



Week 7, Term 4
24 November



Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni **The voice of St John's School**

Kia ora whānau,

We have had a busy few weeks and we have more events coming up.

I would like to thank Mrs Dorrington, our Sports Co-ordinator, for all the work she put in preparing for our athletics day. It is a real shame when the weather is just not on our side, but we know that in Auckland we do get 'four seasons in one day'. We were fortunate to have good weather for the interschool trials on Friday and we wish all the children representing us at the cluster competition tomorrow our best wishes.

School End-of-Year Mass

and *Year 6 Graduation*

Tuesday, 8th December
at 11.00am

St. John's Church

Thank you for your generosity on Loud Shirt Day. We raised a total of \$410.90 for The Hearing House to enable them to continue their work with those suffering from hearing loss and deafness.

It was a joy and privilege to see so many of our children celebrating their first Holy Communion last Sunday and we look forward to them participating fully in our upcoming Mass.

You are all welcome to attend this special Mass as we celebrate the year and thank God for the many blessings we have received.

We also farewell our Year 6 children and wish them well for the next stage of their school life to Year 7 and beyond.

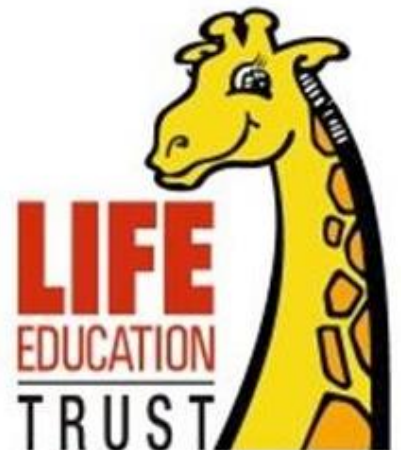
Next week the Life Education caravan arrives at St John's. Many of you may remember Harold the giraffe from your own childhood. The Life Education Trust provides fantastic interactive lessons on health and wellbeing and the teachers have selected specific topics relevant to their classes around the concept of relationships and communities.

Year 0-2 are looking at "What makes me a good friend?" and "What can we do when we have problems?"

Year 3 are looking at "What makes me a good friend?", "What can we do when we have problems?" and "How do we make decisions?"

Year 4 and 5 are looking at "What makes me a good friend?", "Why is it important to think about how we interact with others online?" and "What does it take to be part of a team?"

Year 6 are looking at "How do we know what other people could be feeling?", "Why is it important to think about how we interact with others online?" and "Why are my reputation and identity important?"



These lessons cost \$7.50 per child and we ask that this is paid this week through your Kindo account.

www.mykindo.co.nz

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ✚

On Sunday some of our children celebrated their First Holy Communion.

We keep the children and their families in our prayers and pray that the memory of this special celebration will remain with them forever.



DeAngelo Alsabie; Mia Beresford-Huey-Kher; Megan Billings; Niamh Bonnici; Francisco Boxall; Gianna Buhmann; Bonnie Davey; Roxelle Feng; Katrina Gayed; Maria Hale; Joseph Howard; Jonathan Ichwansyah; Jayden Ip; Aaron Jayasekera; Lynella Kako; Sebastian Lavender de la Garza; Ruby Lockwood; Thomas Neill; Isaac O'Brien; Benjamin Perry; George Pidgeon; Ava Plummer; Rachel Qazanchy; Rebecca Robertson; Elena Rotaeché; Ashlyn Stevens; Cooper Stevenson; James Straka; Jake Stucki; Vasken Wartanian; Ella Whiteman

ADVENT



This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a time for preparing for the coming of Christ. Each class has an Advent wreath and on Friday at 11.00am at St John's Church they will be blessed by Father Raphael. It is a special part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The Advent wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with four candles, three purple and one rose. The candles symbolise the light of Christ coming into the world. Each candle is first lit on the appropriate Sunday of Advent, and then the candles may be lit each day as a part of the individual's or family's daily prayers.

The candles have been given various names:

Candle 1. Hope [purple] Candle 2. Peace [purple] Candle 3. Joy [rose] Candle 4. Love [purple]

Taken from <http://www.churchyear.net/adventwreath.html>

CAR PARKING – St Ives Terrace

It has come to our attention that not all families are following the road rules for parking. Please ensure, for the health and safety of our children, neighbours and community, that you park on the road, not on the footpath and not on yellow lines. Thank you for your consideration.

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE



Although we have advertised that Pool Keys are now available for hire for the summer season **we are currently unable to issue any to families.**

The reason being that over the summer Mr Paul Dixon, our caretaker, will be away on some well-deserved leave. Whilst he is away the pool needs to be tested and water quality maintained by a fully certified person for health & safety purposes. However, at this stage we have been unable to find anyone to provide this service. If we fail to find anyone before Mr Dixon is away, very sadly, we may have to consider closing the pool completely for the whole of the summer holidays.

The dates we need covered are as follows:

- Sunday, 12th December to Sunday, 20th December inclusive
- Sunday, 27th December to Monday, 4th January inclusive.

Please be assured we are doing all we can to put cover in place to ensure that the community will be able to enjoy the pool. In the meantime, we welcome any offers of help. Email: office@sjmb.school.nz or Tel: 09 478 7734

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE **Principal** for a day?



DRESS LIKE A PRINCIPAL... PARK IN THE STAFF CARPARK... GIVE OUT CERTIFICATES... HAVE MORNING TEA IN THE STAFFROOM... MAKE DECISIONS... LEADERSHIP LUNCH... PARENT MEETINGS... VISIT CLASSES... INTERVIEW AND APPOINT A DEPUTY PRINCIPAL... ORGANISE BELL TIMES... BUS DUTY... YOUR OWN P.A. ...

and of course... HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE DOOR!

RAFFLE TICKETS \$2 EACH

OPEN TO ALL CURRENT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL STUDENTS
PURCHASE AT SCHOOL FROM MISS BINNS

THE MORE YOU BUY, THE BETTER YOUR CHANCES

ANNUAL SUMMER PTFA FAMILY PICNIC

Friday, 12th February 2021 5.30pm onwards

Diary this event now and come along with a picnic tea, catch up with friends and welcome in the new school year.

(Savaday Friday, 5th March 2021)

END OF YEAR FEE STATEMENTS

We are currently in the process of reconciling our end of year accounts. If you are paying fees by automatic payment, the statement was sent home last week 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 a compulsory payment under the Education & Training Act and are receipted as a first priority before any other amounts on the fees invoice/statement. 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 in Term 4. 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 this week, in confidence, 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.

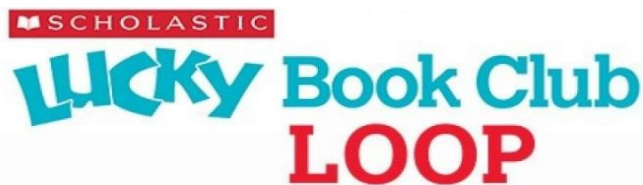
WATER BOTTLES

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.



SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

A reminder that orders for the last issue of the Scholastic Lucky Bookclub need to be made by THIS Friday, 27th November 11.00am to ensure delivery to school. Orders placed after the 27th November 11.00am will be sent directly to your home address and will incur a \$4.99 freight fee.



<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

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 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

SPORTS UNIFORMS

All inventory belonging to the school needs to be accounted for before the end of the school year. A number of items are still outstanding. All uniforms will be checked back in against the 'issued list' we have, so **please ensure that you return them otherwise charges may be incurred.**



- All netball players, please return your netball uniform (Skirt or Dress and Fleece) washed in a bag with your name, year level and team to your COACH / MANAGER.
- All basketball singlets, hockey, and school fleeces, and all other uniforms and sports fleeces should be returned to your COACH / MANAGER.
- Team Managers / Coaches please return your kit bags with bibs, ball, first aid box, all Player of the Day Trophies and all uniforms for your team to the school office or Karen Dorrington as soon as the relevant season has finished.

Many thanks in advance, Karen Dorrington – Sports Coordinator

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.



There are many ways to look after ourselves and our whanau. Dr Mason Durie developed Te Whare Tapa Wha which speaks to the four cornerstones of Maori health (physical, mental, spiritual and family wellbeing).

Follow this link to find some good ideas about how to support your health following Dr Durie's guidelines.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/te-whare-tapa-wha/>

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well Done **Seth Storm** who achieved 4th place at the World Stars Junior Golf tournament hosted by Takapuna Golf Course on Sunday the 15th November.

Amber Saxon – PoD Netball
Ashley Smith – PoD Netball
Maria Hale – PoD Basketball
Rachel Qazanchy – PoD Netball
Michelle Warner – PoD Hockey
Brodie Perry – PoD Hockey



PARISH NEWS



Foodbank items: this week we would like to focus on rice, tea and tinned spaghetti. Please leave in the basket in the church foyer. Thank you.

Angel Giving Tree

Please support our angel Giving Tree. Your gifts are distributed to families in need. If you wish to participate...

- Choose an angel child from the tree in the church foyer.
- Buy a suitable gift for a boy or girl in the age range indicated on the back.
- Place the wrapped gift in the box by the tree.



Our final day for collecting presents is Wednesday, 16th December.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Brain Play coding, robotics, and 3d printing after-school classes. Get 25% off holiday programs now. Free trials, open days and workshops available. Ages 5yrs+. Email us for more information on info@brainplay.co.nz or see www.brainplay.co.nz

Mid Bays Music School 2021 Mid Bays Music School 2021 enrolments open on the 1st of December! Our highly qualified tutors make learning music relevant and enjoyable. Any enquiries, please email mbmusic@mbi.school.nz
Music tuition for \$150 - \$250 for the whole year. (This includes the book hire but NOT the instrument hire)
When: Weekdays after school or Saturday mornings, **Where:** Murrays Bay Intermediate School, **Start date:** Classes start Monday 15th February (Week 2), **Age:** Group lessons open to 6-12 year olds but there are age requirements for some instruments. Please check our website for more information.

Instruments offered: Drums, Bass, Guitar, Ukulele, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard, Trumpet, Trombone, Recorder, Oboe, Flute, Violin, Viola, and Cello. [Here is a page](#) to find more about each instrument.

Enrolments will be through Kindo so make sure you have an account. Any troubleshooting solutions will be online at www.mbmusic.org Spaces are limited and some of our instruments have sold out within the first 48 hours! So get in quick!

Good as New Pre Loved Christmas Kids Market Orewa Community Centre, Saturday, 28th November, 9am - 12 noon, 40+ stall selling pre-loved kids; clothes, toys, books, nursery furniture, buggies and lots more. Let's all get behind recycling in Auckland

I Love Takapuna Christmas Carnival, Saturday, 5th December, 35 Hurstmere Rd, 10am to 8pm. Family & children's entertainment, live music from 4pm, Food and Market Stalls, facepainting, rides, games and activities. Including a visit from Santa! www.ilovetakapuna.co.nz

RECENT SCHOOL ACTIVITES

LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS – Annual Prize Draw



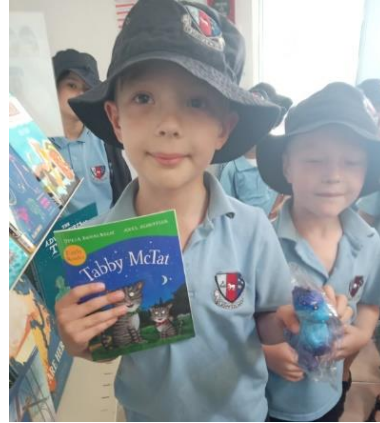
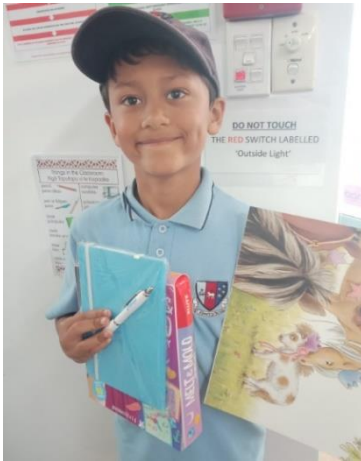
Our Librarian, Mrs Chantelle Dunn, each year has encouraged all our students to return their school library books before the end of the year by running a successful prize draw. As students returned all their library books, they were issued with a ticket for the prize draw. Prize packs included brand new books, toys, posters, and assorted stationery.

Crowds of students arrived on Monday lunchtime to find out if they had won this popular draw!

Congratulations to all our winners!

Anushka Kumaran, Ben Perry, Alexandra Storm, Celia Poledniok, Alex Al Sammak, Scarlett Hill, Hudson Campbell, Cooper Stevenson and Lucas Ye.

* If your child has not yet returned their library books, please send them to school as soon as possible as bills for missing library books will be issued. *



With many thanks to Scholastic for their support of the prize draw!

Mrs Chantelle Dunn – Librarian
and
Mrs Jill Marsh – Assistant Principal