



Week 8, Term 4
01 December 2020

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

In order to prepare for Advent our senior children had the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Then, on Friday, we gathered in the Church for the blessing of our classroom Advent Wreaths. This was a beautiful ceremony, officiated by Father Raphael. A wonderful way to begin our journey toward Christmas.



English Second Language Learners (ESOL) Christmas Celebration



I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hames who leads our ESOL programme and Mrs McFadzean and Mrs Williams who work each day with our ESOL children. These incredible teachers supported the children to prepare and present a beautiful prayer service. The children had made prayer decorations, iced Christmas biscuits and written prayers. The children were so clear and articulate as they prayed their prayers aloud in small groups. It was wonderful to see the progress these children have made this year. They have grown in confidence to speak to an audience and have a greater understanding of the culture of New Zealand.

Principal for A Day

Children can still purchase tickets for this sought-after raffle, the opportunity to sit in the 'hot' seat on Friday, 11th December and be principal for the day. Tickets are available from Miss Binns or Mrs Bridges until Monday, 7th December.

Parent Helpers/Volunteers

Whilst this year has seen so much disruption to our usual sporting and extra-curricular events we are, as always so grateful to the parents and friends of the school who give their time so generously to support our children with sport, library, classroom help, transport, camp, speeches, PMP, sacramental programme, and other various activities.

Winding down or is it winding up!

Although we have only a couple of weeks to go before the end of term, we are incredibly busy. This is most likely due to the unusual nature of this year. Our children have been wonderful, but I note that they, like the rest of us are getting tired. Preparation for graduation events for our Year 6 children are well underway. Teachers have completed writing reports and they are currently with me for reading and signing. The reports will go home with the children on the last day of Term. Both children and staff will be ready for a well-deserved break.

Advent blessings,
Viki Trainor - Principal

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

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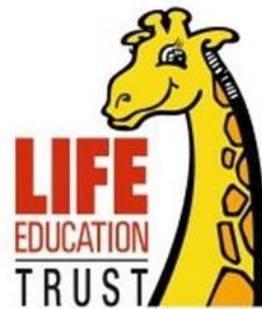
This week the Life Education caravan is onsite at St John's. Many of you may remember Harold the giraffe from your own childhood. The Life Education Trust provides fantastic interactive lessons on health and wellbeing and the teachers have selected specific topics relevant to their classes around the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

School End-of-Year Mass

*and
Year 6 Graduation*

*Tuesday, 8th December
at 11.00am*

St. John's Church

BLESSINGS OF ADVENT WREATHS

Last Friday, we came together as a school to prepare for the beginning of Advent with a special Advent Wreath Blessing. Father Raphael blessed our Advent Wreaths and candles which are symbols for the coming of the light of Christ into our world.

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises he made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)



Laura Baddeley - DRS

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE

The pool is now open for swimming for the Summer **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.

CHOIR PERFORMANCE



Pictured is our School Choir who performed some Christmas music in the foyer of the Deloitte's building in downtown Auckland today.

Parents are invited to see them perform THIS Friday in the school hall at 9.00am.

We anticipate that the performance will be approximately 15 minutes.

TERM ONE AND TWO SCHOOL LEADERS 2021

House Captains

Our House Captain elections for 2021 were held today. A large contingent of Year 5 students stood to be considered for House Leaders in 2021, and all should be congratulated for having the confidence to take part in the elections and to lead. All candidates wrote and delivered an election speech to their peers and the Year 1-5 students voted for their Captains and Vice Captains who will lead them in Terms 1 and 2 of 2021. We are truly blessed to have so many potential leaders for the future. The 2021 House Leaders are as follows:

Pierce House Captain: Zoe Scott
Keegan House Captain: Seth Storm
Quinlan House Captain: Bonnie Rice
Liston House Captain: Molly Brannigan

Pierce House Vice Captain: Chloe Barrett
Keegan House Vice Captain: Alora Francis
Quinlan House Vice Captain: Harrison Bage
Liston House Vice Captain: Sophia Zhao

Ambassadors

These children are selected by Mrs Trainor as role models and representatives for our school. They provide a valued student voice to the Senior Leadership as well as representing us at various occasions and showing prospective families around our school.

Terms 1 and 2 Ambassadors for 2021 are Imari Chua, Nathaniel McCann, Charlotte Moore, Ashley Smith, Xavier Smith, Elise Taylor.

Young MacKillops

These children are selected by Mrs Baddeley, our DRS to support her in mission, social outreach and prayer events within the school. They provide a valued student voice to the DRS as well as representing us at Parish Masses.

Terms 1 and 2 Young MacKillops for 2021 are Ryan Cho, Revon Fernando, Maria George, Amelia Graham, Julia Landon, Joshua Rendle.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIVING TREES

In the school office foyer, at St John's and St Frances' Churches there are now Christmas Angel Giving Trees for the collection of gifts for Kaitaia Parish in the far north of New Zealand, an area experiencing great hardship. Please place gifts under the tree in the school foyer **prior to Friday, 11th December** to allow enough time for them to be shipped for delivery by Christmas.

Gifts should be marked with a tag 'boy or girl' and age suitability; under 2yrs, 3-5yrs, 6-9yrs, 10-12yrs and teenagers.

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)



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.

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

LIBRARY BOOKS & SCHOOL JOURNAL BOOKS

Please also have a good look around your homes for any books that may belong to the school, our library or the National Library and return them asap.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ask your children to check the **Lost Property** bin in the sick bay if they are missing items of school clothing or PE gear, shoes or multi clothes, drink bottles, towels, goggles, sports balls etc. At the end of the school year unclaimed items are passed to the parent co-ordinator of our second-hand uniform sale or donated to charity.



Following the PTFA Staff Social Race Night the **jacket pictured** was left behind in the hall. It is a Banana Republic, 44R, tailored fit. If you believe this is yours it can be collected from the school office.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

All inventory belonging to the school needs to be accounted for before the end of the school year. Several 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.

Mairangi Bay Tennis Club Afterschool Coaching Term 1, 2021: 7-week programme 11th February – 1st April (excl. 11th March). Last year some of our students participated in this programme on a Thursday after school and thoroughly enjoyed the programme. John, from the Tennis Club, arranged a walking bus whereby he or a senior member of the club met the children at the school gate at the end of the day and walked them down to the club. Parents collected their child at the end of the session directly from the Mairangi Bay Tennis Club, at approximately 4:00pm. The Term 1 day for St John's will again be a Thursday.

If you would like your child to be involved in learning how to play tennis, or if they are already playing and wish to upskill, please contact the Head Coach John Rogers, via email: jrr.tennis@gmail.com or Tel: 021 295 1822. All classes are subject to minimum numbers.

CONGRATULATIONS

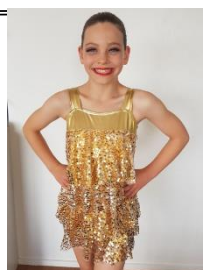
Elena Rotaache (wonderful defence), **Elena Rotaache**, **Annabel Ko**, **Ruby Lockwood** – PoD Netball

Jayden Ip – PoD Basketball:

Ashley Smith – dancer in Farmer's Santa Parade

Eloisa Duff, **Jacob Robertson** – PoD Touch

Izaac Chua – PoD Hockey



ESOL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

English Second Language Learners (ESOL)



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.

When money is tight, budgeting becomes a more important way of making ends meet. Managing your money brings more peace of mind than letting your money manage you.

For confidential assistance you can obtain budgeting support from <http://www.nsbudget.co.nz/> in Takapuna or <http://nhbudgeting.org.nz/> in Albany

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.



2021 BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY



We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy! All your child's school stationery list requirements are now uploaded online at myschool.co.nz to make it easy for you to purchase your child's back to school requirements. Simply search for St John's (Mairangi Bay), select your child's YEAR group and follow the instructions on the website.

We ask that you take advantage of this as it ensures that the type of stationery bought is standard across the school and is of the best quality. The school will also receive a commission on all orders placed via the OfficeMax MySchool service.

- **'Say When You Pay' offer** during December 2020 - ideal for getting organised before Christmas, plus you'll receive a FREE gift! Go to: www.myschool.co.nz/december-offer
- **Shop Your Way** - online at myschool.co.nz, freephone 0800 724 440 or in your local OfficeMax store.
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over \$46*. Choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you.
* Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.
- **Save valuable time** - ensure your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies and is ready to start learning from day one.
- **Multiple Payment Options** - including secure internet banking, credit/debit card and cash in your local OfficeMax store.

If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Anneliese Bridges in the office before the end of term, email: office@sjmb.school.nz (this email address will also be checked sporadically over the summer holidays) or speak directly to the helpful team at Officemax.

For New Entrant children joining St John's between Term 2 and 4 and **for additional stationery items** needed throughout the year for all year levels, these will still be available to purchase from the school office.

SCHOOL LEAVERS 2020

If your family is leaving our school and moving to Carmel, Rosmini or another school that does NOT use Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If your child is going to a different school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school. To close your account send an email to hello@mykindo.co.nz requesting to close your account. This request will need to:



1. Be emailed from your mykindo account email address
2. State the current balance on the account
3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance
4. Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February

FROM THE BEGINNING OF 2021 Please ensure you login to your Kindo account regularly to make payments for Back to School expenses, Trip permission forms, Sports Registrations etc. **Termly School Fees will continue to be dealt with separately** by Mrs Michele Nash, michelen@sjmb.school.nz

Kindo enables parents:

- To pay anytime, anywhere – mobile friendly website.
- Complete permission forms electronically – no more lost bits of paper, more environmentally friendly!
- Fast one-click ordering: all siblings on one page – know what all your children are doing.
- Pay-as-you-go
- POLi – pay now with your bank account using internet banking (Free option)
- Use Visa/ Mastercard /American Express/ China UnionPay to top up (incurs charges)
- Flexible payment amounts

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bridges in the school office or if you have difficulties with the Kindo website their helpdesk is but a phonecall away (Freephone 0508 454 636).



Once again we are welcoming the opportunity to use EZ Covers. EZ Covers are a simple and unique way to cover school exercise books. They are reusable, non toxic, PVC free and made right here in NZ. You can order your covers in a few easy steps

1. Go to www.ezcovers.com
2. Select the cover types and sizes you need
3. At checkout, select St John's school (Mairangi Bay) from the drop down box and use the code EZ15 to earn our PTFA a 15 cent rebate for every cover purchased.



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15 cents per cover is donated to your school,
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We love the three R's: Reusable, Recyclable & Really EZ to put onto your school exercise books! Our covers are non-toxic, PVC free and can be used over and over again, reducing waste.



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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.



This week the Angel Award goes to...EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE FIRST Holy COMMUNION CEREMONY AND PARTY. I would like to make a special mention of our photographer REBECCA, you have a wonderful eye for capturing the perfect natural shot.

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 in the church foyers is Wednesday, 16th December.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Nga Whare Maha Kohanga Reo Garage Sale Saturday, 5th December, 8am – 12pm, 7a Ceres Cort, Rosedale

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

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](http://ourwebsite) for more information.
Instruments offered: Drums, Bass, Guitar, Ukulele, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard, Trumpet, Trombone, Recorder, Oboe, Flute, Violin, Viola, and Cello.

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!

Initiate Dance Holiday Programme, January 2021. Dance away the holidays and join in the fun! Over two weeks learn a variety of dance techniques and routines with fun games and team building activities. Glen Eden Intermediate School Hall, 11th-15th January 2021 (Week One), 18th-22nd January 2021 (Week Two), 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday, **\$75 for the FULL week, \$150 for both.** Each week is different - book for one week or both. Open to students 8-12 years - no dance experience needed. Bookings are open now online at <https://initiatedance.wixsite.com/holiday> Places are limited so be quick!

Kids Choice School Holiday programme Tuesday, 15th December – Friday 5th February 2021.

Days are full of fun activities and trips to stimulate and entertain your children in a safe, fully supervised environment. CYF's approved allowing you to apply for a subsidy. We are based at the Presbyterian Church, 10 Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay. Hours of operation are 7am til 6pm daily. Contact Barb 027 440 6363 or 09 478 3705. Email: kids.choice@infogen.net.nz

Kids Choice Before and After school Care for 5 – 14 year olds. Enrolments are currently available in our CYF's approved before and after school care programme. We currently operate from two sites; St Johns Primary School hall, 87A Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay (children attending St John's) and Presbyterian Church hall, 10 Penzance

Road, Mairangi Bay. We give the children breakfast and they take part in quiet activities until we take them to school each morning. After school we collect the children from school and take them to the programme where they have afternoon tea and assistance with their homework. We have several computers available for the children to use for homework purposes. Each day the children have a choice of various planned fun activities such as craft, art, cooking, knitting, cross stitch, games, sport etc. We spend time outdoors when the weather permits. Your children will be cared for by a great team of caring, professional, police vetted staff who love working with children. While our rates are reasonable we are also **CYF's approved** enabling families to apply for OSCAR subsidies. Transport to or from sports activities can be available by negotiation. Call in for a visit and meet the team. For further information Contact: Barb 027 440 6363 or 09 478 3705 Email: kids.choice@infoegen.net.nz
