

Newsletter – Week 6, Term 2

19 May 2020

Kia Ora Whanau



“God has blessed you with the ability to achieve your goals, the courage to pursue your dreams and the faith to believe in His promises.”

Yesterday was like coming back to school after the Christmas holidays...only better.

During lockdown our staff started to wear flowers in their hair when we came together for our Zoom meetings (a Mrs Mountjoy initiative). So, on Monday morning, with flowers in our hair, we welcomed our beautiful children back onsite.

The children, staff and I were buzzing with excitement. It felt so good to see the joy on the faces of the children as they reconnected with their friends, their teachers and their school.

This week will be about settling our children (and our staff) back into school. We understand that for some, coming back to school after lockdown will prove challenging, therefore, we are going to have fun!

We want the children to remember that school is a great, safe place to be. The children will be learning through a variety of activities that will promote social and emotional learning and wellbeing.

I acknowledge that lockdown will have had its ups and downs for parents also. Be kind to yourselves, regardless of what you perceive others to have done better, you have done a great job, the best job for your family, so now be sure to treat yourself to coffee and cake, you deserve it.

There is much talk about the positive aspects of the lockdown on family life and I agree. Personally, I was forced to slow down and breathe and that was good and necessary for Glenn and me. However, I also know that for many there has been financial, health and relationship stress because of lockdown. If you find yourself and/or your family in this position, please know that my door is open for you and I will do whatever I can to help. We are the St John's family and family stick together.

Viki Trainor – Principal

HAUORA WELLBEING

As a community we are all experiencing challenges at present – within our families, our learning environments, our businesses and the wider community. Some challenges may seem overwhelming but there are many organisations and resources that can help us.

Mentemia is an app that coaches mental wellbeing. It was established by Sir John Kirwan and is available free to download.

Check out <https://www.mentemia.com/nz/home> if you think you or someone you love could benefit from some support.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

All school photographs; classroom, individual, sibling and sports teams, will now be held on **Wednesday, 28th October 2020**. More information regarding ordering photos will be given closer to the date.

SCHOOL DENTAL VAN



The mobile Dental Van was due be on site at St John's before the end of Term 1 to examine children who were **due** to be seen. We have not been informed of a new date as yet. If you have any queries, please address them directly to our local Dental Clinic (Motutapu TDU situated at Murrays Bay Primary School) on Tel: 09 838 1761.

NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

You are reminded that applications for New Entrant enrolment for next year (2021) will close on 31st August. Children applying for enrolment after applications have closed for the forthcoming year will not be considered until the following year, unless vacancies still exist on the roll after all previous applications have been accepted. If you have not yet made application for a New Entrant enrolment for 2021 then please email Michele Nash (MicheleN@sjmb.school.nz) for the application forms. Confirmation, or otherwise, of New Entrant enrolment will be posted to all applicants by mid-September. We currently have a closed roll and spaces for 2021 will be limited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome to Term 2 onsite! Driving over the hill to school yesterday, I saw the school warmed with the healthy glow of the sun, I felt so appreciative that we could return to some sense of normality with the children. The joy in their faces when meeting up with their classmates was priceless!

The Rangitoto Team will continue to learn about Jesus. In their study of Jesus the children will gain an understanding, appropriate to their year level, of Jesus. They will focus on the knowledge that Jesus is God, fully human and fully divine – the second Person of the Trinity. The children will learn about Jesus as Mātāmua – firstborn, and tuakana – eldest brother of all, whose life is a model for all Christians.

The Waitemata Team have been learning about the Holy Spirit. In their study of the Holy Spirit, Te Wairua Tapu, the children will gain and apply knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values to understand and integrate into their lives.

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.

On the 21st May we celebrate the Feast of The Ascension of Jesus Christ.



Dear Lord Jesus Christ,

Right before Your Ascension into Heaven, You told Your apostles to be witnesses to the ends of the Earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread Your Gospel message in word and deed, according to Your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with Your help, Your guidance, and Your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where You are seated at the right hand of God the Father! Amen.

On the 31st May we celebrate Pentecost: The birth of the Church.

Ma te atua e manaaki,
Suzanne Zaisluik – Director of Religious Studies

COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. **AMEN.**

CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM

There is currently a uniform amnesty as we appreciate that it may not have been possible for all families to purchase new items that may be required. However, please could all children be in full winter uniform as soon as possible and **no later than 1st June**, after Queen's Birthday Weekend.

If you are having any problems sourcing uniform please do contact the school or our **Second Hand Uniform** co-ordinator Mrs Francine Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279.

WINTER:

Tunic:	Drop waist and pleated skirt
Shirt:	Freight blue polo shirt
Jumper:	Kingfisher blue V-necked jumper or school polar fleece
Shoes:	Black lace up or T-bar and black knee-length socks.
Ribbons:	Blue or brown
Shorts	Charcoal grey or blue shorts and freight blue polo shirt
Jumper:	Kingfisher blue V-necked jumper or school polar fleece
Shoes:	Black knee-length socks and black shoes

School Winter Shoes When purchasing these, please buy conventional leather school shoes, lace up, buckle or velcro fastening. Ankle boots and black trainers are not part of our school uniform.

Two reminders:

- All children should have their full St John's PE gear at school Monday to Friday every week.
- If children wish to play on the grass field during the lunch break in Terms 2 & 3 they need to bring a change of mufti clothing.

RECYCLING AND SUSTAINABILITY



Last year, one of our old Year 6 students, Zach Walpert, told the school about an initiative to recycle broken and old pens. All gel pens, normal pens, mechanical pencils, white-out or 'Twink' pens can be recycled.

We will be supporting this initiative again this year, so if you come across any old or broken pens, bring them to Room 6 and pop them in the box for recycling. Thank you!

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/>



TENNIS – Expressions of Interest by Friday, 22nd May

We have been approached by Mairangi Bay Tennis Club seeking expressions of interest for a five week after school 'Introduction to Tennis' programme. The one hour sessions would potentially start on Thursday, 4th June for five weeks finishing on Thursday, 2nd July. Start time of the sessions is dependent on current age, 5yrs – 7yrs starting at 3.15pm, 8yrs – 10yrs starting at 4.15pm. Dependent on demand (minimum of 5 children) the club has offered to co-ordinate a Walking Bus at the end of the school day to the club, pick up by caregivers at the end of the session from 11 Ramsgate Terrace, Mairangi Bay. Cost \$20 - \$25 per session tbc. Contact Sports@sjmb.school.nz to express an interest or for more information.

**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.