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ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

October

Labour Day - 25 Oct -
school closed
South Zone Music Festival
- Wed, 27 Oct
PTA Sausage Sizzle - 29
Oct

November

Sth Zone Athletics - 3 Nov
Coop Sports Day - 3 Nov
Kids@Conference -4 & 5
Nov
Sth Zone Aths / Coop
Sport, Post Day - 5 Nov
Otago Athletics Champs --
16 Nov
Senior Technology
Challenge - 19 Nov
Marimba Jam - 19 Nov
Family Fish and Chip Night
(weather permitting)- 24
Nov - 5pm
Middle Team Cross
Country - 29 Nov

December

Junior Production - KPAC -
12.30pm, 2 Dec
Sausage Sizzle - PTA 3
Dec
Junior Swimming Week -
6-10 Dec- 9am - 12.30pm.

X Welcome - Welcome - Welcome *X*

We warmly welcome Zandar Beker, Noah Bottle, Levi Brown, Eilish Cassidy, Joel Harvey, Kaitlin Holt, Chloe Manteiga, Keely Matheson, Daniel & Scott Thomas, Aimee Twist, Holly Watt and Sam Whelan to our school. We trust you all settle in quickly and have a very happy time with us.

A BUSY TERM AHEAD

The final term of 2010 is upon us and it was wonderful to be able to start by celebrating the opening of Te Manawanui, our new learning atrium. The weather was perfect, the children self-contained and excited, and the singing and dancing were memorable. Our thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy day to join us for the afternoon.

Traditionally, Term 4 is always very busy, and it seems that this year will be no different. Key tasks include:

- complete this year's learning programmes and objectives
- prepare next year's Charter and Annual Plan
- organise school structures and class placements for 2011
- collect, analyse and report self-review data for the year
- take part in multiple athletics events and music festivals
- prepare and distribute end-of-year reports
- farewell our Year 6 students... all in just eight weeks!

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

Our next focus will be:

~ **Manners** ~

The use of common courtesies and everyday manners helps everyone to relate more happily, and feel valued and respected

Our next focus will be:

~ **Kindness** ~

Simple acts of kindness from one person to another brighten everyone's day.

'NIE Xtra' Dunedin Schools Quiz Night

Congratulations to Max Chu, Taina Te Ngahue and Ben Clayton who were placed 3rd at the NIE Xtra Quiz last night. The standard of competition was very high with the winning team scoring 98% and our best placed team, 96%. We also extend our congratulations to our other three teams who were also well-placed in this challenging event.

On Thursday, our senior classes provided a wonderful afternoon of music for parents and friends. Marimbas, ukeleles, recorders and voices combined to create a most memorable event. Our thanks to music teacher, Alison Caldwell.

School Sports Tops

Thank you to families who have returned school sports tops recently. We still have a number to be returned and would be grateful if any families with school sports tops (not currently being used for a school-related sports code) could return these as as soon as possible. Families are reminded that tops are not worn to school or casually in the weekend, but only at the actual sporting event.

Access to Buildings At the End of The Day

Thank you to parents for remaining outside of school buildings (including Te Manawanui) at the end of the school day. Staying outside of classrooms and Te Manawanui allows children to utilise all school resource spaces freely and pack up without distraction. Children will continue to use their usual exits to leave their rooms.

National Standards Debate

Parents interested in the ongoing debate over the merits of National Standards may like to investigate online information from both the Ministry of Education (<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/National-Standards>) and the NZ Principals Federation (<http://www.ourprincipals.co.nz>).

Enrolments and Departures for 2011

We are eager to finalise our school roll for next year. If you know anyone planning to **join** (or **leave**) our school, please ask them to contact the school office urgently.

Butterfly Feedback

Last term, children from across the school created butterfly messages of encouragement for children in Canterbury. Many schools have written back thanking children for their kind thoughts and wishes.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kelly Sports Programmes - Kelly Sports is offering "Summer Super Sports" on Mon after school (Yr 1-4) in Term 4, with the "Go for Gold Academy" on Mon mornings for Yr 5/6's. Contact Andrew 021 853559 or aj@kellysports.co.nz

St Clair Junior Surf Life Saving - Registration Day - 30 October

Kid Station (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

Blue Light Dance Party Police Station Gym 6-8pm Fri 29 Oct \$2 entry

Chisholm Junior Golf for more info ring Andrew or Michael 455-0565

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