



**Week 7, Term 3**  
**1 September 2020**

# NEWSLETTER

## Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoani The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whanau

*"Let your light shine for others so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"*

Matthew 5:16

It is with great pleasure that I welcome our children back to school. I wish to also thank families for supporting the children with their home learning. After spending Level 3 alone in my quiet office it is so nice to hear the children shrieking with laughter as they play outside my window. I had a particularly lovely experience on Monday morning while on gate duty when I welcomed one of my Year 3 boys back to school by saying *"It's so good to see your smiling face."* He replied *"that's because I love school so much."* He really made my day.

Unfortunately, many extracurricular events have had to be postponed or cancelled. As well as the health guidelines from the government, it is also the uncertainty around these events that is of concern. Very sadly, our Senior School Production, our school Gala and several sporting events have fallen victim to Covid-19.

We have made the very hard decision not to perform our production live this year. Our teachers are so sad and I know our students and families will be too. We are now looking towards filming the production so that the children and their families can still have the experience.

Below you will read a message from our PTFA explaining the decision regarding the Gala. As I was present at this meeting, I can assure you that it was a very difficult decision for this hard working, dedicated team to make. For me, the Gala is more than a fundraiser, rather a fantastic time for the community to come together and have fun. This is what I will miss most this year. However, I know a lot of people have greater concerns than this due to the effects of Covid-19, so I will be looking forward to Gala 2021 instead!

There are changes to some sporting events and Mrs Dorrington, our Sports Coordinator will keep you informed about these.

God's blessings on you all,  
Viki Trainor – Principal



### FROM THE PTFA

Unfortunately, due to ongoing COVID-19 uncertainties, we have made the difficult and sad decision to cancel the St John's School Twilight Gala for 2020. This includes the calendar raffle.

The parent's social night, scheduled for the 18th September, cannot currently go ahead as planned because of existing Level 2.5 restrictions.

The PTFA are really focussed on creating some alternative community gatherings when that becomes possible, so if you have any ideas you'd like to float, post them to the Facebook page or come along to the next meeting - watch out for the date!



## DAFFODIL DAY

This has always been a special day for us at St. John's, but due to lockdown we did not celebrate it as we usually do. This Friday we will mark Daffodil Day as a school to raise money for The Cancer Society.

The children are asked to come dressed with a splash yellow (big or small) and are encouraged to bring a gold coin.

The Cancer Society provides a wide range of support services for cancer patients and their families, the promotion of healthy lifestyles, prevention and early detection of cancers, and the provision of information and resources to school and public libraries. The Cancer Society offer support to people with cancer and their families/whānau during this difficult time. They provide a cancer information helpline so people can talk with trained health professionals.



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

There would normally have been a second hand uniform sale this Thursday in our school hall. Due to Auckland being at Alert Level 2.5 this will not be going ahead.

For any specific needs please contact our parent co-ordinator Mrs Francine Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279, Email: [fkgilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:fkgilchrist@gmail.com)



## 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.

After lockdown two, things might be more difficult on the budget at home and at work. Don't forget that Work and Income NZ can assist with a variety of payments that you, your family or employer may now be eligible for.

There are 3 different payments available to employers affected by Covid-19 (the Wage Subsidy Extension, the Leave Support Scheme, and the Resurgence Wage Subsidy).

Applications for the Wage Subsidy Extension close at 11.59pm tonight (1 September 2020) so make sure you apply today if you think your business might qualify.

If you lose your job because of Covid-19 between 1 March and 30 October 2020 you may be eligible for the Income Relief Payment.

For more information look at [www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/index.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/index.html)

There is a lot of useful advice and information available on their website.

Please don't be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. If you have never had to think about paying your bills or sticking to a budget, you may need to do so now.

Kupu o te Wiki

## WORD OF THE WEEK

mihi

To greet, a greeting



## WATER BOTTLES

We ask that all children bring a water bottle to school as our drinking fountains remain switched off. These can be refilled in the classrooms.

## DOGS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

We love nothing more than to meet new furry additions to our school community, however, our school policy is that dogs and other animals are not allowed on site without permission (please see Viki or Marina) and dogs must be on a lead at all times.



We thank you for co-operating with this health and safety measure.



## NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

PE gear should be brought to school on Monday and remain until Friday. If it needs to go home for sport, please ensure it is returned the next day.

## LIBRARY NEWS

In light of our current situation, we will sadly be postponing our wonderful Book Fair until 2021.

However, we are lucky enough to be fully engaged with the Scholastic Lucky Book Club which has fabulous books available for your children's reading pleasure.

  
**Book Club LOOP**

**The most fantastic news is.... Issue 6 is out** and available to order from now. Filled with wonderful new titles and splashed across the front is DOGMAN #9 Grime and Punishment, such a favourite series with so many children!

Please go ahead placing your orders as you normally would through Scholastic LOOP... your books will be delivered to our school. Please place your orders by **4pm 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

Flyers for Issue 6 will come home with your children as soon as possible so please look out for them in your children's bags. Alternatively, feel free to visit the link below and click on the issue you wish to purchase from.

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

Some of the books available in Issue 6

## EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK

### OUR VALUE BOOKS FOR THIS ISSUE

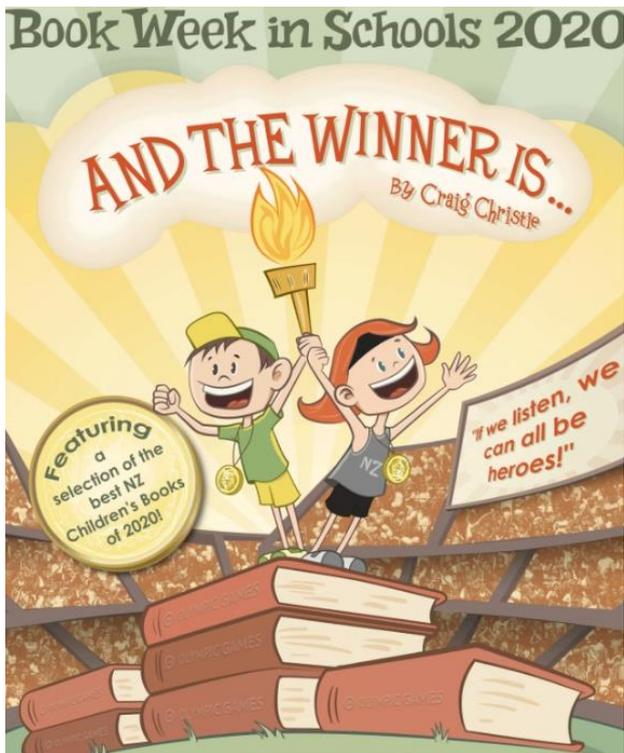
Each issue we offer quality VALUE BOOKS because we believe every child deserves the chance to take home a great book and experience independent reading for pleasure.



Jules O'Malley our Scholastic Territory Manager is available to assist if you have problems, Tel: 029 968 983 or the lovely customer care team on Tel: 0800 266525.

Thank you for your wonderful support and we will see you all again soon.

## AND THE WINNER IS...



The performance for all of the students called “And The Winner is...” scheduled for during this recent lockdown has been rescheduled. This will be a wonderful **live theatre opportunity for all our students**.

This performance combines a love of reading and books with a celebration of diversity in a production that features the best 2020 New Zealand Children’s Books.

The live theatre performance will now take place on the afternoon of **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November** in the School Hall. Your child will watch a selection of the best New Zealand Children’s Books come to life, encouraging students to engage with reading in an active and energetic manner and reinforcing the idea of inclusiveness and celebration of endeavour rather than competitive results.

Payment for this performance should be made via Kindo as soon as possible. The cost for this special experience for our students is \$5.50 per head. [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)

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## CANS FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be participating again in the annual Cans for Christmas Drive. This is normally held in September but this year has been shifted until October.

More information will follow in the newsletter at the beginning of Term 4.



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## FROM THE PARISH



## BAPTISM PREPARATION.

For parents wanting their first child baptised. The Course will be held at St John’s Church, Tuesdays, September 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm. Attendance at a preparation course is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their first child baptised. Email Liz in the office. [Liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:Liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz)

## GARDENERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteer gardeners for both churches but more so St John’s where a few of our volunteers have moved away from the area or have had to retire for health reasons. The remaining volunteer gardening team need help to maintain our gardens. This should only be 1 -2 hrs /wk if we get enough people to come forward. Please email the [office@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@ecbcatholic.org.nz) with your details and which Church you can help at.

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## PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **After School Science & Tech classes, Ages 5 – 13yrs**

Brain Play coding, robotics, and 3D printing classes. After-school, weekend, and holiday courses. Holidays on sale now! Free trials available. Ages 5+. Email us for more information on [info@brainplay.co.nz](mailto:info@brainplay.co.nz) or see [brainplay.co.nz](http://brainplay.co.nz)."

### **Play Cricket with East Coast Bays Cricket Club**

Registrations for the cricket season are now open. Please register online at [eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz](http://eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz)

East Coast Bays Cricket Club is one of the largest clubs on Auckland's North Shore, providing cricket for all ages and all levels. The Club is focused on fun, teamwork and performance providing children of all skill levels a chance to learn the game in an enjoyable competitive environment. We cater for all children's cricket from Year 1 through to Year 8, both girls and boys. The uniform comprises of a club polo shirt, club shorts or trousers, and club cap or wide-brimmed hat, which are available from Players Sports online or at their Newmarket shop.

The Club provides all playing equipment required, although you are welcome to use your own. Please contact the Club for more information at [ecbayscricket@gmail.com](mailto:ecbayscricket@gmail.com)

**The Conscious Kids Social Enterprise** is inviting your children to a 100% play-in-nature school holiday programme.

Nature play free has proven physical, emotional and social health benefits. Our supervised programme allows kids to lead their own activities - mudslides, tree climbing, puddle splashing, hammock and hut building etc. Apart from the obvious safety restrictions and respect framework, there are few instructions for kids. Our number 1 'rule' is to have fun! Staff are present for supervision and support, but children follow their innate 'readiness meter' to make their own decisions before getting involved in any new situation. Such child-led play enhances creativity, problem-solving, communication (including listening!), collaboration and many other 21st century skills.

The programme will during the two weeks of the Spring Holidays (29th Sep - 1st Oct and 6th - 8th Oct), at a cost of \$65/child per day. Daily programmes run from 9 am to 4 pm and are designed for children aged 5 - 12 yrs old. For booking and more information, please visit <http://www.consciouskids.co.nz>

### **Torbay Sailing Club - Learn to Sail**

Ages 9 to 13 yrs, Cost: \$400 per person includes season membership and boat hire for the duration of course. To find out more and to register visit [www.torbaysailing.club/LTS](http://www.torbaysailing.club/LTS) Email: [LTS@torbaysailingclub.org.nz](mailto:LTS@torbaysailingclub.org.nz). Various dates available.

# WRITE like an AUTHOR

## Holiday Writing Camp

Are you a word warrior?  
Do you love writing?  
Have you ever thought that maybe one day  
you'd like to be an author? Or do you just enjoy  
making up stories for friends?

If you'd like to have a book published  
there are more opportunities for you now  
than ever before and this course will give  
you the skills and techniques you need  
to write awesome stories.

### Who is it for?

This course is for middle-grade students  
who are enthusiastic about writing.

### What will I Learn?

Write Like an Author will teach you the  
skills you need to construct well crafted,  
imaginative stories.

Working alongside a published author,  
you will be taken on a guided journey at  
the end of which is a story you have  
created entirely from scratch.

It's the first step on your own road  
to becoming a published author.

### Course Book

The course book  
covers each day's  
material, along  
with worksheets  
and exercises to  
help you reach the  
next level in your writing.



### Where? When?

**Kristin School**

360 Albany Highway, Albany

29 Sep to 1 Oct  
2020

### Who?

The camp  
facilitator is:

**Melinda Szymanik**

Melinda Szymanik is an award winning  
author of picture books and novels  
including *Fuzzy Doodle* and *A Winters Day*  
in 1939.



**Andy Griffiths**  
says

*"I wish this camp had been  
around when I was a young  
writer. Storytelling is a craft  
and the more you learn, the  
more fun you can have!"*



### The Course

Write Like an Author  
was developed by  
award-winning author  
and writing coach **Brian Falkner**  
in consultation with English teachers.  
It has been tested and proven over  
many years in classrooms in Australia,  
New Zealand and the USA.



### Students say

*"The best thing was having an author  
supporting us all the way."*

- James (11) - Lindisfarne Grammar School camp

*"I loved meeting other young authors and learning  
awesome techniques that will help my writing."*

- Gabriella (14) - Immanuel Lutheran College camp

*"It made writing easier for me and explained  
aspects of stories I didn't really understand."*

- Anna (12) - Southwell School camp

for more information go to:  
[writelikeanauthor.com](http://writelikeanauthor.com)