dunedin Police for further information.

## *Very Nice Feedback*

The school has been rung twice in the last fortnight by outside organisations who wanted to comment on the high calibre of behaviour of our students at their event. This feedback is great and is very affirming for parents, children and the school.

## *Giving Back to Our Community*

This week 60 of our senior students entertained residents from Fulton Home and children from the St Clair Kindergarten and Queens High Pre-School. Children played a variety of musical items and subsequently served afternoon tea and interacted with the senior citizens. Our thanks to our talented seniors and to Alison Caldwell and Jenny Archer for coordination of events.

**PLEASE REGULARLY CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR FOR HEAD LICE.**

## *Reports and Placement Information*

Reports and placements for 2010 will be mailed home next Friday, 10 December.

**Any outstanding school accounts are now due for payment. :-)**

**PARENT SURVEY:** <http://www.stclair.school.nz/newsletters/bulletin/2010/parentsurvey.html>

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Kid Station School Care Programme (based at St Clair School):**

Quality before and after school care for your child/ren. Casual bookings welcome. Ring Kevin on 0274 492 102 or 4559344 for further information

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