

# Newsletter – Week 2, Term 1

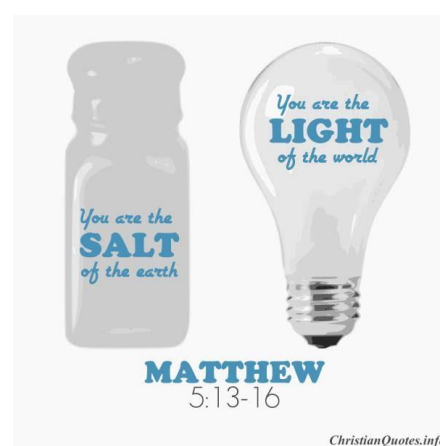
## 11 February 2020

Kia ora Whanau

*Sunday's Gospel calls us to salt and light - so stay salty so as to bring out the 'flavour' in others and let your light shine for all to see.*

'Blink" and the first school week of 2020 has gone!

The children have now settled into their new classrooms and have had fun getting to know their new teacher and some new classmates. We welcomed new children to our school at assembly on Friday, some new entrants and some coming from other schools. Our roll will be full by the end of the year and we have a waiting list. Our school has an excellent reputation in the wider community which I consider to be extremely important. Just a little reminder that if your child is out and about after school and in their school uniform, they are to be wearing their correct uniform including sandals/shoes as they are representing St John's.



Viki Trainor – Principal


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### SCHOOL HOUSE NAMES

In assembly last week we announced the new names of the school's four houses.

We are keeping the same four colours but adding a name with a historical school connection to each house. Each of the houses has been named for a person who, directly or indirectly, played an important part in developing our school.

#### Gold House is now Quinlan House.


 Sister Hyacinth Quinlan worked closely with Father Julian Tennison Woods and the Diocesan Sisters of St Joseph in Australia. She was a teacher and trained new sisters as teachers to carry on the work that Mary MacKillop had started. She became a leader known for her compassionate care for others. In 1880 she led three other sisters to New Zealand, founding the Sisters of St Joseph of Nazareth in Aotearoa.

#### Red House is now Liston House.

Liston was the Archbishop of Auckland. He wanted all Catholic families to be able to go to Catholic schools if they wanted. He always fought for what he believed in and worked hard to make things happen once a decision was made. There was no Catholic school in the East Coast Bays so he invited the Sisters of St Joseph of Nazareth to establish their first house in the Auckland Diocese and to staff the school. Our school was opened and blessed by him on 1st February, 1961, with a roll of 124 children.



#### Blue House is now Pierce House.

 On 8th June, 1949, the Parish of East Coast Bays was established in Browns Bay and Father John Pierce was appointed as the first Parish Priest. He could see that the parish was growing so helped buy the land and build the school where it is today knowing that the area, although farmland then, would become very popular. He was loved and respected by all members of the community and worked hard building the school and developing the grounds.

#### Green House is now Keegan House.

Sister Rose Keegan was a teacher and the first Principal of our school. In 1961 Sr Rose led a group of four sisters to begin the first 'Black Josephite' school in the Auckland Diocese at Mairangi Bay, St John's. She had considerable ability as a pianist and singer and she was qualified to teach both music and speech, which she did throughout her life. She had the ability to identify the needy in her area and provide help.



Over the year we will find out more and more about these people; who they were and what they did.

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### MEETINGS

- The first Board of Trustees (BOT) monthly meeting is on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm
  - The first PTFA meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February with the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. 7.00pm
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# 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 from 5.30pm  
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!

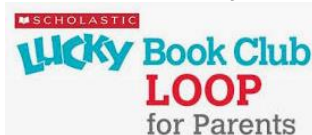
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## LIBRARY NEWS

It's great to see everyone back and the children so excited to use the library! This week classes have started their visits to the library, with each child having the opportunity to have 1 or 2 books issued to them. Each book is issued for two weeks. If at the end of the two weeks the children have not finished with their book, they can take it to the librarian and it will be renewed for a further two weeks. Remember to ensure that if your child/ren have finished their books they return them in their library book bags on their library day. Senior students are also able to return and issue books during their lunchtime through our new student librarians. The library will be open for lunch times after EOTC week.

Last year a few parents mentioned they would like to have an opportunity to discuss children's books and adult books. If you are interested in the opportunity to do this please let me know [Library@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:Library@sjmb.school.nz). I am happy to accommodate this once or twice a term in the library after school if enough people are interested.

## Scholastic Lucky Book Club



Families choosing to take part in this opportunity will enable the school to receive rewards from Scholastic. Last year the school was able to purchase over 100 new books for the library, with each classroom receiving two new books for their class libraries and other resources for their classrooms. Thank you for the generosity of our school whanau. We have chosen to do one issue per term. This means we will

be doing issues 1,3,5, and 7. A catalogue will come home near the beginning of each term for these issues. Issue #1 will be coming home today. You will still be able to purchase from the other issues i.e. 2,4,6 and 8 through your Scholastic LOOP app or the Scholastic web page, but these will be delivered to your home and will have an added \$4.99 shipping fee, likewise if you miss the cut off date for the school order. All catalogues can be viewed online at <https://scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> when they are published. Each issue will have a range of books from \$3 available to purchase.

**Please use Scholastic LOOP to place and pay for your order.** By using LOOP there is no need to fill out any forms or receipt numbers. All orders can be made through LOOP on the Scholastic NZ website <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> or by using the Scholastic LOOP app which is available on Google Play or the App store.

Using the Scholastic LOOP App or the Website

- you need to register yourselves.
- on the registration pages you need to add your child/ren,
- place order, making sure that you are ordering from issue #1

Should you still have any difficulty you can call the Scholastic book club line on 0800 266525. LOOP orders must be placed online by **Sunday 4pm 23rd March**. All LOOP orders ordered before the schools closing date of **23rd March** come directly to the school and will be distributed by the Book Club Coordinator. Delivery to school will be approximately 3 weeks after this date.

Any orders received after **23rd March** will not be processed through the school but will be delivered to your home, incurring a \$4.99 shipping fee. Any queries or questions can be directed to [Library@SJMB.school.nz](mailto:Library@SJMB.school.nz) or you may call the Scholastic Book Club Helpline on 0800 266525

Chantelle Dunn (Library Manager) and Francine Gilchrist (Lucky Book Club Co-ordinator)

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## FREE EBOOKS

Tom Bradley, New Zealand children's author of Junior Fiction (age 7yrs+) and Young Adult (age 10yrs+) publishes EBooks available in Kindle MOBI, EPUB and PDF format. Visit [www.bradley.nz](http://www.bradley.nz)

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## BREADTAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

**YES**, we are still collecting **Bread Tags** at the school office! Bread tags come in many shapes, sizes and colours and are made of High Impact Polystyrene. During the recycling process bread tags usually end up in land fill as they are so small they are 'filtered out'. However, gathered together they can make a difference. It takes 200kg of tags to buy one wheelchair so lets all start collecting as a community! For more information visit: <https://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/> or the New Zealand Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nzbreadtags/>

**BREADTAGS**  
*for wheelchairs*

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## PARISH NEWS



**ECB Parish Picnic**, Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February from 11.30am onwards, Waiake Beach, Torbay. Bring your family and friends and your own food etc.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Mairangi Bay Beach Clean Up.** Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am. Bring yourself, a drink bottle and some gumboots if you have them. For more information visit: [www.facebook.com/thecleanupcrewnz](http://www.facebook.com/thecleanupcrewnz) or email [thecleanupcrewnz@gmail.com](mailto:thecleanupcrewnz@gmail.com).

**Netball Coaching** The Westlake Girls Premier Netball Squad are holding two 3 hour coaching sessions on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February to fundraise for their upcoming tour to Melbourne in April. These sessions will be run by their coach, former Silver Fern, April Ieremia, with the help of the premier squad. We will focus on skills, positional play, attacking, defending, trial tips and will include some games to put their new skills in to action. The sessions will be fun and appropriate for all levels of ability. Registrations for the clinic need to be done via the Westlake Girls website (<https://www.westlakegirls.school.nz/netball-clinic/>), this will provide you with a registration button and take you to the relevant form. If you have any queries please contact Deanna Eagle, Email: [Deanna.Eagle@springer.com](mailto:Deanna.Eagle@springer.com).

**Pform.nz dance and drama classes**, Progress Hall, Anzac Rd, Browns Bay. For ages 4 – 18 years. For more information visit [www.theperformance.net/auckland/venue-map](http://www.theperformance.net/auckland/venue-map) or email [info@pform.nz](mailto:info@pform.nz)



**YMCA Junior Basketball Leagues** Years 3 – 4 and 5 – 6 Registrations close Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Email [northshore@ymcauckland.org.nz](mailto:northshore@ymcauckland.org.nz) for mor information.

At **Head Held High** we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our **speech and drama lessons**, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part of! In addition to all of the above, Head Held High students also have the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications by sitting Trinity College of London or NZ Speech Board examinations. To enrol for your FREE trial lesson simply visit: [www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high](http://www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high)





# Novel Coronavirus

## (2019-nCoV)

### What you need to know



While we are still learning more about this new virus –

We do know the risk of the virus spreading in New Zealand is very low How worried should I be?

- ❑ Your chances of catching the coronavirus in New Zealand are very low.
- ❑ It is highly unlikely you will catch the virus walking down the street
- ❑ Coronavirus appears to be as infectious as the flu and the symptoms are similar - fever, cough and shortness of breath. You are only likely to catch it if you are near to someone with the virus. Most people catch the virus from someone at home, a close workmate or someone they spend time with.
- ❑ People will not be moving around the community if they are suspected or confirmed of having the virus – they will be in isolation. Their family and anyone they may have infected will also be asked to stay at home.

How serious is coronavirus?

- ❑ People are being infected, mainly in China, but only a small number of those with coronavirus have died.
- ❑ Most people have a mild to moderate illness with flu-like symptoms
- ❑ People of all ages are being infected, but older people and those with medical conditions seem most likely to get seriously ill.

How do I protect myself and my family?

Everyone should protect themselves from the virus, as you would for the 'flu -

- ❑ Washing your hands regularly, or using hand sanitiser, is the best way to avoid this illness.
- ❑ As with other illnesses, do not go to work or school, or see visitors if you are sick.
- ❑ Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or clothing, and wash hands afterwards
- ❑ Avoid being near to people who are sick
- ❑ Washing your hands often and covering coughs and sneezes will do more to protect you from the virus than a mask.
- ❑ If you are sharing food, use utensils to serve the food and keep your personal spoon, fork, or chopsticks separate to avoid transmission through saliva.

What should I do if I think I could have coronavirus?

- ❑ If you start to experience mild symptoms, then stay at home and call Healthline for advice: 0800 611 116. Interpreters are available on request.
- ❑ If you start to experience **more severe symptoms** arrange to see a doctor urgently. Call ahead and mention your travel history. Difficulty breathing requires immediate medical attention and can be a sign of pneumonia.

Where can I find more information?

Information is updated regularly on the [Ministry of Health website](#)



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## 新型冠状病毒重点须知

虽然我们仍在进一步了解这种新病毒 ——

但我们明确知道该病毒在新西兰传播的风险非常低

在多大程度上需要担心？

- 在新西兰感染冠状病毒的可能性非常低。
- 您基本上不可能在街上行走时感染病毒。
- 冠状病毒与流感一样具有传染性，并且症状相似：发烧，咳嗽和呼吸急促。您只有在感染者附近时才有可能被传染。大多数人是从家人，同事或共同相处过一段时间的人那里感染病毒的。
- 如果有人被怀疑或证实感染了病毒，该人将不得在社区内四处走动——他们将被隔离。他们的家人和可能受到感染的任何人也将被要求留在家里。

冠状病毒有多严重？

- 受到感染的人在增加（大部分在中国），但只有少数冠状病毒感染者死亡
- 大多数人的病情为轻度至中度并伴有类似流感症状
- 各个年龄段的人都会受到感染，但老年人和健康状况不佳的人似乎最有可能病情严重。

我如何保护自己和家人？

每个人都应该像防止流感病毒一样保护自己免受病毒感染：

- 勤洗手或使用免水洗洁手液，这是避免该疾病的最佳方法
- 与患有其他疾病一样，生病时请勿上班或上学，或接待访客
- 咳嗽和打喷嚏时用纸巾或衣服遮盖，然后洗手
- 避免靠近生病的人
- 勤洗手以及在咳嗽和打喷嚏时遮盖比口罩更能保护您免受病毒侵害
- 如果您要共享食物，请使用餐具盛放食物，并使用各自的汤匙，叉子或筷子，以免通过唾液传播如果认为自己可能感染了冠状病毒该怎么办？
- 如果您开始出现轻度症状，请留在家中并致电健康热线（Healthline）寻求建议：0800 611 116。若您要求可以提供口译人员。

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- 如果您开始出现**更严重的症状**，请马上去看医生。提前打电话告知他们您的旅行记录。呼吸困难需要立即就医，这可能是肺炎的一个征兆。

#### 哪里可以找到更多信息？

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