

St Joseph's School Balclutha

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

*At the time when Jesus lived there was no electricity. When darkness fell, people relied on clay lamps filled with oil to provide them with light. If you were unprepared to top up the lamp with oil, then once the oil ran out you were left in the darkness and unable to see. In this week's Gospel Jesus tells a story about the importance of being prepared! One way to be prepared for any eventuality is to ground our lives in Christ. **What is the central truth upon which your life is grounded?***

Room Awhero's Camp

The children in Room Awhero are all looking forward to going on camp next week, from Tuesday until Friday. We are going to Camp Waiora in Dunedin and Ms Mc Laughlin has organised an exciting and fun filled time for us. A big thank you to the parents who are coming as parent helpers, without this support we would not be able to go. I will be at camp along with Ms Mc Laughlin. While I am away Mrs Miller will be teaching in Room Aroha. If you have any concerns please contact Mrs McElrea through the office or you can email her on niamh@stjosbalclutha.school.nz. We pray that the weather stays good and we have a safe time while we are away. Just a reminder that Camp fees of \$80 needs to be paid before we go away on Tuesday. Thank you for your support.

SUNDAY MASS

November 12

Altar Servers

Hannah Murray and
Isabelle May

Projector

Logan Murray



VALUE AWARDS

**Model an Attitude of
Gratitude**

Bodhi Beattie

Samantha Hands

Tavishi Arti

Prayer

Loving Father, Listen to the prayers of your children and answer them according to your will. Keep us close to your love, and ever ready to greet Christ when he returns in glory
Amen



Calendar of Events

Fri 10 November

St Mary MacKillop awards in Room Aroha

Monday 13 November

School closed for a teacher only day

Room Awhero Camp

Tuesday 14 - Friday 17
November

Learning Together For Life
Ako Tahi Mo Te Oranga Tonutanga

Dates to Remember

13 November School closed Teacher Only Day

14 November - 17 November Room Awhero's Camp

29 November School celebration Mass and prize giving at 6pm

30 November Fiona returns to Ireland and Mrs Miller teaching in Room Awhero

1 December Shared Prayer Room Aroha

8 December Assembly in the Church

14 December Last day of Term. School finishes at 3pm

31 January School Starts for 2024



St Mary MacKillop Awards.

Congratulations to all the children who will be receiving their St Mary MacKillop Awards over the next couple of weeks. As there were too many to do after Shared Prayer last week we will be looking at awarding some at school today. We will let you know when your child is receiving their award.

Author Visit

Next Thursday 16 November an author, Paul Adamson is coming to school to visit and share their book with the children. This will be an exciting experience for everyone.

Children in Room Pono and in Room Aroha can come to school dressed as their favourite book character to support this visit and to have some fun while the seniors are away on camp.



Always Winter Never Christmas

~ A Narnia Story ~

TICKETS: \$14.00

Presented by
Southern Dance Academy
November 25th
Milton Coronation Hall
2pm to 4:30pm
dance.balclutha@gmail.com

*A number of students from
School are performing in this production.*

IT'S ON! TOOT 4 TUCKER

Supporters

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION Clutha District Council

**Thursday 30 November
6.30pm - 8.30pm**

Listen out for the sirens in **Balclutha** and **Stirling** and please leave your canned food donations at your gate to be collected for the **Community Food Bank**.

Clutha
Budget Advisory Service

Food Hub 18 James Street, Balclutha

