

# St Joseph's School Balclutha

## Newsletter

### Tālofa Lava - Hello from Samoa

Next week we will fly the Samoan flag.



### Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

*Mary runs to the tomb, heart racing at the sight of a stone rolled away. She imagines Jesus has been taken by enemies, and the thought propels her through the darkness. Next it's Peter and another disciple who are running. All of the characters in this story anticipate the worse, their hearts are set on bad news. But what they find, when they lift their eyes, is the best news ever. **Jesus has risen!***

*If we stand at the tomb and declare what we see, is the empty tomb bad news, the work of an enemy, a sad end to a tragic story? Or do we "See and believe,". **What brings life out of death in your experience?***

School will be closed on **Friday 29 March**, Good Friday and reopen on **Wednesday 3 April** after the Easter break. Have a lovely Easter with your family and we will see you on Wednesday.

### SUNDAY MASS

**Sunday 31 March**

#### Altar Servers

Wendy Agajona

Athena Setu

#### Projector

Astrid Murray



### VALUE AWARDS

**Make Room For all**

**Kobie Twaddle**

**Hannah McBride**

**Mani Anitelea**

**Grace Bensley**

**Pippa Irwin**

**Gabriella Wainohu**

### Prayer

O God, May the empty tomb remind us of the unexpected ways that justice, compassion, and healing can be brought to the most difficult and troubling circumstances.  
Amen



### Calendar of Events

**Sun 24 - Sunday 31**  
**Holy Week**

**Friday 29 - Tuesday 2**  
**April**

School will be closed for Easter.

**Wednesday 3 April**  
School resumes after Easter

**Friday 12 April**  
End of Term 1

**Monday 29 April**  
Term 2 Begins

**Learning Together For Life**  
**Ako Tahi Mo Te Oranga Tonutanga**

## Easter Liturgy

The school will come together on Thursday to follow the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 11:00am. You are welcome to come and celebrate with us.



## Swimming

A big thank you to all the parents who came to help at swimming last week. The children had a great time with lots of learning. By Friday they were very tired as they had worked very hard during the week. Thank you also to the teachers for your hard work.



## Photos

The photos are now ready to be viewed and ordered.

Please go to the following link:

[www.cluthaphotos.com/st-josephs](http://www.cluthaphotos.com/st-josephs)

## Congratulations

### Athletics

Congratulations to Gabriella and Pippa who participated in the Southland Athletics in Invercargill on Sunday. We were very proud of your achievements. Well done girls!



## Room Awhero's Easter Raffle Results

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter Raffle. The winners were:

Neville Twaddle

Joanne McDiarmid

Glenn May

Sophie Irwin

Catequista Family

Tony (a friend of Thomas family)

Julie Cameron

Aimee (friend of Twaddle family)

Tyson Delahunty

Maree and Steve Black

Isabelle May

## WACKY HAIR DAY AND NO UNIFORM DAY

Friday 5th April

Gold coin donation for each activity

Fundraising for those affected in the Ukraine war

**The Young Vinnies**



## Working Bee

A working bee is when a group of parents come together to carry out work around the school.

We are having a working bee on Friday the 5 April. We will start at 3pm and have a shared takeaway tea afterwards. Please come and help us get the school ready for the winter. We need your help!

## Phone Away for the Day Policy

New regulations from the Ministry of Education requires that school must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including during lunch time and breaks. Please read our new policy which has gone out with this newsletter.

# April School Holidays

## Balclutha Community Library

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 April 2:30-4pm <b>Movie Magic</b>	16 April 11am - 12pm <b>Arts 'n Crafts</b>	<b>The Big Balclutha Street Search</b>		18 April 1-3pm <b>Tech Time</b>
19 April 11am - 12pm <b>Reading Tails</b>				
22 April 2:30-4pm <b>Movie Magic</b>	23 April 11am - 12pm <b>Arts 'n Crafts</b>	<b>The Big Balclutha Street Search</b>		25 April <b>CLOSED</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b>

**Movie Magic** - Enjoy a relaxed afternoon with movies at the library.

**Arts 'n Crafts** - Bring your imagination and come along for an hour of arts and crafts!

**Tech Time** - Discover the cool tech at the library!  
Coding, Robotics and More!

**Reading Tails** - Come and enjoy a good story, friendly faces, and best of all swishing tails with the St John Service animals!

**The Big Balclutha Street Search** - Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the other sign!  
Come in and enjoy some Clutha Heritage through the street signs of Balclutha hidden around the Library! All holidays!



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<https://libraries.cluthadc.govt.nz/events>



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**Libraries**





