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ST CLAIR SCHOOL

CAPABLE, CARING, CONFIDENT, CHILDREN CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY

What's Happening?

June

Sausage Sizzle - 24 June

July

School Photos

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 Jayden Cross, Jack Smither, Kyla Bartlett and India Stewart. We trust you all settle in quickly and really enjoy your time at our school.

Maths Professional Learning...

Each year as a staff we undertake to continue our own professional learning to ensure we keep up with the best practices for teaching and learning. This year we have been focusing on mathematics. One of the topics we have covered to date is teaching mathematics using an inquiry approach. This is where teachers pose open ended mathematical investigations that are:

- ❖ interesting
- ❖ can be approached from a variety of angles
- ❖ encourage the children to ask questions of themselves and others
- ❖ encourage the development of a maths vocabulary and
- ❖ foster co-operative learning and an enjoyment of mathematics.

An example of a measurement investigation carried out in our Senior team last week is shown below. You might like to try this out in your family for fun. Some questions have been listed to help you discuss the mathematical concepts raised by this investigation with your children.

Are you a square or a rectangle?

***Measure your arm span and height to find out.**

How would you solve this?

What measuring equipment would you need to use and why?

How would you record this?

What do you need to know about number, measurement and shape to do this task?

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him/her to learn by creating curiosity, he/she will continue the learning process as long as he/she will live."
~Clay P. Bedford. If we as teachers and parents can create this love of learning in our children, then we have done our job well.

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

This week's values focus is:

~ Kindness ~

A word of kindness costs nothing but gives much.

Our next focus will be:

~ Caring ~

Asking how a person is and using good listening skills shows that you care.

This is a biggie....

Over the past few weeks, teachers who have been on road patrol have expressed their concern and dismay at the way some people are parking when picking up their children after school. We have 367 children all leaving at the same time and it gets really busy in Richardson Street and Albert Street at 3 p.m. If some little person gets hurt, it would be a difficult thing to live with and all for the sake of trying to keep warm and/or dry or trying to get away in a hurry.

PLEASE can you bear the following things in mind at 3 p.m.

- Observe the road patrollers and model to your children how to cross correctly
- Keep the yellow no-parking lines clear
- Drive out of the car park forwards; reversing is dangerous
- Park further away rather than double parking
- Use the crossing rather than trying to cross the road between cars.

Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you...

Recently we had a lovely BIG box of new non-fiction books delivered to our school. They were very kindly given to us by the Rotary Dunedin East Club and had been specifically selected by them to grab the interest of our senior boys. Our children were delighted to receive them and they available in the library.

Our book character day was filled with fun and creativity!



Redeveloped Junior Playground

This week has seen the completion of the redeveloped Junior playground. The Juniors now have a lovely HUGE sandpit, some new forts and balance beams to enjoy. These additions have been a big hit with the children as the picture shows! A new garden plot for the children will be planted by the Middle team as part of their inquiry learning about colour - so watch this space!



Do you have any spare trousers?

If you have any spare pairs that you no longer need, can you please drop these into the office? Sizes 4 - 10 needed - thank you.

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.

Onyx Militaires Marching Club are looking for members 5-16 yrs. Contact Shona 4530964, email onyxmilitaires@xtra.co.nz

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