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ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

November

Otago PS Athletics - 22 Nov

Junior Production - 12.30, 29 Nov

Beach Ed (Jnr) 30 Nov-2 Dec

December

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Orange Parade - 2 Dec

Middles Cross Country and Salt

Water Pool - 5 Dec

Parent-Helpers Morning Tea -
10.40am, 6 Dec

Junior Cross Country - 8 Dec

Reports and class placements
mailed home - 9 Dec

Leavers Night / Senior

Celebration - KPAC - 9 Dec

Senior Team hosting 'Senior
Citizens' - 13 Dec

Junior Picnic - 13 Dec

Senior Team - Beach Clean Up -
14 Dec

Final Day, 2011 - 15 Dec -

Closure at 12.30pm

CHECK OUR WEBSITE
FOR A FULL LIST OF
EVENTS.

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

We warmly welcome Nancy Niu, Molly Lynch, Harry Stout and Roman Huang. We trust you all settle in quickly and really enjoy your time at our school.

Building Resilience In Your Child

One of the most important gifts we can give our children is a **resilient personality**. Resilience is the ability to 'bounce back' when life isn't easy and things don't go smoothly. Researchers have recognised for many years, that a resilience acquired in childhood, results in a happier and more fulfilled life in adulthood.

Parents can **promote resilience** in their child by;

- enhancing their child's **confidence** by ensuring they are **competent** in one or more areas of life - culturally, physically, socially and academically.
- ensuring they are emotionally **connected** to their family, friends and school
- establishing basic **values** of right and wrong
- encouraging them to make a personal **contribution** to others
- supporting them as they **cope** with change, disappointment and unexpected events.

These themes are reflected in our school's Vision Statement and programmes.

This week's values focus is:

~ Manners ~

The use of simple manners helps to make us all feel valued.

Our next focus will be:

~ Kindness ~

Everyday, random acts of kindness make everyone feel valued. Kindness can be seen in the words we choose, the actions we take and the care we show.

Annual Parent Survey

Thank you to all those who completed this year's parent survey. Your responses provide a useful insight into community perceptions and are valued by our Board of Trustees. Positive comments are valued while more critical observations will be analysed and acted on.

Like to assist with
the School Fair in
2012?

Please email Gwen for more information
gwen.justquietly@clear.net.nz

Cooperative Sports & South Zone Athletics



Last week, children from across the school took part on our annual athletics events; 'Cooperative Sports Day' and the 'South Zone Athletics'. Children enjoyed the two events enormously, making the most of both the physical challenges and the social opportunities available.

During the South Zone competition, 26 children were selected to represent our school in the Otago Athletics Championships being held at the Caledonian on the 22nd of November. We wish them every success on the day.

Book Fair

Our thanks to parents who purchased books from this year's Scholastic Book Fair. Your support is valued and all profits from the sale contribute directly to the school library. Our thanks also to the PTA for their efforts in coordinating and running the event.



Not Returning in 2012?

The overall size of our school varies only slightly each year, however due to high numbers of pre-enrolments for 2012, we anticipate that spaces at our school **will be very limited next year.**

If you know that your family is moving away from the area, and not returning in 2012, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can take this into account in our planning.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kid Station School Care Programme

Quality care for your child. Ring Kevin on 0274492102

Caversham Toy Library - From 0 to 7yrs. call in at 61 Thorn St ph Bev 456 3668.

The South Dunedin Farmers Market is running every Wed from 3pm -6pm on the corner of MacAndrew Rd & Thomas St. Parking across MacAndrew Rd in the St Patrick's Church Car Park.

Election Day - Sat 26th Nov.. St Clair School is a polling place and will be open for voting.

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