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# ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

## What's Happening?

### November

Family Fish and Chip Night  
(weather permitting) - 24

Nov - 5pm

Middle X Country - 29 Nov

### December

Junior Production - KPAC -  
12.30pm, 2 Dec

Sausage Sizzle - 3 Dec

Junior Swimming Week -

6-10 Dec - 9.00am -

12.30pm

Reports and class  
placements mailed to  
parents - 10 Dec

Board required to report to  
Minister of Education re

Sth Dunedin Review

preferences - 14 Dec

Senior Production /

Leavers Night - 6pm - 14

Dec

Parent Help Morning Tea

hosted by teachers -

10.30am, 15 Dec

Senior Team Picnic

(weather permitting) - 15

Dec

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

## \*X\* Welcome - Welcome - Welcome \*X\*

We warmly welcome Levi Chettleburgh, Haylee & Jessica Evans, Safiyya Taha and Brock Wilson to our school. We trust you all settle in quickly and have a very happy time with us.

## PRIMARY EDUCATION IN SOUTH DUNEDIN

The Minister of Education, the Hon Anne Tolley, has initiated a review of primary education in South Dunedin. This review has been announced because of the lower number of children in the southern part of the city.

At this stage, Mrs Tolley has suggested two main options for our school. The suggested options are:

- St Clair School remains as a Year 1-6 school
- St Clair School becomes a Year 1-8 school.

Full details of school options are on the newsletter page of our website.

Our Board will meet to discuss the matter fully and would also like to consult parents before submitting a response. Consequently, a parent meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2, at 7pm in the school hall. In addition, an online survey will also be available as a way of gathering community ideas. Parents / caregivers may like to email comments directly to Richard Newton (Principal) or Rachael McLean (Board Chair).

Mrs Tolley has asked for feedback from all Boards by December 14. She will announcing her interim decision in early 2011, with a final decision made by July 2011. Changes for South Dunedin will be implemented from the start of 2012.

## Our School Values Kindness, Caring & Manners

Our next focus will be:

~ Caring ~

Caring for our own property and school property makes the best use of all our resources.

Our next focus will be:

~ Manners ~

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

## FAMILY FISH AND CHIP NIGHT - 5PM, NOVEMBER 24. (WEATHER PERMITTING)

### *BP Technology Challenge*

Last week, our senior classes took part in a Team-Wide technology challenge in the school hall. Children were required to work in cooperative groups to solve a variety of technology-related problems. Subsequently, six teams were selected to represent our school at this year's BP Technology Challenge, being held at the College of Education on Thursday 25 November.

### *Otago Athletics*

Congratulations to the 35 young athletes from our school who represented the South Zone at this week's Otago Athletics Championships. Special congratulations to our U11 Boys relay team who were placed 2nd in the final of their event. This was an outstanding, fleet-footed effort. Our thanks to parents who assisted with team management on the day and to Sally Marett for coordinating entries.

### *Junior Cross Country*

Our Junior Team cross country was recently run under warm and sunny conditions. Our youngest athletes reveled in the chance to compete over a challenging distance. Well done everyone! Thanks parents for your support.



### *Book Fair*

Many thanks to families for their support of this year's PTA Book Fair. Sales were most positive and our library has benefited with the additional funds raised. Our thanks to our PTA and their numerous parent volunteers.

### *Senior Team Technology Challenge*

#### **OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS**

Outstanding accounts have been posted this week. As both the senior and middle teams have completed their swimming for the year, and juniors are scheduled to swim from 6-10 December, payment of the swimming transport fee as detailed on your account would be appreciated. Families of Year 6 children are also asked to settle all accounts. Please call Bev in the office with any queries.

#### **ENROLMENTS AND DEPARTURES**

We are currently finalising our school structure and class placements for 2011. This is a very complex and lengthy process, taking a multitude of factors into account. To assist with this process, it is essential that we have a clear idea of next year's roll. If your family is not returning in 2011, or you plan to enrol a child next year, please contact the office today.

## **AVOID DRIVEWAYS WHEN PICKING UP OR DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILDREN**

### **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

#### **Southern Gymnastics Assoc Holiday Programme:**

[www.southerngymnastics.co.nz/holidayprogram](http://www.southerngymnastics.co.nz/holidayprogram) for information.

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