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ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

May

PTA AGM - 7 pm, 10 May
Sausage Sizzle - 27 May
20/40 Hour Famine - 28 May

June

Queen's Birthday (school closed) - 6 June
Sausage Sizzle - 24 June

July

Reports posted - 8 July

Senior Swimming - 11 to 15 July

Three-Way Conferences - July 12 & 13 (school closes at 2pm on both days)

Last day of Term 2 - Friday July 15.

*** WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME ***

We warmly welcome Blake Siksik, Fergus Blair, Amelia Simpson, Uriah Genet, Anika Strange and Elijah Genet. We trust you settle in quickly and really enjoy your time at our school.

Welcome Back

It's lovely being back at school and seeing all the children looking so relaxed, refreshed and eager to learn. All classes have strong numeracy and literacy programmes up and running and the seniors have had the added opportunity of participating in a super musical programme this week.

LEARNING THROUGH THE USE OF WEB 2

At school, Web2 tools are being used in a variety of ways to:

- promote critical reflection in children
- provide children with a real audience and real feedback beyond that of their classroom teacher and peers
- broaden the range of learning tools children can use to enhance their thinking, skills and language and to
- develop a love for writing; Web2 tools have proven to be a powerful motivator for many children.

As you may be aware, a number of our classes have blogs and wikis running and they are using these in a variety of ways such as:

- providing information for families and making it easier to keep up to date with homework, spelling, team newsletters, etc
- using it as an extension of the children's classroom learning by providing access to selected interactive websites that support class-work
- to showcase children's work and encourage feedback from families and friends
- using them in a highly collaborative way with other classes around the world.

If you would like to see what is being done in our school check out the following link:

<http://www.stclair.school.nz/studentwork/index.html>

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

This week's values focus is:

~ Kindness ~

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

~ Caring ~

Caring for our possessions not only makes things last longer but also helps minimize waste, saving money and the environment.

Slap Cheek

The start of term 2 has seen the arrival of slap cheek. The initial symptoms for slap cheek are very similar to those of a cold and unfortunately it is during this time that you are infectious. Eventually it develops into bright red cheeks that give the appearance of being 'slapped'. Once the redness is evident however, you are no longer infectious. Most children carry on as per usual, but if your child is feeling unwell, it is best to keep them at home. If you are in the early stages of pregnancy there is a low risk to unborn babies. If you are concerned about this, you should consult a doctor.

Sing Up, Sing Out! Music Programme

Children in the Senior Team have been participating in a singing project this week with four other Dunedin schools. This has been led by Julian Raphael, Director of the Wellington Community Choir, and organised by Music Education Otago. Julian has taught a range of children's songs from a variety of the world's cultures, with an emphasis on participation, movement and singing for pleasure. The children have worked incredibly hard and it has been lots of fun for everyone. The week culminated with a concert for parents at Macandrew Intermediate. Our thanks to Julian for sharing his passion for singing.



Our Juniors Become Scientists

This week our Junior Team were fortunate to have a visiting scientist come and lead them through a series of experiments relating to their inquiry topic about colour. The children really enjoyed the hands-on learning experiences!

School buildings open for children at 8.30am. With cooler weather now common, parents are asked to ensure children arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.55am so that they can enter classrooms directly. 'Kidstation' (ph 02744921982) offer an onsite childcare choice from 7am for families needing an earlier drop-off option.

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.

Kelly Sports is offering a 6-week Winter Mighty Multisport Programme (Yr 1-4 after school) at St. Clair School starting Week 3. Contact Andrew James on 021853559 or aj@kellysports.co.nz

Junior Badminton Terms 2-3 Friday 5.30-6.30pm

For more info contact: juniorbadminton@badmintonotago.org.nz

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