



## Week 5, Term 4 10 November

# NEWSLETTER

Kia ora whānau,

This Sunday at Mass we heard of ten attendants of a bride, awaiting the bridegroom, not knowing when he will arrive. In my parish, Father spoke of the wise attendants ensuring that they had plenty of oil so that their lamps would continue to shine.

His question to us was “what is this oil that we need to provide ourselves with while we wait for the coming of the bridegroom, our Lord?” As we journey toward Advent, it seems appropriate that we do a little stocktake of our lives and ask how we let our lights shine for others to see the way.

### Community Fun Evening

And we're racing this time....

It was absolutely heart-warming to see many of our parents come together to have fun at the St John's Race Night. Lots of 'funny' money was won (and lost). The ladies, complete with fascinators in their hair, looked gorgeous, the gentleman, so smart. We had a couple of jockeys, a kilted Scotsman and some very savvy 'teacher bookies'!

If you are new to our school or have never attended one of our parent fun events, I encourage you come to the next one. They are great fun and a wonderful way to meet other families in the community. Many thanks to the PTFA, Gemma and John Wavish, Jo Sievwright and all the helpers that made this event happen.



### Proclamation of the Word



Today Oscar Reade represented St John's at the Annual Proclamation of the Word Interschool competition. Oscar made us very proud with his reverent and confident reading.

Well done Oscar!



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

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### SCHOOL FEES

Over the course of this most difficult year we thank parents for supporting the school. We acknowledge additional donations families make to assist with Pastoral Care and would like to thank you again on behalf of the whole school for your contributions that alleviate added stress for others. We are blessed to be part of such an inclusive and caring community.

The last instalment of school fees was invoiced at the beginning of the term and are due 27<sup>th</sup> November. It would be appreciated if these could be paid as there are administrative tasks that need to be completed for the Diocese by the end of November. Families paying by automatic payment are asked that your payments for the year are complete by end of Week 7, 27<sup>th</sup> November. One-page tax receipts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, will be available in April 2021. Tax receipts for Year 6 children finishing at St. John's on 15<sup>th</sup> December are available now or after Term 4 2020 fees have been paid.

Any queries, please email Michele Nash, Principal's PA – [michelen@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:michelen@sjmb.school.nz)

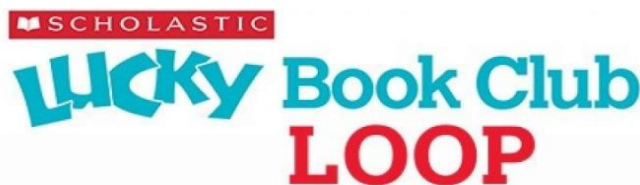
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## TERM DATES FOR 2020

**Term 1** – Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April  
**Easter Break** – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April inclusive  
**Term 2** – Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> July  
**Term 3** – Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October  
**Term 4** – Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October to Date TBC

## SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Thank you for your continued support of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club throughout the year. Our school has chosen to participate in the final issue for 2020, however, we will **not** be sending flyers home with your children this time.



To participate in this issue, please follow the link below and select the books you would like from the online catalogue and place your order as you normally would. To do some sneaky Christmas shopping without your children knowing, tick the **Gift** option when you place your order.

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> orders placed by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11am.**

All orders will be delivered to school and distributed to the classrooms. Any orders marked as **Gifts**, we will put to one side and contact you when they are ready to be collected. Orders placed after the 27<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am will be sent directly to your home address and will incur a \$4.99 freight fee.

**For assistance at any stage, please call 0800 266 525** and chat to the friendly customer care team at Scholastic, or email: [bookclub@scholastic.co.nz](mailto:bookclub@scholastic.co.nz) or click on the help button on the Book Club platform. Thank you for your wonderful support this year and enjoy the excellent selection of books at amazing prices!

Ngā mihi mahana (warm thanks), Chantelle Dunn - Library Manager

## LIBRARY NEWS

As part of preparations for a full stocktake, from **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November** children will no longer be issued with books from the School Library. Please have a good look at home and return any school library books as soon as possible. Items discovered missing following the stocktake may be charged for.

### Donovan Bixley Event

See Donovan Bixley author of '*Dogfight*' and '*Monkey Boy*' in action on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.30pm, East Coast Bays Library. **Free event.** All welcome. He will be drawing, answering questions and signing copies of his book.



## DATE REMINDER – 2021 Year 6 Camp

The information meeting for parents of our current Year 5 children who will be attending camp in 2021 will be held **NEXT** Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm in Room 6.

**If you wish to volunteer to be a Camp Parent in 2021 please ensure that you return the form sent home with your children last week no later than THIS Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**



## SAVE THE DATE

Our Junior children (Years 1 – 3) will be having a

'Rangitoto Christmas Picnic'  
on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am on the school field.

Families are invited to a shared picnic with their child's class along with some Christmas Carolling and festivity.

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November



Our School Athletics Sports take place next Wednesday at the AUT Millennium Stadium. The children will walk to the Stadium via Rangitoto College with their teachers. A Police Officer has been requested to oversee the road crossing at the lights. Children need to bring a good lunch and plenty to drink for the day.

We will be starting our programme at 9:20am with the 800m event for Year 4-6 runners. All 800m runners are to be at the track by 9am as the event will be run before the rest of the school arrives. **Parents: if your child is in this event, please taken them directly to the stadium where they are to report to Mrs Dorrington.** From 9:50am onwards the children will be involved in a variety of activities on and around the track. For ease of organisation the children will be grouped in their year levels. Each child will have a card pinned to their T-shirt which will record their achievements throughout the day. The programme is detailed below. Please note the times are approximate and could be subject to change.

**Parent help will be required**, if you are able to assist please contact Mrs Dorrington via email at [sports@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:sports@sjmb.school.nz) by this Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November with your contact details. We require up to 25 helpers between 9am & 2pm.

**The children will need** their full School PE uniform including sports shoes, which they may wear to school, school sun-hat, a good lunch and drink and **two medium to large safety pins** to attach their House Cards to their shirt.

### SUN SAFETY...

**Slip...** All children must wear their school PE uniform for the day.

**Slop...** Please ensure that your children have sunscreen on before they come to school. Please also provide sunscreen for your child to reapply at lunchtime.

**Slap...** All children must wear their school hat during the day.

**and Drink...** All children need to bring a **named** drink bottle which they will carry around with them for the day. Water is highly recommended to keep the children hydrated during sport.

### AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS

All parents, families and friends are welcome to come along and share the occasion. The AUT Millennium Stadium is in Antares Place. Feel free to sit on the grass bank, behind the track and fenced area, or on the grassy area behind the roped area. Please do not come down inside the track area. Access is via Apollo Drive, off Constellation Drive or Rosedale Road. Lunch will be from approx. 11:20am - 11.50am and your children will be able to join you on the grass bank then. Children are not permitted to leave the stadium during the lunch break.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9:20am	800m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
9:50am	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays
10:20am	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus
10:50am	Quoit Sling	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump
11:20am	LUNCH					
11:50am	400m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
12:10pm	High Jump	Quoit Sling	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump
12:40pm	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints
1:10pm	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays	Shot Put
1:55pm	4x100m Middle and Senior School House Relays					

**End of Sports Day Procedures...** At the end of the sports day (approx. 2:15pm) the children will assemble on the field. Parents wishing to take their children home may do so but will need to collect them from the field as the classes are called out. It is important for the teachers to know which children have been taken by parents and which have not. Please help us in this and follow this procedure. You are reminded that if you wish your children to be collected by someone else, a note **MUST** be given to the class teacher. All other children will return to school and leave from there as normal.



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## BOT MEETING

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

## PTFA MEETING

The next PTFA Meeting is TODAY at 6.30pm in the Staff Room.

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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.



If there has been a drop or termination of your income during this difficult year, then you may need financial assistance to make ends meet.

This link offers information about financial assistance for individuals and families

<https://covid19.govt.nz/business-work-and-money/financial-support/financial-support-for-individuals-and-whanau/> including advice about the mortgage repayment deferral scheme and information for tenants / renters.

Please do not be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. Covid-19 has impacted everyone. You are not alone, and you will be ok.

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## UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

School shoes (in Term 4 this means sandals) need to be worn when arriving and leaving school.

## WATER BOTTLES

Especially during this warmer weather, we ask that all children bring a water bottle to school EVERY day as our drinking fountains remain switched off. These can be refilled in the classrooms.



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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Teresa Rotaache** – Touch, **Olivia McKewen** – Swimming, **Ava Plummer** – Hockey, **Rita Yousif, Elena Rotaache, Jude Hames** – Netball, **Elena Rotaache** – Touch, **Ashley Smith** – 1<sup>st</sup> in Ballet, Bays School of Dance

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## PARISH NEWS

**CHILDREN'S MASS AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH**  
**NOVEMBER 15TH 9.00AM**

**CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH** For information please contact Mary Finlayson phone 444 7156

영어 회화 실력을 향상하고 싶으신 분들을 환영합니다. 다양한 국적의 사람들과 함께 영어를 배워보세요.

시간: 매주 수요일 1:00pm

장소: 87 Hasting Rd, Mairangi Bay(세인트 존 성당 내 경당)

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

Our parish has much to celebrate and be grateful for.

Let us celebrate together at **St Francis Church THIS Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

You are welcome to join for 10.30am Mass or just arrive on time at 11.45am for the official part of our special day:

- COVID-19 debrief (Parish Pastoral Council)
- Short Annual General Meeting
- Opportunity to share your ideas (please write your thoughts on paper and contribute to the meeting beforehand – drop note into the parish office or send an email to [office@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@ecbcatholic.org.nz))
- Thanksgiving to the volunteers in our parish
- Invitation to a celebration with sausage sizzle, yummy treats and free barista made coffee.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**North Shore Dove Fellowship for Women** will meet at St. Thomas More Church hall in Glenfield on 18th Nov 2020 at 7:30 p.m. for the final meeting for the year. The speaker is Ingrid D'Souza and the topic is *The Lord is My Strength*. Scripture reference is Exodus 15:2-3 *The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.*