

Newsletter – Week 7, Term 2 26 May 2020

Kia ora whanau,

A very hearty congratulations to my staff and my children for an incredibly successful first week back after lockdown. The reports from the teachers have been so positive, in fact, several have commented that this was one of the best weeks they could remember. All seemed so happy to be back at school.

Staying at Level Two

Whilst we miss seeing our parents around the school, the drop off and pick is working well. I have been on duty at our front entrance on Penzance Road. I have loved watching big sisters and brothers care for their younger siblings as they hold their hands and support them to their classrooms. I would also like to thank our Year six leaders for their support of our younger students. I was amazed at the tenacity of little Cora Shearer, who had only been at school for two days and was determined to walk herself to her classroom and did so successfully. Teachers have remarked on how independent and resilient our children are.

Thank you, parents for all the effort you have put into developing these important characteristics in your children.

Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Due to these unprecedented times, we will not be having onsite Parent/Teacher conferences this term but do hope that Student Led Conferences will go ahead later in the year. If you wish to share any information about your child's learning and wellbeing during lockdown, our teachers will find this very valuable in supporting your child and their learning. Please feel free to email your child's teacher to share any information, or to arrange a time for a phone call.

Viki Trainor – Principal

CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM

I do understand that it may be taking a little time for children to have 100% correct uniform, however, as mentioned in last week's newsletter, full uniform is expected as of next week. I have noted a rise in children wearing sports shoes. These are not correct uniform. Please refer below for correct uniform description.

I would appreciate you reminding your child, as we will, that we wear the St John's uniform with pride. Shirts are tucked in and socks are pulled up. Long hair is tied back with the appropriate colour hair tie. This always applies when wearing St John's uniform.

If, for some reason your child is temporarily unable to wear the correct uniform please provide a note of explanation to the class teacher. Your support in maintaining our high standard is appreciated

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:

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| 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.



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.

If money is a worry for you right now then visit Work and Income NZ (WINZ) at <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/> . This government agency can provide financial assistance for employees or the self- employed via the wage subsidy scheme. There is also financial assistance for employers and businesses via the business finance guarantee scheme, by way of loan, or changes to the way tax can be paid.

There is WINZ support too, even if you are working, for one off costs including assistance with accommodation, household payments, work and training, medical and dental expenses etc.

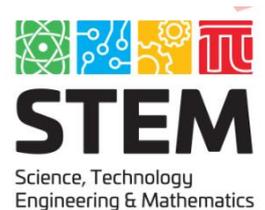
And if you are not working, WINZ can provide ongoing support with various payments including the jobseeker, accommodation supplement and winter energy payment. There is support available for childcare costs, children with disabilities and sole parent support. Please don't be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. If you have never had to ask for financial support before, you may need to do so now. This agency is there to provide support until you are back on your feet again.

1) 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.

ROSMINI and CARMEL ORIENTATION for 2021 students has been changed to Friday, 13th November.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths)

St John's is excited to be starting STEM activities, led by Mrs Blind who is looking for the following items.



Old small appliances (not working). If you have any old small appliances we would love to tinker with them at school. Toasters, kettles, keyboards, phones, hinges... things with screws that we can pull apart. Also, if you have any screwdrivers, pliers, nuts, bolts, washers, screws, we would love those too.

Boxes: Please also collect your small to medium cardboard boxes (nothing bigger than cereal box size), for example toothpaste, soap, muesli bar boxes.

These items can be delivered to Room 13 (next to the Library) before or after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

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@stjohnsmairangibay.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.

CONGRATULATIONS Olivia Dahya (Swimming)

PARISH NEWS

Foodbank: Our stores are quite low. The items we are in need of are: Pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, rice, soup and tinned spaghetti. We are most grateful for the donations of food from the Parish. Without this we could not operate the Foodbank for our needy families.

Sacramental Program ECB Update

Reconciliation pre lockdown had only the rehearsal and the sacrament to complete. I will send an update when we know more about our gathering numbers. After meeting with Fr. Raphael we have decided to cancel

Confirmation in 2020: More information will be given asap. I am hoping that **First Holy Communion** will remain as scheduled, although I am not sure what form it will take.





SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK



Tālofa! Susū mai! Afio mai! Maliu mai! Welcome to our Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa – Sāmoan Language Week (Sunday, 24 May – Saturday, 30 May 2020)

The purpose of Sāmoan Language Week is to maintain and promote the language and culture of Samoa. Gagana Sāmoa is the second most spoken language in Auckland, and the third most spoken language across New Zealand. This special week helps all New Zealanders journey towards shared cultural understandings.

This year's theme is Tapena sou ōso mo lau malaga' which in English means 'Prepare yourself a gift for your travels'.

This year's theme urges us to prepare for the journey ahead. It highlights the need to honour, respect and share the gifts of our life's journey.

A great way of being involved is to try and use some Samoan phrases. Try to incorporate some of these each day this week.

Tautalaga o Aso Uma fasi

- Tālofa**
Good morning.
Good afternoon. Hello, etc
- Tālofa lava**
Greetings indeed
- O ā mai oe?**
How are you?
- Tofā**
See you
- Manuia fa' afetai**
Fine, thank you
- Tofā soifua**
Good-bye
- Fa**
Bye
- Tofā loa**
So long

Tautalaga o Aso Uma lua

- O lo'u igoa**
My name is ...
- O lo'u tuātusi**
My address is ...
- Fa'afetai**
Thank you
- Fa'afetai tele**
Thank you very much
- E leai fa'afetai**
No, thank you
- loe, ī, ua lelei**
Yes
Yeah
Okay
All right
- Fa'amolemole**
Please
- Leai**
No

Tautalaga o Aso Uma tolu

- Ou te le malamala**
I don't understand
- Tulou lava**
Excuse me
- Sei toe fai mai lava**
I beg your pardon
- O le ā lenei mea?**
What is this?
- Fa'amalie atu ou te le toe faia**
Sorry, I won't do it again
- O le ā lenā mea?**
What is that?
- O ai? Le fea? Fa'apefea?**
Who? Which? How?
- 'Aisea? Afea? O fea?**
Why? When? Where?

Fa'aleoga o le Gagana Sāmoa – Basic pronunciation tips

Gagana Sāmoa (Sāmoan language) has five vaueli (vowels): a, e, i, o, u

These vaueli have the same pronunciation as other Pacific languages, including te reo Māori (Māori language). Vaueli can be short or long (the long vowel sound is indicated with a macron).

a, e, i, o, u (as in the English: are, there, three or two)

ā, ē, ī, ō, ū (as in the English: father, egg, feet, thought, loot)

It is important that the short and long vowel sounds are used, as they distinguish between different words – e.g. ava (respect) verses āvā (wife).

Gagana Sāmoa has thirteen konesane (consonants): f, g, l, m, n, p, s, t, v, h, k, r and ['] (glottal stop)

The consonants are pronounced like in English, except for the letter 'g'. In Sāmoan, you need to put a 'n' sound in front of 'g' – making it a 'nga' sound, as in te reo Māori, or the 'ng' sound from the English word 'song'.

Another great way of being involved in Sāmoan Language Week is to share stories about the culture and language of Sāmoa. Click the following link to access a story about an important Sāmoan tradition- [White Sunday in Sāmoa](#).



Monday, 18 May 2020

To our community

Now we are in **COVID-19 Alert Level 2** we wanted to let you know about the services that will be available from the Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service).

We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes. This means that routine appointment may be delayed.

Some of our dental clinics will be open to offer appointments to children with urgent dental care needs. Our staff will be in contact with the parent or caregiver of any child who requires an urgent appointment.

If a child is in pain, or if you have an immediate concern about a child's teeth, please ask the parent or caregiver to phone **0800 TALK TEETH** to speak to one of our therapists. The therapist will be able to give advice and may arrange an appointment for the child if needed.

We have asked parents and caregivers not to come to the clinics if they do not have an appointment booked. This is because we require all children and their parents/caregivers to answer COVID-19 screening questions before they come for an appointment.

If you have any queries, please phone the Clinical Team Leader in your area (contact details provided below). If you have any unresolved concerns contact Operations Manager Patsy Prior (021 571 620) or Acting Clinical Director Dr. Kirsten Miller (021 968 346).

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

Kind regards,
The Children's Community Dental Service.

| Geographical area | Clinical Team Leader | Contact number |
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| Avondale, Royal Oak, Blockhouse Bay, Mt Roskill and Sandringham | Louise Taberner | 021 467 170 |
| Balmoral, Ponsonby, Greenlane, Orakei, Waiheke and Great Barrier | Thoma Cullum | 021 968 722 |
| Glen Innes, Mt Wellington, Otahuhu, Point England and Stonefields | Beryl Linton | 021 968 505 |
| Silverdale, Whangaparoa, Warkworth, Wellsford, Forrest Hill and East Coast Bays | Roberta Blair-Stilwell | 021 719 181 |
| Glenfield, Albany, Birkenhead, Belmont and Takapuna | Vikky Jang | 021 968 975 |
| Westgate, Helensville, Henderson, West Harbour, Swanson and Ranui | Carlene Stirling | 021 968 415 |
| New Lynn, Glen Eden, Kelston, Edmonton, Te Atatu and Titirangi | Moka Toimata-Hadjmahfoud | 021 968 902 |
| Pukekohe, Papakura, Franklin and Waiuku | Karyn Thwaites-Valter | 021 968 422 |
| Manurewa and Browns Road | Adrienne Rollo | 021 968 729 |
| Otara, Puhinui and Flatbush | Adrienne Rollo | 021 968 729 |
| Botany, Howick and Pakuranga | Francisca Cheneka | 021 192 9824 |
| Mangere and Papatoetoe | Lyn Henry | 021 968 587 |