

Newsletter – Week 3, Term 1 18 February 2020

Kia ora Whanau

*“Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with Your spirit and life” John Bunyan*



Last Friday our newly elected House Captains and Vice Captains hosted assembly. These children were selected by their peers who have clearly chosen well. I was very impressed as the Vice Captains delivered their first speech to the school with clarity, humour and confidence. I am looking forward to working closely with our young leaders this year.

This Friday we will come together as a community to have some fun in the sun with our annual PTFA Family Picnic. Our teachers will all be there and will be introduced around 6:00pm so it will be a nice time to catch up in a less formal environment and for newer parents to put a face to a name.

We are looking forward to our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) week next week. Year 6 children will leave for their camp at Hunua Falls on Monday. The children are very excited, and their teachers have been working hard to prepare them for this experience. Please keep our children, their teachers and the parent helpers in your prayers for a safe and fun filled camp adventure.

Our Year 4 and 5 children will have two days of offsite outdoor activities including surfing at Orewa Beach and Outdoor Pursuits at the AUT Millennium Institute plus a sleepover either at Kelly Tarlton's or Late Night at school. Years 1 to 3 will be involved in various activities both at and away from school, including a trip to Long Bay Regional Park. To volunteer for trips and to pay for EOTC Week please sign into your Kindo account as soon as possible.

Our Year 6 children will return on Friday, 28th February at approximately 1.30pm subject to traffic conditions.

Due to EOTC week and classes being out on camp and trips, there will be no newsletter next week.

Viki Trainor – Principal

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
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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.



**THIS 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!

FAMILY – WHANAU PRAYER KETES



Each class has their own special Prayer Kete. The Prayer Kete is a special way for you to pray together as a family. Included in each Prayer Kete are items that your child may choose to use to assist with praying at home. Some items include: Rosary beads, a cross, a prayer book and a prayer cloth. There are some suggestions of things to do inside your class prayer book. Please ensure that the Prayer Kete is looked after and all items are returned to school.



LIBRARY NEWS

We are very keen to grow our global selection of books and any good children's foreign language books. If you have any you would be willing to donate, or any suggestions of titles that we could purchase please contact Chantelle Dunn at Library@sjmb.school.nz

ROSMINI AND CARMEL ENROLMENT 2020 – preference certificates



We are aware that your application forms for Rosmini and Carmel are due in relatively soon. As you know, enrolments must be accompanied by a preference certificate signed by the parish priest. To assist with this, Father Raphael has kindly agreed to come to Room 6 after school on Wednesday, 19th February to sign the white preference forms to accompany your applications.



Forms must be filled in and your child's baptism certificate presented.

If you are unable to make it, you may send your completed enrolment form and baptism certificate to school in a named envelope, and we will present these to him at the time. In absentia forms such as this would only be signed provided the baptism document of the child is attached, as that is what Father Raphael is attesting to (e.g. Criteria 5.1).

Father would appreciate for you to be present in person if your child is applying under any other criteria.

Nga mihi, Claire Taylor

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 3rd March. The conference times will be from 1.00 – 2.50pm, 3.30 – 5.20pm; and 6.20 – 7.50pm. **Classes will finish at 12.00 on this day and you are asked to make arrangements to pick your child(ren) up at this time. School buses will not be available.**

Conference Focus These conferences are for parents and caregivers **only** and will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and share information about your child with them. Teachers will take the opportunity to explain any particular procedures and/or expectations relating to their classrooms and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you have.

The conference will be 10 minutes in length and a bell will indicate the end. Please be on time. If, after 10 minutes, you feel further time is required with the teacher than please arrange another appointment.

To Book a Conference

- **Bookings will be open from 9.00am, tomorrow, Wednesday, 19th February**
 - Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **ppf4n** (it is case sensitive)
 - An email confirming the time of your conference(s) will be sent directly to the email address entered at the time of booking.
 - If you do not have internet access please contact the school office Tel: 09 478 7734 or via email on office@sjmb.school.nz and they can make a booking on your behalf.
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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/>



LOST



Brand new Hannah's brand sandal lost / muddled up last Wednesday, 5th February, only worn for one week and 3 days, as per picture. Child currently wearing mismatching sized pair.

Please check your children's shoes and ensure they are clearly named.

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Harrison Bage (Cricket) **ALSO TO... Isla Lumsden-Blincoe** (Gymnastics)

PARISH NEWS

We are collecting blessed palms from Palm Sunday 2019 to burn for Ash Wednesday masses on February 26th, St John's Church at 9.15am and St Francis at 7.00pm. Please drop into the basket in the church foyer.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mid-Bays Music School 2020 enrolments. Our highly qualified tutors make learning music relevant and enjoyable. Any enquiries, please email Meryann Kim: meryann.kim@mbi.school.nz Group lessons open to 6-12 year olds but there are age requirements for some instruments.

Cost: Music tuition for \$150 - \$250 for the whole year. (This does NOT include the instrument hire)

When: Weekdays after school or Saturday mornings

Where: Murrays Bay Intermediate School

Instruments offered: Saxophone, Drums, Bass, Guitar, Ukulele, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard, Trumpet, Trombone, Recorder, Flute, Violin, Viola and Cello

Netball Coaching The Westlake Girls Premier Netball Squad are holding two 3 hour coaching sessions on Sunday, 23rd February to fundraise for their upcoming tour to Melbourne in April. These sessions will be run by their coach, former Silver Fern, April Leremia, 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.

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 or email info@pform.nz



YMCA Junior Basketball Leagues Years 3 – 4 and 5 – 6 Registrations close Monday, 2nd March. Email 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





Marist N.H. Rugby Club

**J7 & J8 Rippa
FREE FEES!***

RUGBY & RIPPA!

Calling all Juniors to sign up for the 2020 Season!

Come and join our friendly, family-oriented Club with the Catholic connection. Great Fun For 5 year olds and up.

**J1 - J6 Tackle | J7 - J8 Rippa | Boys U9 Rippa, Girls U9 Rippa
Boys U11, U13 Rip Rugby, Girls U11, U13, U15 Rip Rugby**



Come and join these St John's kids at Marist this season!

To register, go to www.maristnh.co.nz. Then attend one of the below Registration Days for weigh-in, fee payment, gear orders.

~~Thu 13th Feb, 4.30pm - 7pm~~
~~Fri 14th Feb, 4.30pm - 7pm~~
~~Sat 15th Feb, 10am - 2pm~~

Thu 20th Feb, 4.30pm - 7pm
Fri 21st Feb, 4.30pm - 7pm
Sat 22nd Feb, 10am - 2pm

At Marist North Harbour Rugby Club, Stadium Drive, Albany

info@maristnh.co.nz | www.maristnh.co.nz

*Free J7 & J8 fees includes Club fees & t-shirt. A \$25 Union fee still applies.