



# NEWSLETTER

**Week 2, Term 4**  
**20 October 2020**

Kia ora Whanau

*Dance is the  
joy of  
movement  
and the  
heart of life*

We have had a wonderful first week back at school.

On Wednesday we were able to welcome our parents back onsite for Parent Teacher Conferences.

On Thursday, the Year 6 children organised our very own St John's election. I wish to thank the Year 6 teachers for the learning that occurred. The children developed an understanding of our electoral system, gained some knowledge about the candidates, and set up an incredibly realistic polling booth in the library.

On Friday morning I attended the North Shore Cluster Public Speaking Competition. It was a privilege to support Oscar Reade who represented St John's.

Oscar was amazing on the day, faultless, and both Miss Binns and I were so proud of him, and I know his Mum and Dad were too!

On Friday we also held our annual Mission Fair. I had enjoyed watching the children making games earlier in the week for their friends to play at the fair and as I walked past the senior classes I would get to trial their games and I must say some of the technical thinking behind their ideas was excellent. The children had a great time at the Mission Fair and raised over \$2,800 for the Northcote St Vincent de Paul House, a very worthy cause, particularly in these times.



We also welcomed our first cohort of children into Room 13 with Mrs Baddeley.

During the first week back at school each class has been having daily dance lessons. To round off our Mission Fair Day celebrations we went to the hall as a whole school (this alone was wonderful) for each year level to perform their newly learnt dances. This event was fabulous. The children have loved these lessons and the tutor was spectacular. I was so impressed with the outcome after such a short time of learning. It was also great to see my boys having so much fun.

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



## PTFA PARENT SOCIAL

Get a few friends together, make up a table of 10-12, dress up in your Race Night best and join us at the St John's PTFA Parent's Race Night

Friday, 6th November, 7.30pm in the School Hall.

Tickets \$20.00. BYO drinks and a plate to share.

Parents, caregivers and friends of the school welcome.  
Ticket order forms available at the end of this newsletter.







## MISSION FAIR

We raised **\$2,836.10**

Congratulations St John's!

What a fantastic Mission Fair we had last Friday. This money will go to those at De Paul house in Northcote. De Paul House provides housing and support services for homeless families.

It was so wonderful to see all the children enjoying a fair prepared by the children.

Many thanks also to the PTFA for the delicious sausage sizzle.

Many thanks also to Mrs Zaisluik, Mrs D'Souza and the Young MacKillops for their support of Mrs Baddeley.



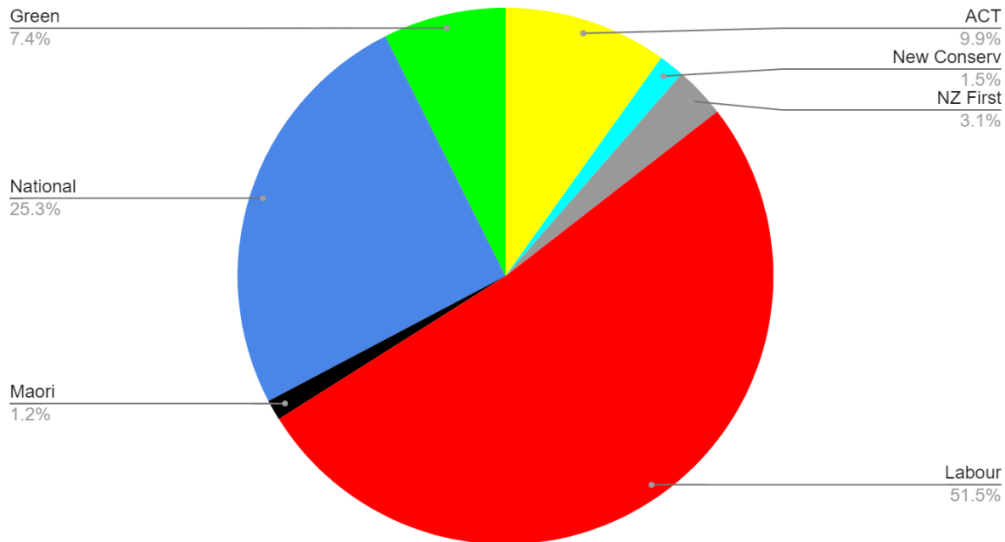


## YEAR 6 ELECTIONS

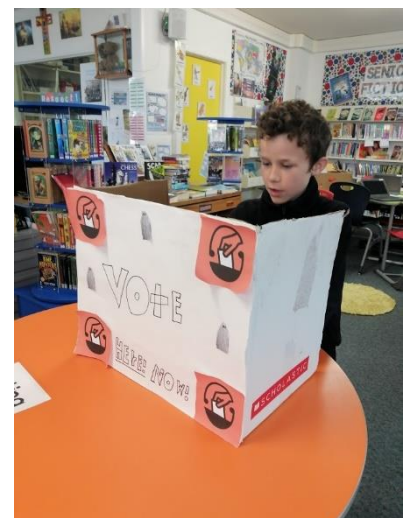
On Thursday the 15th of October, Year 6 students from Room 5 and 6 organised and ran a mock election at St John's School. All students and staff from Years 1-6 were invited to participate in the voting process. Students received their voting paper from the Issuing Officers after being marked off the Electoral Roll and were directed to one of the voting booths to place a tick beside the Party they wanted to vote for. Upon depositing their vote into the ballot boxes, they were given a sticker to mark the occasion. A lot of fun and learning was had with wide grins seen on all faces.

We wish to thank everyone who helped put this successful event together. By Holly Straka and Kate Bolland  
The results were...

St John's Mock Election Results



As part of the election experience the children have created a video reporting on the days events and the results. Due to privacy reasons the link will be emailed to the parent community.



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## SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

A reminder that orders must be made **BEFORE 7am on Fridays** to meet the cut off deadline. You will also not be able to ring the store to make changes or make phone orders during this time.

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## STUDENT DATABASE ANNUAL UPDATE

A letter was sent home last week with every child detailing parent/caregiver contacts and emergency contacts current held on our Student Database. Please review all data and return by **THIS Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October** to your child's classroom teacher or the school office.

Michele Nash – Principal's Secretary

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## CLASS, INDIVIDUAL, SIBLING AND SPORTS PHOTOS – Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Family Photographs** If you wish to have your children photographed as a family please come to the office to collect a 'Sibling Photo Request' form so that the children can be photographed together. No family will be photographed without this form which should be completed and returned to the school office by end of school day on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Families who have already completed a form have been notified by Mrs Bridges. Sibling photograph packs (12 items for \$30) can be ordered and paid for, in due course, in the same way as the individual and class photos.

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## CANS FOR CHRISTMAS - We will be collecting cans next week (October 26th- 30th)



Cans for Christmas was established in 2015 as a community building project between the Catholic Schools in Auckland. It has now grown nationwide with schools in Wanaka, Alexandra and Wellington joining in.

Over the past three years, Cans for Christmas have collected approx 31,000 cans of food for the St Vincent de Paul Society and The Mercy Hospice Centre. This means we have helped over 2000 families with canned food over the Christmas period.

**Please deliver cans to classrooms during the week where they will be stored until collection on Friday.**

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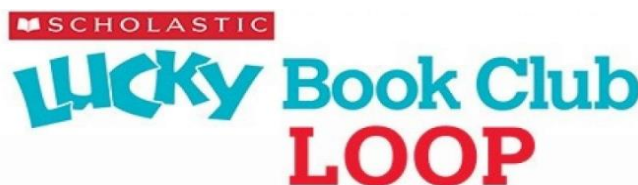
## HEARING & VISION TECHNICIANS

A Hearing and Vision Technician will be at school on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November**. Children eligible to be tested include our New Entrants who have not had a B4 School Hearing and Vision test at Pre-school, children who need rescreening or were absent from previous testing and children new to the school who have not been tested in New Zealand.

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Welcome back to Term 4 lovely families. Issue 7 of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club catalogue was sent home with your children last week. This will be our **last** Scholastic book club for 2020.



Please continue to place your orders as you normally would through the Scholastic LOOP app or website. Be sure to place your orders before Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 4.00pm for delivery to school in due course.

**HINT** – if you tick 'Gift' orders will be held at school for parents to pick up rather than being sent home with your child(ren).

Jules O'Malley our Scholastic Territory Manager is available to assist if you have any problems, Tel 029 968 9834 or the lovely Scholastic customer care team on Tel: 0800 266525.

Thank you for your wonderful support of the Book Club which earns commission and donations for our Library.

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## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If any boys need a new polo shirt to see them through this term our Second Hand Uniform shop has some grey old style ones that are available for free. From 2021 all children should be wearing the new uniform launched in 2018. Please contact our parent co-ordinator: Fran Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279.

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## 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.

As the effects of the pandemic continue to affect businesses and employment you may need to find a new job / career or refocus your current employment role.

Browse the Covid-19 website <https://covid19.govt.nz/business-work-and-money/keep-nz-working> for some tips about “in demand industries” and how to find the best new job for your skills.

Please do not be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. Covid has impacted large and small businesses throughout NZ. You are not alone, and you will be ok.

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## UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK



You are reminded that all the children should be in summer uniform from next week Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**Hats** - These are a compulsory item and must be worn by the children during Terms 1 and 4. Hats must be the school uniform hat. Please ensure they are clearly labelled.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Isaac Reade** – PoD Basketball, **Hara Kang, Zara Ko, Rachel Qazanchy** – PoD Netball

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## PARISH NEWS

**Parish Children's Christmas Eve Mass** Are you aged 7 or older, love to sing (this is very important) and would like to have a special role in our Parish Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St Francis Church on December 24<sup>th</sup>? Come along and learn the songs to lead this special celebration and be part of the dramatization of the Nativity story during the mass. Practices will take place on Saturday afternoons from 3.00 - 4:15 pm at St Francis Church Torbay beginning Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. You will need to commit to approximately 6 to 7 Saturday afternoon practices during the months of November and December. Boys and girls both welcome.

Enquiries – Phone Lindy Williams 027 271 5577 or email – [lindy@willplan.co.nz](mailto:lindy@willplan.co.nz)

**North Shore Dove Fellowship for Women** will meet on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at St. Thomas More Church hall, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Lutita Rusk is speaking on “Ready for Battle”. Scripture is Psalm 27:1.

### All Souls Mass of Remembrance

St John's Church on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.00pm. If you have lost a relative or friend between September 2019 and October 2020 Fr. Raphael, Fr Alejandro and the parish team invite you to light an individual candle in their memory during this Mass. Please Contact [liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz) with the name of the deceased person, person lighting the candle, a digital photo (optional) and a contact number no later than Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### Food Bank Items

This week we would like to focus on tinned spaghetti, tinned fish and instant noodles. Please leave in the basket in the church foyer. Thank you!

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Mairangi Bay Tennis Club Afterschool Coaching Programme** Term 4: 15<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

John, from the Tennis Club, arranged a walking bus whereby a senior member of the club met the children at the school gate and walked them down to the club. Parents collected their child at the end of the session directly from the Club, at 4:00pm.

Please contact the Head Coach John Rogers, via email: [jrr.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:jrr.tennis@gmail.com) or by phone on: 021 295 1822. The programme is starting this week, however, children can start from next week. All classes are subject to minimum numbers.



**Brain Play coding, robotics, and 3d printing classes.** After-school, weekend, and holiday courses. 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).



**Banana Boat OceanKids Series** is coming to Takapuna Beach on Saturday, 12th December - a great chance to have a go at a 100m or 200m ocean swim close to shore, in a safe, supportive, and fun environment. Every child who participates will receive a finishers medal, photo, other goodies, and a great day at the beach! Visit [www.oceankids.co.nz](http://www.oceankids.co.nz) for more info and to enter.

PTFA PRESENTS

# Race Night

PARENTS NIGHT OUT  
HAVE A FLUTTER ON THE HORSES  
Fri 6 Nov 7.30pm  
Tickets \$20 (includes funny money)  
Prizes to be won!

A photograph of a horse race in progress. A jockey wearing blue and white silks is riding a brown horse. In the background, another jockey in blue and white silks is visible on a horse.

## RACE NIGHT REQUEST FORM

please return to school office with Payment by 2 November

Family name for tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Table name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of eldest child \_\_\_\_\_ Rm No \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Total all tickets \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(please circle) CASH - EFTPOS - ONLINE A/C 12-3042-0268412-00

enquiries to Gemma Wavish 021 761778 [gemma@mccluskey@hotmail.com](mailto:gemma@mccluskey@hotmail.com)