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ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

August

Maori and Pacific Island Festival
starts Aug 31 - St Clair Fri 2
Sept 12.30pm

September

Sausage sizzle Friday 9th
September
Otago Cross Country - 9th
September
Middle Team Production - KPAC -
29 September
Sausage Sizzle - 30th September

October

Junior Music Assembly, school
hall, 2.15pm, 3 October
Disco - Middle and Senior
children, hall, ticket entry,
6.30-8pm, 6 October
Term 3 concludes - 7 October
Labour Day - 24 October
Term 4 commences - 25 October

**LOST PROPERTY IS
LOCATED AT THE
BASE OF THE STAIRS
BESIDE ROOM 1**

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

We warmly welcome Logan Siksik, Ben & Clair Wild, Harrison Tonkin and Liam Rua. We trust you all settle in quickly and really enjoy your time at our school.

SNOW CLOSURE Q & A

Questions you may have regarding Snow Days...

Who decides whether schools close?

For the past 15 years, snow closure decisions have been made by three members of the Executive of the Otago Primary Principals Association. The principals consult the police before making a decision.

Why close schools during extreme weather?

The decision to close schools is almost always based on child and staff safety. The ability of staff to get to school is also considered. Schools are closed whenever the police advise motorists to stay at home, minimising the level of traffic on the roads and maximising safety for all.

Why close all schools with one announcement?

In the past, individual schools made their own decisions about snow closures, however this created confusion as radio stations struggled to read cancellations for over 60 schools in the greater Dunedin area. The blanket closure policy is not *perfect* but is much better than the previous system.

Our School Values

Kindness, Caring and Manners

This week's values focus is:

~ **Kindness** ~

Simple acts of kindness towards others brightens everyone's day.

Our next focus will be:

~ **Caring** ~

By caring from our own property and the property of others we maximise our resources.

Stars on Stage - a great night!

On Monday evening our children took to the stage of the Regent Theatre as part of this year's 'Stars on Stage' dance event. Costumes, make-up and choreography looked stunning and we can all feel justifiably proud of our children and their efforts. Congratulations to students and teachers on a wonderful night. Our thanks to parents for their support with costuming and transport. We will advise parents when DVDs orders are available for picking up. Please note, they usually take quite a long time to be produced.

Wheel Safety

This week children have been reminded of the rules that apply to the use of 'wheels' at school.

- no riding in the grounds before school
- riding only on the far tennis court between 3pm and 3.15pm
- riding is permitted in all areas, with care, after the 3.15 bell.

Parents are asked to help reinforce these expectations with their school-aged and pre-school children.

Please Keep An Eye on Your Dog

Following a short fight between two dogs tethered outside the gate last week, dog owners are asked to consider the following options to help keep children (and adults) safe.

Option 1: Owners stay with their dog outside the school gate until children arrive

Option 2: Dogs are tethered to the outside of a fence (well away from school entranceways), widely space from other dogs.



School Photos

School photo orders close at the school office next Friday, September 2.

Swimming bus fees for Middle and Senior children need to be paid to the school office as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kid Station School Care Programme (based at St Clair School). Quality holiday, and before and after school care for your child/ren. Casual bookings welcome. Ring Kevin on 0274 492 102 or 4559344 for further information.

King's High Casino Night Fundraiser Sept 3rd 7.30
Tickets \$15

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