



St. Joseph's School Balclutha

Ako Tahi Mō Te Oranga Tonutanga
Learning Together For life
Term 4 Week 1

Kia ora e te whānau

One of the first things we learn to say is 'Thank You' in response to a kind word or action yet, all too often, we forget to thank God for so much. This week's Gospel reminds us how much these two words can mean, not just to one another, but to God as well. When the lepers begged to be cleansed Jesus did not discriminate. He was willing to cure them all. This week's Gospel also teaches that God's grace is extended to all. In the same way that our love and care should go out to all as well. We can change people's lives by showing compassion. Who might be in need of our compassionate help now?

Good morning everyone, and welcome back to Term 4! We have a busy and exciting term ahead, filled with learning and fun activities. It's lovely to see the sunshine and enjoy the warmer days, giving children more opportunities to play outside during morning tea and lunchtime.

Just a quick reminder that, starting Monday, all children are required to wear a school hat while outside. Those without a hat will need to stay in shaded areas. School hats can be purchased from the office for \$10, and please make sure all uniform items are clearly named.

As always if you need to contact me for any reason please phone, email or pop in for a chat.
Annette O'Mahony



Calendar of Events

October 14
Year 6 Clued Up
Kids

October 15 & 16
Catholic Review

October 17
Sports Activator

October 21
PTA Meeting

October 22
Cricket

October 23
Strike Day

October 27
Labour Day
School Closed

**November 25-
28**
Room Awhero
Camp

Flag Of The Week

Dia duit
from
Ireland



Prayer

Loving Father,
have mercy on your
children when we
wander away from
your love, and help us
to forgive one
another as you
forgive us



St Mary MacKillop Parish Church

Mass: 12 October

Altar Server

Athena Setu

Elain Anoop

Projector

Hannah Murray



Value Awards

Listen to God's Call

Naida Geddes

Zara Gamis

Lilah Jenkinson

Nicholas Roberts

Evan Sebastian

Sean Makuvise

Strike Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

At the end of last term the primary teachers, primary principals, support staff, kaiarahi i te reo, therapists and Ministry of Education field staff and support workers have all voted to take strike action together on Thursday the 23rd of October.

This is not something educators do lightly and is not just about pay rises, but about ensuring we have the conditions required to do the best we can for all tamariki!

Confirmation and First Eucharist



Ethan Olaveja, Nailah Cabangon, Mani Anitelea, Kylie Veloria,
Ashaz Navarosa, Katelyn Doherty, Nofo Anitelea,
Franz Catequista, Amelia Arndt, Juliette Davies,
Briar Wainohu and Andrew Setu.

Congratulations to all these children who are receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at 10:30 Mass on **Saturday 11 October**. All are welcome to attend this celebration in the Church. Please keep these children in your prayers this weekend as this is a very special occasion on their faith journey.

Swimming

Due to a lack of parent support swimming has been cancelled for this term. Hopefully with your support this will go ahead next year.

WELCOME

**Welcome to
Alkhea
Catequista
who has joined
Room Pono.
We hope you
enjoy your
time at
St. Joseph's
School.**



Congratulations!

**Congratulations to
Sarah who was
selected for the Otago
A U14 girls Basketball
Team.**



Learning at School



Religious Education:

Room Pono and Room Aroha: Being Church

Room Awhero: The Good News

Teachers have sent home a Religious Education Whanau page this week. This explains the learning for this term in RE.

Reading:

Reading programme will include PM Readers, Ready to Read, Decodable Readers and Novel Study. Please remember to read each night with your child.

Writing:

Room Pono: Personal recounts and writing to describe.

Room Aroha: Writing to describe and to report. Poetry

Room Awhero: Recounts, Explanation Reports and Narratives

Maths:

Room Pono: Measurement: time/length/mass, Algebra and Number

Room Aroha: Number Structure, Operations, Rational Numbers, Units of Measurement, Patterns and Algebra

Room Awhero: Measurement, Fractions, Percentages, Number Operations and Algebra

Inquiry and Social Science: Do Your Bit

Sports: Team games - Move Well programme, Cricket, Quadrathon

Maori: Te Reo

Art: Observational drawing

Camp: Room Awhero - Camp Columba

Value focus: Model an Attitude of Gratitude



FOOD

TRUCK
Nights

**GOLD
COIN
ENTRY**

2025

**10 October
14 November
12 December
5.00-8.00pm**

2026

**13 February
13 March
10 April**



**Cross Recreation Centre
Glasgow Street, Balclutha**

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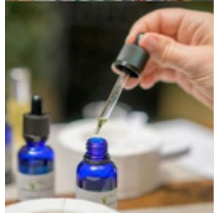
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Make & Create Workshop Series



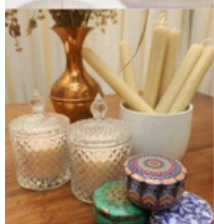
Textured Art

Saturday, 18 October 2025
1.00-3.00pm
\$100 per person



Perfume Making

Saturday, 1 November 2025
10.00-11.30am
\$85 per person



Candle Making

Saturday, 1 November 2025
2.30-4.00pm
\$85 per person



Dried Floral Arrangement - Pot

Saturday, 22 November 2025
10.00am-12.00pm
\$85 per person

- multiple colour options available



Dried Floral Arrangement - Hoop

Saturday, 22 November 2025
1.00-3.00pm
\$85 per person

- multiple colour options available



Acrylic Painting

Saturday, 6 December 2025
2.00-4.30pm
\$50 per person

Scan QR code to register:



The background of the entire poster is a close-up photograph of several donuts. The donuts are covered in white frosting and topped with a generous amount of multi-colored sprinkles in shades of pink, orange, yellow, blue, and green. A semi-transparent circular overlay is centered over the donuts, containing the event title.

Telford **MARKET**

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

10 AM - 2 PM | GOLD COIN ENTRY

**TELFORD EQUINE ARENA, OWAKA HIGHWAY,
BALCLUTHA**