



NEWSLETTER

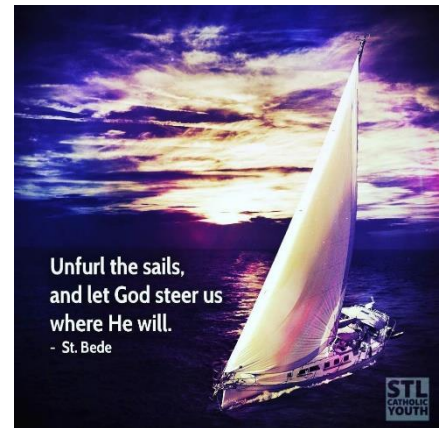
Week 3, Term 4
27 October 2020

Kia ora whanau,

I trust you enjoyed the beautiful weather that God provided for our Labour Weekend.

I went up to Russell, as I do each year, to follow the Coastal Classic yacht race. Although the weather was beautiful, the wind was not favourable for the yachts and Glenn, like many other sailors, had to motor for the last leg into Russell. This was disappointing but did not stop the many boaties up in Russell having a wonderful weekend.

Last week Miss Binns and I attended the Auckland Primary Principals and Deputy's conference in Taupō. This was a wonderful experience with great speakers and social networking amongst colleagues. We thank the Board for supporting this professional development and Mrs Marsh and Mrs Zaisluik for looking after our school in our absence.



During our visit to Taupo we were fortunate to view the beautiful church of St Joseph's attached to St Patrick's School.

Tomorrow we will have school photos so please ensure your child is in correct and tidy uniform and brings the necessary sports gear to wear; further details later in this newsletter.

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.



CLASS PLACEMENTS 2021

It is time once again to organise our classes for the following year. Teachers and Senior Leadership are now in the process of placing children into classes. Our teachers spend a lot of time getting to know your children as little people and in a learning capacity. Therefore, their professional judgment is critical when placing the children in classes.

Rangitoto Team 2021, Years 0-3 Led by Mrs Vivienne Fuaaletoelau		Waitemata Team 2021, Years 4-6 Led by Mrs Suzanne Zaisluik.	
Year 1	Room 10	Year 4	Room 1
Year 1	Room 11	Year 4	Room 2
Year 1	Room 12	Year 5	Room 3
Year 2	Room 9	Year 5	Room 4
Year 2	Room 13	Year 6	Room 5
Year 3	Room 7	Year 6	Room 6
Year 3	Room 8		

Every year a considerable amount of time is spent by the teachers and senior leadership to ensure that your children are placed in the best fit classroom to meet their academic and social needs. This process has proven successful. In most cases, the children will be moving as class groups through to the next year level. Overall, the children have been happy, working well with their cohort and have made good friends.

Our school has a very positive reputation in the local community and in the wider Catholic community. As such, we have a full intake of new entrants in 2021 and more children on our waiting list.

If you wish to share any information about your child that you think we need to know when finalising placement please email classes@simb.school.nz by Thursday, 5th November. Confirmed placements for 2021 will be included in your child's end of year school report

EVENT / DATE CANCELLATIONS

In the Week 1 newsletter you will have seen on the list of calendar dates a trip to Birkenhead for our Year 6 children on **Friday, 11th December**. Sadly, this trip will not be going ahead this year due to circumstances beyond our control.

Friday, 4th December, Junior School Nativity – this event has been cancelled, however, our Junior children will still be having a Christmas celebration, more information to follow in due course.

CLASS, INDIVIDUAL, SIBLING AND SPORTS PHOTOS – TOMORROW

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 MUST be completed and returned to the school office** before 8:50 on Wednesday. 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.



SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS are likely to be taken after the lunch break but we cannot confirm an exact running time. Any managers or coaches who would like to be included are most welcome.

Sports Uniform reminders:

Basketball:	issued singlets, school PE uniform shorts plus white socks and sneakers
Netball (junior):	school PE tops and issued skirts plus white socks and sneakers
Netball (senior):	issued dresses plus white socks and sneakers
Cricket:	school PE top and white shorts/trousers
Flippaball:	swimming togs (caps will be provided at school)
Hockey:	full school PE uniform plus LONG navy socks and sneakers

Cross Country, Rippa, Tennis and Touch: full school PE uniform plus white socks and sneakers

All children with long hair must wear it in a tidy, tied up style as they would on any game day.

CANS FOR CHRISTMAS - We will be collecting cans THIS 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.

BOOK BATTLE

Calling all Carmel and Rosmini Year 7 students: On Thursday, 19th November we are hoping to hold the St John's School Book Battle for Year 3 to 6 students. The organisation will be like the Book Battle 2019 that you may have been involved in. This date is your Teacher Only Day and if you would like to be involved in our Book Battle, we are looking for volunteers to be our question masters and helpers to make the day run smoothly. Carmel girls can use this as service hours if you need to.



If you think you might like to be involved in our special Book Battle event, please email Mrs Marsh (jillm@sjmb.school.nz) as soon as possible.

Many thanks, Mrs Marsh

CULTURE BOXES

We are very blessed to have so many cultures and languages represented within our St John's community. Parents may be familiar with the Culture Boxes, Shoe Box Autobiographies or Brown Paper Bag Autobiographies which some classes create at the start of each year.



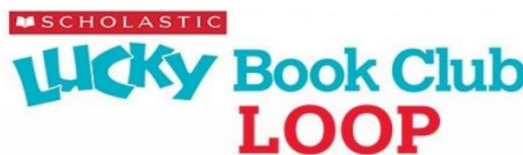
We would like to expand on this concept by creating 'Culture Boxes' which can be used across the school on a regular basis to celebrate our rich cultural diversity. If families have any spare items that they could give to the school that represent a country, culture, or language, we would be very grateful to add these to our Culture Boxes. **Donations could include ornaments, instruments, pictures, photos, books, fabric, clothing, carvings, art, postcards, posters, calendars, flags, maps, crockery etc.** Items can be sent to Room 3 or the school office with a note to say which country they are from.

Many thanks in advance, Elizabeth Hames – ESOL Coordinator

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A reminder that orders need to be placed via the Scholastic LOOP app or website before Sunday, 1st 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.

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.

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.



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. Stress is something we all know about, but it can affect us and our families in different ways. The Covid crisis has possibly caused more stress than our bodies and minds have ever experienced previously.



COVID-19-and-Stress
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This article offers some tips on how to manage stress and anxiety and some support services that are available if you or your family would benefit from some support. Please do not be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. Covid has impacted everyone. You are not alone, and you will be ok.

UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK



You are reminded that all the children should now be in full summer uniform.

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.

Primary Schools Rippa Rugby Tournament – Thursday 22nd October 2020

Last Thursday we took four teams to the one day Rippa Rugby Tournament. This year it was held at Kaipatiki Park, Glenfield. The weather was perfect for the tournament with clear blue skies and very little wind. This was the first opportunity we have had to do any combined school sports since the Cross-Country event back in early August, so the children were more than excited to be attending!

Most of our teams played 3 games during the tournament, with one team having a coaching session in lieu of a game. Our teams did well during the day with all teams winning at least one, if not two games from the three, and we had two draws. Congratulations to our Year 3/4 Mixed Jets team who won all 3 games, and to Mrs Simpson for coaching them on the day. The teams came across different schools than those of our normal group, so a little bit of the unknown factor was thrown into the mix. Schools came from the Devonport, Northcote, and the Whenuapai areas along with Kristin and Torbay, being the closest to us. Our St John's teams represented the school well, playing each game together with fantastic attitudes, having some fun and showing good sportsmanship on and off the field.

Thank you to the coaches and managers of the teams for being available on the day, and to the parents that assisted with the transport to and from the park.

Results

Titans – 1x win, 1x draw, 1x loss

Ravens – coaching session, 1x loss, 1x draw

Jets – 3 Wins

Falcons – 2x wins, 1x loss

Karen Dorrington – Sports Co-Ordinator



Year 3 Boys Titans Team
After their win.



Year 3/4 Mixed Jets Team
Warming Up



Year 5 & 6 Girls Ravens
Team Pyramid



Year 5 & 6 Girls Ravens Team

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 24th? 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, 7th 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

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

St John's Church on Monday, 2nd 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 with the name of the deceased person, person lighting the candle, a digital photo (optional) and a contact number no later than Thursday, 29th October.



BAPTISM PREPARATION: FOR PARENTS WANTING THEIR FIRST CHILD BAPTISED.

The course will be held at St John's Church; **Tuesdays November 17th & 24th; 7:15pm.**

Attendance at a preparation course is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their 1st child baptised. To enrol/book. Email Liz in the office.

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.

Conversational English

If you know of anyone who would like to improve their spoken English we would welcome them to join our group. We are a mixed group from different countries. We meet each Wednesday at 1.00pm in a small chapel at St John's Church. For information contact Mary Finlayson, Tel: 09 444 7156

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Good as New Pre Loved Grown-Ups Market, Orewa Community Centre, Saturday, 31st October, 9.00am – 1.002 noon. 40+ stall selling pre-loved; clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery and accessories. Free Admission. Let's all get behind recycling in Auckland. Inquiries 021 217 7904
<https://fb.me/e/2WwAvA3qg>

Race Night

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

HAVE A FLUTTER ON THE HORSES

FRI 6TH NOV

TKTS \$20 (INCLUDES FUNNY MONEY)

PRIZES TO BE WON



Please return to Office with payment by 2nd November

FAMILY NAME FOR TICKETS _____

ELDEST CHILD _____ RM No. _____

TABLE NAME _____

No OF TKTS (\$20) _____ TOTAL ALL TKTS \$ _____

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

Enquires to Gemma Wavish 021761778 gemmamcccluskey@hotmail.com