

Newsletter – Week 1, Term 1

9 February 2020

Kia ora whanau
ngā mihi o te tau hou



Wishing you all the very best for 2020 and a very warm welcome back to St John's. I trust you have all enjoyed this beautiful summer weather. I too have had a lovely break. Glenn and I chose not to go on our usual annual road trip, as we were really looking forward to spending time in our new home on Waikehe Island. We have had such memorable times with our family and friends. Daily swims and kayaking and fishing with the grandchildren, lots of social afternoons and evenings, and I even attempted paddle boarding - still very much a beginner!

Last week our teachers came together for Professional Development days. We are always pleased to be together again for a good catch up. Our theme this year is "Put your best foot forward, and God will do the rest". This year our teaching staff, as part of their faith formation have committed to an academic paper - Spirituality for Teachers. The focus of the first day was exploring our personal images for God. What and who is God to us? Where do we see and feel God with us? As part of our workshop we had to create our personal image of God and name it. These images created by our teachers are on display in the admin office area. The Professional Development day was excellent and further study will continue after school in Terms 1 and 2.

During the holidays we moved our school computing system to the Cloud. This transformation went reasonably smoothly with thanks to Miss Binns. We do ask that you be a little patient with some of us as we adjust to becoming Google and Gmail users. Also, during the holidays Rooms 1, 2, & 3 had a little makeover with new Autex wall coverings and new furniture was put in Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7 plus our whole school has had a new phone system installed.

I know our staff are very excited to welcome the children into their new classes and I know that the children will be in for a wonderful, fun filled year of exciting learning.

God bless you all for the year ahead
Viki Trainor – Principal

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 1

FEBRUARY		
Thursday, 6th	:	Waitangi Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday, 11 th	:	Curriculum Meeting Yr 1 & 2
Thursday, 13 th	:	2 nd Hand Uniform sale, School Hall, 2.30 – 3.00pm
Wednesday, 19 th (TBC)	:	Reconciliation (Years 5 & 6 only)
Friday, 21 st	:	PTFA Family Picnic (Savaday TBA if needed)
Monday, 24 th – Friday 28 th	:	Outdoor Education Week
Monday, 24 th – Friday, 28 th	:	Yr 6 Camp at Hunua Falls
Tuesday, 25 th	:	Yr 4 & 5 Surfing
Tuesday, 25 th	:	Yrs 1 – 3 Long Park Regional Park
Wednesday, 26 th	:	Yr 4 Late night at School 3 - 6pm Yr 5 Outdoor Pursuits Programme at the AUT Millennium Centre
Thursday, 27 th	:	Yr 4 Outdoor Pursuits Programme at the AUT Millennium Centre Yr 5 Kelly Tarlton's overnight stay
MARCH		
Tuesday, 3 rd	:	Parent/Teacher Conferences (school closes at 12.00 noon)
Wednesday, 18 th	:	School Swimming Sports
Thursday, 19 th	:	Feast of St Joseph
Thursday, 26 th	:	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Tuesday, 31 st	:	Classroom Photographs
APRIL		
Friday, 3 rd	:	Gorgeous Grandparents day
Thursday, 9 th	:	School closes at the usual time for the holiday break and reopens on Tuesday, 28 th April.

CLASS MASS DATES & CLASSROOM ASSEMBLY LEADERS

Mass is at 9.15am on Wednesday in St John's Church

Assembly is at 9.30am on Fridays in the School Hall.

MASS			ASSEMBLY	
Date	Wk	Room	Date	Room
26 February	4	Ash Wednesday, Whole School Liturgy at 11.15am	7 February	Welcome
11 March	6	Red House	14 February	House Captains
19 March	7	Feast of St Joseph, Whole School Mass at 11.15am	21 February	Young MacKillops
25 March	8	Gold House	28 February	EOTC – no assembly
9 April	10	Easter Liturgy, Whole School at 2.00pm (Hall)	6 March	Year 6 Camp Assembly
			13 March	Ambassadors
			20 March	Room 3
			27 March	Young MacKillops
			3 April	Gorgeous Grandparents Day
			9 April	Easter Liturgy

MEETINGS

- The first Board of Trustees (BOT) monthly meeting is on Thursday, 27th February, 6.30pm
- The first PTFA meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, 18th February with the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 10th March. 7.00pm

Both groups meet in the staffroom.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Religious Education strands are taught at varying times during the school year to reflect an integrated planning approach. During Term 1 the Rangitoto Team will participate and engage in the **God strand** whilst the Waitemata Team will participate and engage in the **Jesus strand**.

You can find out more about the programme by using the online Faith Alive website [<http://www.faithalive.org.nz>] Simply click on the FAMILIES tab and open the pdf file.

This year the children will continue to use their Religious Education Learning Journals. If your child has started St. John's this year, they will begin a new Religious Education Learning Journal. These are available from the school office at a cost of \$4.50.

The journals will be sent home regularly for you to discuss your children's' learning and when possible make a comment.

ANNUAL SUMMER PTFA FAMILY PICNIC

Welcome in the new school year and catch up with friends and families at the annual St John's PTFA picnic.

Friday 21st February on the school field.

The pool and play areas will be open, sausages will be sizzling for you to purchase and there's even an ice-cream for the kids
Bring your picnic basket, rug and chairs along and enjoy the fun!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Physical Education programme is focused around the swimming pool for the first weeks of Term 1. All children are required to take part in this programme. You are asked to send a written note to the classroom teacher if your child is unable to take part because of illness. Children should bring their clearly named swimming costume, towel and goggles in a waterproof bag every day. Any wounds or sores need to be covered with a waterproof bandage/plaster prior to arriving at school for Health and Safety reasons. PE gear and shoes should also be brought to school on Monday and return home on Friday each week, if need be, for washing.

2020 BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY

All children should have brought their stationery supplies with them to school ready for the start of term. Please ensure stationery is at school no later than Monday, 10th February. We teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy, visit www.myschool.co.nz If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please



don't hesitate to contact Anneliese Bridges in the office, Tel; 09 478 7734 or email: office@simb.school.nz. For New Entrant children joining St John's between Term 2 and 4 and for additional stationery items needed throughout the year for all year levels, these will still be available to purchase from the school office.

EZ COVERS FOR CHILDREN'S 2020 STATIONERY



Once again we are welcoming the opportunity to use EZ Covers. EZ Covers are a simple and unique way to cover school exercise books. They are reusable, non toxic, PVC free and made right here in NZ. You can order your covers in a few easy steps

1. Go to www.ezcovers.com
2. Select the cover types and sizes you need
3. At checkout, select St John's school (Mairangi Bay) from the drop down box and use the code EZ15 to earn our PTFA a 15 cent rebate for every cover purchased.

SCHOOL FEE INVOICES are coming home this week. Payment is due by 28th February. School bank account details are on the invoice. Families that pay via automatic payment, weekly or fortnightly instalments, your invoice is also coming home so that you have a copy of the invoice for Term 1. Any queries please contact Michele Nash, MicheleN@simb.school.nz

CYBERSAFETY

As part of the start of year activities teachers will be revising Cybersafety with all students. On enrolment parents/guardians sighted and signed the School Cybersafety Policy & Use Agreement. Our Policy states that students from Year 3 and up should sign the student section themselves. If we do not have a copy on file your child may be bringing a copy home for signature. Please discuss as a family to ensure your child understands about keeping themselves safe online. Forms should be returned by Friday, 14th February.

WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON



The TRYathlon is a fun event for kids aged 7-15 years which involves swimming, cycling and running short distances which vary depending on the participant's age. There is also a "splash & dash" option for 6 year olds. This is a wonderful event which rewards kids irrespective of ability. It is about getting out there and giving it a "TRY", with which comes a real sense of achievement and personal pride.

St John's is registered as a school group and we expect to have a gazebo set up at the event to be held **on Sunday, 22nd March 2020** at Manly Reserve, Whangaparaoa. A good number of participants are already registered as part of the St John's School group but there's still room for more!

If your child does want to participate, early-bird entries close 3 weeks prior to the event and cost \$45 per child (\$40 for the splash & dash event). All participants receive an event T-Shirt, swim cap, gear bag, medal, downloadable certificate and other sponsor goodies.

To register and for more information, go to www.try.weetbix.co.nz or call 0800 WEETBIX. Join the school group by selecting "St John's Mairangi Bay" when prompted during the registration process.

Any other questions, please contact Leanne at deuchrassl@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

She does it again! Well done Mrs Dorrington who has won FOUR golds at the New Zealand Masters Games in Dunedin this week. Her medals are for athletics, which were won in the 400m, 800m, High Jump and Long Jump events.

ALSO TO...

Sophie Hayward (Swimming), **Karney Prendergast** (Touch U10 Boys silver medal, Northern Interprovincial).



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

Our Sacramental year commences with Reconciliation. We offer this to baptised children 8 years & older.

As our sessions are conversational, we require a parent to attend each session. Our hope is that the sacraments become more integrated into daily life.

Building our community for generations to come; meeting other families; getting to ask questions and discuss our faith are just a few of the benefits.

Sessions are held on Sundays; 8.00-8.45 am finishing in time for 9am Mass. We encourage you to stay for

RECONCILIATION TIMETABLE	
REGISTRATION	SUN. FEBRUARY 16 TH
SESSION 1	SUNDAY MARCH 1 ST
SESSION 2	SUNDAY MARCH 8 TH
SESSION 3	SUNDAY MARCH 15 TH
SESSION 4	SUN. MARCH 22 ND
CEREMONY	WED. MARCH

Again, in 2020 we are offering the Sacrament of Confirmation for those who wish to complete the Sacraments of Reconciliation; Confirmation; and First Holy

CONFIRMATION: (Younger group)

REGISTRATION	Sunday 24th May; 8.00am
SESSION 1	Sunday 7th June; 8.00am
SESSION 2	Sunday 14th June; 8.00am
SESSION 3	Sunday 21st June; 8.00am
SESSION 4	Sunday 28th June; 8.00am
REHEARSAL	Thursday 23rd July; 7.00pm
CEREMONY	Sunday 26th July; 3.00pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

REGISTRATION	Sunday 2nd August; 8.00am
SESSION 1	Sunday 9th August; 8.00am
SESSION 2	Sunday 16th August; 8.00am
SESSION 3	Sunday 23rd August; 8.00am
SESSION 4	Sunday 30th August; 8.00am
REHEARSAL	Sunday 13th September; 8.00am
CEREMONY	Sunday 20th September; 11.00am

CONFIRMATION: Year 9 & older.

REGISTRATION	Wed. April 1st	4.00pm
SESSION 1	Wed. April 29th	4.00pm
SESSION 2	Wed. May 6th	4.00pm
SESSION 3	Sat. May 12th	4.00pm
YOUTH MASS	Sat. May 16th	5.30pm
SESSION 4	Wed. May 20th	4.00pm
SESSION 5	Wed. May 27th	4.00pm
SESSION 6	Wed. June 3rd	4.00pm
Session 7	Wed. June 10th	4.00pm
SESSION 8	Wed. June 17th	4.00pm
YOUTH MASS	Sat. June 20th	5.30pm
SESSION 9	Wed. June 24th	4.00pm
SESSION 10	Wed. July 1st	4.00pm
REHEARSAL	Thurs. July 23rd	7.00pm
CEREMONY	Sun. July 26th	3.00pm

If you have any questions please contact Liz in the parish office.

**To Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends of families
who drop off or pick up children at St. John's**

CARPARKING AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

There are three alternative carpark areas for you to use.

1.



SCHOOL CARPARK

Access via
East Coast Road going down
the hill from Rangitoto College

2. **CHURCH CARPARK** Access via Hastings Road

Please do not use the Church driveway off East Coast Road.

Please use this carpark for long term parking only if you are using the Church
or staying on at school after you have dropped your children off.

For short term drop off and pick up of children, parents are asked to use the School
Carpark or the school side of St. Ives, Penzance or Hastings Roads.



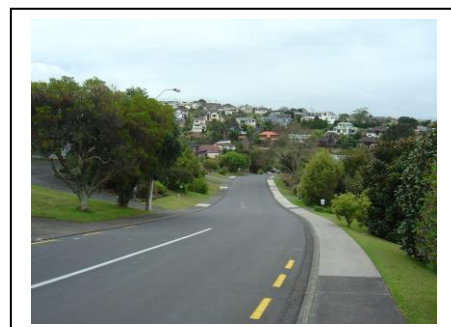
3.



Hastings Road



Penzance Road



St. Ives Terrace

Children are not allowed in the carparks unless accompanied by an adult.

CHURCH CARPARK

Children wait on top court and must be collected from there.

PENZANCE / HASTINGS / ST IVES

Children wait at Penzance Road front gate and must be collected from there.

SCHOOL CARPARK

Children will wait in the carpark shelter. Parents using the No
Parking Pick Up / Drop Off Circular Zone

Children will be able to move to your car via the footpath at the instruction of the Duty Teacher. If using this service
you are **not permitted to leave your car.**

SOME FINAL MATTERS

1. Cars are prohibited from parking in the circular drop off and pick up area of the School Carpark and along the driveway to the carpark.
2. Please obey the signs and yellow 'No Parking' lines.
3. Drive slowly and safely in all carpark areas.
4. Use the DISABLED park only if you can display a disability parking pass.
5. Access to the school via the Penzance Road entrance is prohibited.
6. The School Carpark will be closed after 4pm and on the weekends. Church weekend access is via Penzance Road as will weekday traffic after 4pm.

SCHOOL CAR PARK AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

THE CIRCLE

- There is space for 6 cars in the circle. Cars are to move forward to fill all 6 spaces.
- Parking is not allowed in the circle area.
- As cars leave the circle, move forward to the front of the circle; It should always be full.
- 'After School Care' vans park in a parking space while waiting for the children.



PARKING

- It's best to arrive at school between 2.30 – 2.45pm to get a park.
- Fill car parks from the top (near circle) back. Do not leave gaps, as these will be difficult for others to access once the queue moves into the car park.
- If you arrive at school after 2.45pm, please join the queue, or find alternative parking.



THE QUEUE

- If you arrive at school prior to 2.45pm, and the circle is full, and you are not parking, stop and queue just before the car parks begin.
- The car park is usually mostly full by 2.45pm. Therefore the queue can at that time move forward to join the queue at the circle. If the front car parks are filled earlier, cars in the queue can move forward.
- No pushing in/cutting in front of first car in back queue unless parking.
- Those in the queue, please keep in mind those queued right back to the entrance, and around in Tudor Place, so move forward as soon as is appropriate prior to 2.45pm, and definitely after 2.45pm.
- If the queue is right out to the entrance, turn into Tudor Place, and queue there. When clear, move around the corner into the entrance, so as not to block traffic.
- Do not use the right turn into the drive if the queue is up to the entrance as this blocks the vision of those trying to exit.



DRIVING OUT

- Cars driving in (queuing) please be aware of parked cars wanting to leave and leave room for them to do so.