



Week 6, Term 4
17 November

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,



This Sunday's Gospel reading reminded us of the gifts and talents we all have, bestowed on us from God, and that we are given the gift of free will to choose how we use these gifts. Sometimes our gifts and talents may be something as simple and as important as the gift of kindness and I have seen so many examples of kindness within our community in recent times. Thank you all for sharing your gift of kindness with each other.

I am looking forward to this coming Sunday as 34 St John's children will make their First Holy Communion. This is always such a special day. I am sure we will have lots of lovely photos to share in next week's newsletter. We keep the children and their families in our prayers and pray that the memory of this special celebration will remain with them forever.

We have been blessed with beautiful weather recently and I am only hoping that it will continue to be fine for our St John's Athletics Day tomorrow. I am also very grateful that we are able to come together to enjoy this event. As usual, families are most welcome to attend and support their children. Named sunblock, hats and water bottles are essential. If you are planning to take your child home at the end of the event, please ensure that you tell your child's teacher so that we can accurately account for all our children.

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

THIS Friday, 20th November

This Friday St John's will be hosting our annual Loud Shirt Day. Loud Shirt Day is a nationwide fundraising campaign of The Hearing House (THH) and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme (SCIP), the only two charities in New Zealand dedicated to enabling children, young people and adults with hearing loss to listen and speak like their hearing peers.



Loud Shirt Day is a great excuse to get LOUD, wear your brightest clothes and raise money to help give the gift of sound and speech to children, young people and adults with hearing loss. Whether you wear fancy stripes, florals and polka dots or paisley, as long as your clothes have colour and pizzazz, it will be perfect for Loud Shirt Day.

We ask that children bring a gold coin donation to raise vital funds for young people and adults who experience hearing loss. Your support will help give them access to support and the gift of sound and speech.

Alternatively you can donate through our fundraising page by clicking the [LINK](#)

Term 4, 2020

TERM DATES FOR 2021

Finishes at 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 15th December

Term 1 – Thursday, 4th February to Friday, 16th April

Easter Break – Friday, 2nd to Tuesday, 6th April inclusive

Term 2 – Monday, 3rd May to Friday, 9th July

Term 3 – Monday, 26th July to Friday, 1st October

Term 4 – Monday, 18th October to Date TBC

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY – TOMORROW, Wednesday, 18th November



Our School Athletics Sports take place on 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 prior to the whole schools arrival, 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 subject to change.

Parent help is STILL required. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Dorrington via email as soon as possible at sports@sjmb.school.nz with your contact details. We require up to 10 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.

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE



The pool will be open for swimming from Monday, 30th November **unless indicated otherwise by signage at the pool**. You are offered a family key to take advantage of the pool for family swimming. The cost is \$70 for the entire season plus a \$20 key bond [refundable]. The season end is flexible, around 31st March.

Keys are numbered and must be returned within four weeks of the end of the season when a refund will be given. If the key is not returned within this time the refund is forfeited as these keys need to be refigured and replaced each year. Keys can be purchased at the school office up until noon, Tuesday, 15th December when the office closes for the year.

END OF YEAR FEE STATEMENTS

We are currently in the process of reconciling our end of year accounts. Coming home today with some children are fee statements. If you are paying fees by automatic payment, the statement has been sent home so that you can note the balance and reconcile your instalments to have them completed by 30th November, then please cancel your AP for the 2020 year.

Attendance Dues are collected by St. John's School on behalf of the school's Proprietor, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland. Attendance Dues are then forwarded to Auckland Common Fund Limited, a company established by the proprietors of Catholic integrated schools in the Diocese of Auckland responsible for the collection of Attendance Dues. The administration of the ACF ask that we complete Term 4 payments to them as early as we can at the beginning of December. There are avenues to assist with the payment of the Attendance Dues portion of the fees if needed and we ask that you please make contact, in confidence, before the end of November with Viki Trainor or myself vikit@sjmb.school.nz or michelen@sjmb.school.nz Michele Nash [Principal's PA / Enrolments / Fees].

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

'Rangitoto Christmas Picnic'
on Friday, 11th 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.



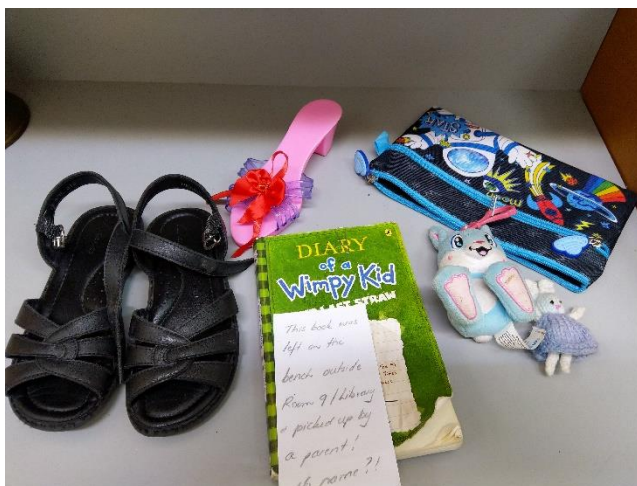
WATER BOTTLES

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.



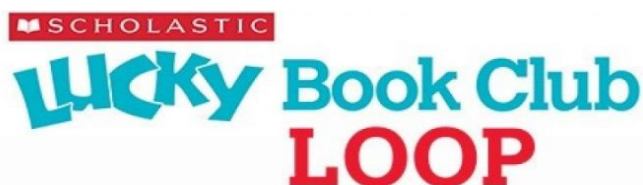
LOST PROPERTY

As at Friday last week the unnamed items pictured below were all in Lost Property. If you recognise any of these items you are most welcome to collect them from the Sick Bay in the office where Lost Property is stored during the school day. Thank you – Anneliese Bridges, Office Secretary



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 27th 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 27th 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 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

Due to the forthcoming stocktake children are no longer being issued with books from the School Library. **Please have a good look at home and return any school library books no later than Thursday, 19th November.** 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, 22nd November at 1.30pm, East Coast Bays Library. **Free event.** All welcome. He will be drawing, answering questions and signing copies of his book.



SPORTS UNIFORMS

Please could those children that have been issued with St John's sports uniforms and/or fleeces ensure that they are washed and returned to school in a named bag as soon as possible after the relevant sports code season has ended. Mrs Dorrington will be doing an audit of all uniforms prior to the end of the school year so would appreciate early return.

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.



You may need to shop differently as the Christmas and summer holiday period approaches. Perhaps find something second hand at:

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/help-us/family-stores> (Browns Bay and Albany)

<https://www.stjohn.org.nz/shop/opportunity-shops/northshore/> (Link Drive)

<https://www.redcross.org.nz/shop-with-us/red-cross-shops/> (Browns Bay)

<https://habitat.org.nz/restore/north-shore/> (Link Drive)

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.



UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

School hats are required throughout Term 4. If your child does not have their school hat they are unable to play outside during morning tea and lunchtime.

Children without hats are instructed to remain under shaded areas across the school.

CONGRATULATIONS

Olivia Dahya, Mia Beresford-Huey-Kher – Netball

Bonnie Rice – Football (Player of the Year)

Maria Hale, Jacob Robertson – Hockey

James Barrett – Basketball



CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you everyone for our Cans for Christmas efforts, together with 46 other schools we collected 30,500 cans which was the biggest collection so far.

Ka pai St John's!
Laura Baddeley - DRS

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.*

North Shore Youth Music is a community organisation which runs a variety of orchestras and choirs for young people. Applications are now being accepted for 2021, and auditions will be held on Wednesday, 16th December. See www.nsym.org.nz for an application form.

Orchestras: Stringalongs (5 - 8yrs), Junior Orchestra (9 - 13yrs), Youth Orchestra (14+yrs)

Choirs: Songsters (5 - 8yrs), Children's Choir (9 - 13yrs), Con Brio Choir (10 - 16yrs), Resound (14+yrs)

Holy Moly Arts & Crafts After School Classes in 2021, beginning in 2nd week of each term, Monday and/or Fridays, 3.20 – 4.30pm. \$179 per term, 5 – 11yrs, 58 Beach Rd, Castor Bay. Terms 1 & 2 – Pottery, Term 3 – Fabric, Term 4 – Art. www.holymoly.co.nz or contact Yolande Light Tel: 0274 230 173, yoly@holymoly.co.nz. Summer Workshops on 22nd December and 27th January, 9am – 3pm, \$60 per day.
