



Week 10, Term 3  
22 September 2020

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whanau,

The end of the term is fast approaching and what an interesting term it has been. We have been surrounded by change, nothing is certain and yet our school continues to be a place of happiness and joy for our staff and children. For this we count our blessings.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday with your gorgeous children.

## Kahui Ako News

I have recently been employed by the Ministry of Education to co-lead our Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) with Chris Allen, Principal of Carmel College. I am very excited about this opportunity for our children and our school.

"It takes a village to raise a child", an African proverb that makes so much sense to me. St John's made the decision to join the North Shore Catholic Kahui Ako almost 4 years ago and the collegiality and professional learning has been so valuable for our teachers and for our children. The other schools in this group are Carmel, Rosmini, St Joseph's, St Mary's, Stella Maris and St Leo's.

My role as Principal of St John's is my passion and priority, and this new addition to my portfolio will only take a small amount of extra time. I am blessed to have an incredibly capable Deputy Principal in Miss Binns and a strong leadership team.

I look forward to continuing to work with the other North Shore Catholic Principals and supporting our very passionate and committed Across School and Within School Leaders, as together, our seven Catholic schools strive to ensure the very best learning opportunities for all of our tamariki.

God bless,  
Viki Trainor  
Principal



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Assuming Auckland will be at Alert Level 1, these conferences will be onsite. School will finish at 12 noon and conferences will begin at 1:00pm. There will be no school buses running. Bookings will be available every 10 minutes.

**Bookings made for the previous conferences are unable to be transferred. Please make a new booking.**

These conferences are an opportunity for you to catch up with your child's teacher(s) to discuss their progress and achievement, their next steps and any queries you have. If you wish, you may bring your child along for a three way conference, or you can come along to meet 1-1 with the teachers.

**Bookings can be made online** at [schoolinterviews.co.nz](https://schoolinterviews.co.nz) with our case sensitive code being **7wfrw**



Thank you to everyone who completed our recent Future Together survey. We really appreciate and value your feedback. Your positive comments about how you value being part of the school community were heart warming.

I wanted to share with you a few findings from this survey. You told us that your children feel safe at school and they enjoy being part of St John's School and that our school has a good reputation in the community and we are really proud of this.

You also told us that some of you don't feel well informed about the progress that your child is making, and we would like to find out a bit more about this. We will come back to you soon with another survey to get a little bit more detail about this topic, to highlight where we should be focusing in order to improve this. This is an area that we are working on as a staff and we value any comments and feedback you have to make.

We thank you once again for taking the time to respond and we look forward to keeping you updated with our progress!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Mrs Jill Marsh



### MISSION FAIR

Our Annual School Mission Fair will be on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** (Week 1, Term 4).

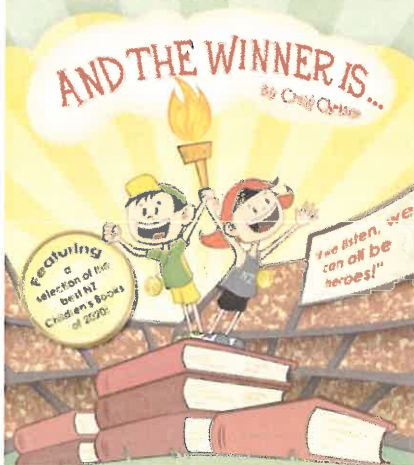
We begin our Mission Day Fair after morning tea – this includes games, activities and raffles prepared by the children for the children. They pay to participate in the games and for this they will need 10¢ and 20¢ coins. Please prepare for this as change is **not** available from the school office.

The children are encouraged to do little jobs at home, during the holidays, to earn money to bring and spend on the Mission Fair Day. Children are invited at the end of the fair to contribute 'left-over' money to the fundraising effort. Please feel free to speak to your children about the spirit of the day as being one of giving to others.

**Children can wear non-uniform during our Mission Day for a gold coin donation.  
There will be a sausage sizzle at lunchtime kindly sponsored by the PTFA. Sausages \$1.00**

Assistance is required for the Sausage Sizzle.  
Please email [rachobrien@ymail.com](mailto:rachobrien@ymail.com) if you are able to assist.

### Book Week in Schools 2020 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.

The live theatre performance will now take place on the afternoon of **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November** in the School Hall.

**For all year levels/students, 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)

## ABSENTEES

A reminder that if your child will not be attending school this should be notified to the school office. Absentees can be reported via our website and Skool Loop app or directly via Email to [office@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:office@sjmb.school.nz)

Medical absentees should be reported daily and absences for holidays should be reported in advance in writing to Viki Trainor at [vikit@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:vikit@sjmb.school.nz).



The blue lost property bin in our sick bay is overflowing with items of clothing, water bottles, sports balls etc.

We endeavour to return items that are clearly labelled, however, at the end of this term unnamed items left in the bin will be donated to the PTFA second hand uniforms for resale and all non-school clothing, footwear and other items will be donated to charity.

## REMINDERS

You are reminded that:

- School closes for Term 3 at the usual time on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September and re-opens on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.
- Week 3, Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October is Labour Day, a Public Holiday.

## HAUORA WELLBEING



School holidays are here again. Take a look at this for some fun activities including some free ones, in the heart of Auckland city

<https://heartofthecity.co.nz/activities/things-do-kids-auckland>

Or check out <https://www.totstoteens.co.nz/entertainment/43-free-family-friendly-activities-auckland/> for more than 40 free family friendly activities to do in Auckland.

School holidays provide an opportunity to recharge and reconnect in ways that do not cost a lot of money.



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

The changeover to summer uniform takes place from the beginning of Term 4. Due to the fluctuating weather there will be a period when either summer or winter uniform can be worn, however, all the children should be in summer uniform for the third week of Term 4, beginning after Labour Day on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Please note that for this optional period, the children should wear either the complete summer uniform or the complete winter uniform which includes winter shoes.

**Hats** - These are a compulsory item and must be worn by the children during Terms 1 and 4. Hats must be the standard uniform hats which can be purchased from NZ Uniforms, 19A Douglas Alexander Parade, Rosedale

## Kupu o te Wiki

### WORD OF THE WEEK

**karakia:** prayer

# ONE HUNDRED YEAR ROCK: Year 5 & 6 Musical



Unfortunately, Covid-19 Alert Level restrictions did not allow our bi-annual musical to go ahead this year. When we realised that it was very unlikely that our show would go on, we needed to make a decision. The hours spent over the school holidays learning lines, the hard work sourcing and creating props and costumes, and the excitement among the students surrounding the Musical tradition at St John's meant that cancelling, for us, was not an option!



Thanks to the generous time and resources from Brendon Murphy, we have been able to perform a basic version of our musical for the cameras, and we will look forward to sharing it with you all via digital media next term!

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been magnificent, and we had the most amazing few days in Week 8 preparing the show for the cameras. It is not perfect, but with a few weeks of rehearsals stolen from us due to Covid-19, it is perfect enough!

## THANK YOU...

Thank you to those students who have learnt and practised their lines, moves and dances over and over.

Thank you to those students who have stepped beyond their comfort zones and danced, sang, and acted for an audience for the very first time.

Thank you to those teachers and students who have invested time, energy and enthusiasm into creating props and costumes.

Thank you to Brendon, for the generous gift of his time and recording equipment.

And thank you to our Waitemata Team whanau for supporting all of the above.



We have not been gifted the euphoric feeling of performing for our live audience, but the learning that happened around film-making and performance has been priceless.

Many thanks to our St John's whanau for your support, Claire Taylor & the Waitemata Team



## GARDEN TO TABLE



**Yay**, our garden beds have been planted! For the last 2 weeks Rooms 1, 4 and 7 have been busy turning the soil, planting seedlings and watering the beds. We also made use of the green house that Paul Dixon kindly donated to the school (and assembled!). Last week the children planted seeds into egg cartons which are now growing in the green house (thank you Mr Dixon!).



Mahi tamariki nui. He rau ringa e oti ai!  
(Good work children. Many hands make light work!)

As we began the process of planting in the garden beds we realised we still required an additional cubic metre of soil. Within a few hours Central Landscape Supplies (Bush Rd, Albany) came to the rescue and generously donated the 1m<sup>3</sup> of their excellent 'Vegetable Garden Mix' required to complete the beds, worth \$164.00. In addition they provided us with free use of their trailer (thanks again Mr Dixon for collecting this!). We are extremely grateful to them. We also had Steve Cardno (ex-parent) kindly donate seaweed liquid fertilizer, thank you Steve! We should have a bumper harvest!

**An estimate of donations towards our garden beds would be over \$2500. Without the generosity of local businesses, our St John's School garden would not have been able to get this far in the process of implementing Garden to Table at our school.**

We have been overwhelmed with the donations coming in from the school community of kitchen and gardening equipment. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We can't wait to harvest and prepare kai next term!

Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, Haere whakamua  
(Care for the land, Care for the people, Go forward)



## 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.



## FROM THE PARISH

**SPANISH MASS** via Zoom  
Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 12.00 noon  
Contact Fr. Alejandro for details  
[alejandrodelaotta@divineword.com.au](mailto:alejandrodelaotta@divineword.com.au)  
Tel: 021 181 7014

## Support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas

NZ Red Cross is working with the DIA to provide support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas, (i.e. not citizens or Permanent Resident visa-holders) who are experiencing financial hardship due to being stranded in NZ due to COVID 19. go to [www.foreignnationals.services.govt.nz](http://www.foreignnationals.services.govt.nz) or call Tel: 0800 733 276

## PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Basketball Holiday Camp.** Flexible 2 or 3 day camps available, Yr 4 – 13, 8am – 12pm, 28<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> October. Alert Level 2 compliant. Register online at [www.theswishfactory.com/holidaycamps](http://www.theswishfactory.com/holidaycamps)

**Brain Play** coding, robotics, and 3d printing classes. We are running two weeks worth of science and technology classes these coming holidays. **Our courses are currently discounted by 25% making them only \$60.00 per day.** Email us for more information on [info@brainplay.co.nz](mailto:info@brainplay.co.nz) or see [brainplay.co.nz](http://brainplay.co.nz).

**Takapuna AFC Holiday Programme** Are the kids down that the football season is over? Get them having fun with our football holiday programme! Girls and boys from 5 to 13 are welcome. The week is full of exciting games and tournaments. Our team of highly qualified staff will ensure your kids have a ball in a positive and safe environment!

Venue: Takapuna AFC, Taharoto Park, Taharoto Rd, Takapuna, 0622

Dates: Week 1: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Sept to Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct, Week 2: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

Times/Costs: - 9am to 12pm \$29 per day, - 9am to 3pm \$49 per day

Register Your Child: <https://enrolmy.com/msports-northshore/book-now/123-Takapuna-AFC-Holiday-Programme>

Queries: Contact [adminnorthshore@msports.co.nz](mailto:adminnorthshore@msports.co.nz)



## Thinking of creating Garden to Table at home?

Healthy kids, happy kids. Now that yours know how, let them help prepare your veggie beds at home with Living Earth's Organic Veggie Mix. Available at Central Landscape Supplies Albany along with all your planting needs for Spring.

Happy Gardening, from the Albany Team.