



St. Joseph's PAWs Themed Book Week

Our school, supported by the PTFA, has planned a PAWSome series of events to celebrate our PAWS-themed Book Week 2022. There are lots of exciting things planned and opportunities to get involved, so we wanted to give you some advance notice of what's coming up!

Book Week - dates for your diary:

- Oct 3 - 28: Read-a-thon + collect sponsors
- Oct 29 - Nov 4: Collect read-a-thon sponsorship and return forms + funds to school
- **Nov 4 - 10: St. Joseph's PAWs themed Book Week!**
- Nov 4: Petting Zoo on-site for class visits
- Nov 4 - 10: Scholastic Book Sale on-site for whanau and students to purchase books
- Nov 7: Book Week character parade + Whanau breakfast (7.30 - 9.30am)

Get ready for a PAWSome Fundraising [Read-A-Thon!](#)

Oct 3rd - Nov 4th

In the run up to a PAWs themed Book Week in term 4, the PTFA is organising a PAWSome Read-A-Thon to help fundraise for the new junior playground that will be needed over the next 2-3 years, as our current one reaches the end of its lifespan.

From October 3rd - 28th, we're asking students to keep track of how many pages they can read – or have read to them – as we get ready for our PAWs themed school Book Week! A special 'Read-A-Thon' diary will be coming home before the holidays to help each child keep track of their progress. The diary will also include a form for the children to collect sponsors.

More information will be included in your child's "Read-A-Thon" diary, but it is as simple as:

1: Get reading! Students are encouraged to read (or be read to) as many pages as they can (outside of school hours) between Oct. 3 – 28 and to record their efforts in their book diary.

2: Collect sponsors! Sponsors can choose to sponsor an amount for every page read or pledge a set donation.

3: Return sponsorship money! Once the Read-A-Thon finishes on Oct. 28, all forms and funds should be returned by Friday 4th November.

The PTFA are providing some PAWSome prizes for the most pages read and most funds collected in each year group and very much appreciates everyone's support of this initiative!

Digital copies are [here](#) if you missed it.

Book Week Character Dress-Up Parade & Whanau Breakfast

Monday 7th November

As part of our PAWS themed Book Week in term 4, we will be hosting a character dress-up parade for all students on Monday 7th November!

This will involve students coming to school dressed up as their favourite book character. We're hoping this advance warning may help with planning and perhaps the kids will be inspired to plan their costumes over the holidays! (you can even check out [this Pinterest page](#) for some fun DIY costumes and to help get the creative juices flowing!)

Whanau breakfast: With maximum cuteness anticipated, we'd also love to invite all whanau to join us on-site for breakfast (7.30 - 8.45am) and to watch the parade (9.00 - 9.30am) on Monday 7th November.

The PTFA will also be providing prizes for the most inspiring and the most creative costumes in each year group, so we encourage all the kids to get planning and creating!

Helpers needed to run Scholastic Book Sale

Thursday 3rd Nov - Thursday 10th Nov

As part of Book Week, the school and PTFA will be running a Scholastic Book Sale. The sale provides an opportunity for families to purchase books for home and the school also receives a percentage from every book sold. That then allows us to purchase new books for our school library - a win-win!

The Book Sale will be open from 8 - 9am, 12.50 - 1.30pm and 2.50 - 4.00pm on school days from Friday 4 November to Wednesday 9, November and we are looking for parent volunteers to help run the stand. We will also need helpers on the afternoons of Thursday 3, November and Thursday 10, November to set-up and pack-down the sale.

If you are available to help, please pop your name into the days and times you are available in this roster:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WgYvWI-30B6xLnTPGloAY9niBxwUhRLXhhtGycKiyK0/edit?usp=drivesdk>

We appreciate any time you are able to offer.

Other ways to get involved:

Know an author or inspiring individual? The school is looking to invite in some 'guest readers' over book week. If you know of an author - or an inspiring sportsperson, celebrity etc - who might be open to coming in and reading to our children one day during Book Week, please contact Miss Luxford at natashal@sj.school.nz

Donate a prize: The PTFA will be awarding prizes for both the read-a-thon and book character parade. If you would be interested in donating a prize (we are thinking of books or bookstore vouchers, however, we would be happy to receive other suggestions), please get in touch with Bridget Allen at bridgetallennz2@gmail.com.