

St Joseph's School Balclutha

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School

Luckily for us, there is nothing we can do to make God love us less! God's love for us is so huge that he is ready and waiting to forgive our mistakes and accept our change of heart when we call upon his mercy. In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about two very different men and the way that they pray. God, who is always good, answers the prayers of those who cry out to him day and night. **How do pride and humility figure in your experience of prayer?**

A big welcome back to Term 4. I trust that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting Term.

During Term 4 all children must wear sun hats at interval and lunch time. We are in the process of purchasing new ones with wider brims. When these become available we will let you know.

St Mary MacKillop Awards

Congratulations to these children who received their St Mary MacKillop awards at the end of Term 3.

Gold: Hannah Murray

Bronze: James Knowles and Varsha Robin

SUNDAY MASS

Sunday 23 Oct

Altar Servers

Pippa and Peyton Hickey
Thornley

Projector

Katie Murray



VALUE AWARDS

Listen to God's Call

Andrew Setu

James Knowles

Julianna Bawi

Prayer

Loving Father, Hear the prayers of your children, made with humble hearts that trust in your merciful love. Amen.



Calendar of Events

Friday 21 October

Athletics

Monday 24 October

Labour Day school
closed

Tuesday 25 October

Staff Only Day. School
closed

Thursday 27 Oct

P.T.A Special Meeting
7:00pm at School

Monday 31 October

Science Road Show,
Room Awhero

Tuesday 1 November

B.O.T Meeting, 5:30
start

Sunday 6 November

Working Bee. 10:30
start

Learning Together For Life
Ako Tahi Mo Te Oranga Tonutanga

Important Notice/School Closed

School will be closed on Monday 24 October for Labour day. School will also be closed on Tuesday 25 October (the day after Labour day) as a Teacher Only Day.

Working Bee

The Board are organising a Working Bee at school on Sunday 6 November starting at 10:30am. More information next week.



We would love to see as many people as possible at this meeting to discuss the future of the PTA

Athletics Day

A reminder our school Athletics day is this Friday 21 October. Children need to come to school in their sports clothes and will be given a school sports top in the morning. Everyone needs to make sure they have a big lunch and drink bottle with them. It will be held at the Athletics Club in Balclutha. A notice came home yesterday with more information if you need it.

South Otago Athletics Club

This starts next Tuesday 25 October, 4pm and runs every Tuesday after school for the term. If you are interested in joining the club head along to the opening night next week.

Touch

All games start this Thursday (today). A draw for the term went home on Monday.

Room Awhero Camp - 8 - 11 November

Camp fees are \$80 per child and are now due to the office. Please pay these before we go on camp. Camp is only a few weeks away, look out for notices next week.

Thanks. Erica



Congratulations to these children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the end of Term 3. Well Done!



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