



**Week 9, Term 4**  
**08 December 2020**

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

This is our last newsletter for 2020. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the St John's community this year. I thank you all for your support, caring and commitment to our school particularly during this very unprecedented time. All of my staff are incredible and work so hard for our children. I thank them immensely.

I do hope that you will be able to take some time to be with family and friends this festive season. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year. Be happy, be safe and I look forward to seeing you in 2021, rested, relaxed and ready to go!

### Reports

Next Tuesday your child will bring home their school report. This report will indicate where they sit for Mathematics, Reading and Writing in relation to the expected Curriculum Level. Please note that Curriculum levels span across two Year levels. For example, children in Year 1 and 2 are generally working in Curriculum Level 1, children in Year 3 and 4 are generally working in Curriculum Level 2 and children in Year 5 and 6 are generally working in Curriculum Level 3. This report will also provide information as to what your child has learnt in other curriculum areas. Our new entrants and children new to our school in Term 4, will receive a modified version of this report. Enclosed in your child's report envelope will also be a brief introduction from their new class teacher(s) for 2021. Reports will be posted to families not attending school on Tuesday. I wish to congratulate the children on their success this year as it has been such a challenging one and our children have continued to flourish.

### Classrooms 2021

The table below indicates the year level and teacher for each classroom in 2021. Once again, I thank those of you who responded to the class placement email at the beginning of Term 4. It has been a very lengthy process, and we have done our very best to meet your requests. These placements are now finalised.

We are very pleased to report that we will be running at maximum roll next year.

Class Name	Class Year Level	Class No.	Teacher
Kowhai	Year 1	Room 10	Mrs Grace Atmadji (room opens in June 2021)
Ti Kouka	Year 1	Room 11	Mrs Vivienne Fuaaletoelau (Team Leader Yrs 1-3)
Mahoe	Year 1	Room 12	Mrs Beverley Harper
Pohutukawa	Year 2	Room 9	Mrs Anne Howard (4 days) Mrs Katrina Little (1 day)
Ponga	Year 2	Room 13	Mrs Laura Baddeley
Harakeke	Year 3	Room 7	Mrs Elizabeth Hames (3 days) Mrs Katrina Little (2 days)
Karo	Year 3	Room 8	Mrs Allison Miller (3 days) Mrs Wendy Whiteman (2 days)
Houpara	Year 4	Room 1	Mrs Suzanne Zaisluik (Team Leader Yrs 4-6)
Mapou	Year 4	Room 2	Mrs Cara Mountjoy
Tarata	Year 5	Room 3	Mrs Carrie Mercer
Kauri	Year 5	Room 4	Mrs Paula Ritsma
Whau	Year 6	Room 5	Mrs Helen Perry (3 days) Mrs Wendy Whiteman (2 days)
Manuka	Year 6	Room 6	Mrs Claire Taylor (4 days) Mrs Jill Marsh (1 day)

Please note: Mrs Perry and Mrs Marsh are full time teachers at St John's but are also Across School Leaders for the North Shore Catholic Community of Learning. We are blessed to have these talented and diverse teachers on our team.

### School Car Park

We ask that you take care when entering and waiting to enter the school car park. We have had some parents and neighbours raise a few concerns about cars double parking within the entryway and blocking the exit.

The health and safety of our community; children, whanau and neighbours, is of utmost concern for us. We ask that you continue to show patience and kindness. Don't forget that there are alternative pick up areas in Hastings and Penzance Roads.

### Principal for the Day

We have drawn our annual Principal for the Day raffle and are pleased to announce the winner. Liam Buckley from Room 6 will be Principal on Friday. We wish him well in this role.

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

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## THIS FRIDAY

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.

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### ESOL CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2020. It was once again a true pleasure to share in these children's success and the rewarding of their hard work. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the ESOL teaching team; Mrs Hames, Mrs Williams and Mrs McFadzean who work so diligently with these children throughout the year.



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### SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR 2020

School closes next Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at **12.00 noon.** Buses will not be running.

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## TERM DATES FOR 2021

**Term 1** – Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2** – Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> July

**Term 3** – Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> October

**Term 4** – Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October to Date TBC

## Dates to Diary for 2021 – Please note that dates may be subject to change

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February – School Office opens

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Term 1 (all children to attend school)

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February – Waitangi Day (School closed for observance)

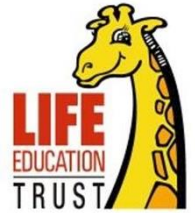
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February - PTFA Picnic

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February – EOTC week including Year 6 Camp

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Easter break (school closed)

## LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

Last week and this week the Life Education caravan has been onsite at St John's. Many of the children found the lessons interesting and fun. If you have not paid please do so as soon as possible. With thanks in advance.



**Please login to your Kindo account to pay for these lessons as soon as possible, the cost is \$7.50 per child. [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)**

## SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE – Available now!

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 15<sup>th</sup> December when the office closes for the year.

## 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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021)

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## 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

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## 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 mufti 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.

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> April (excl. 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jrr.tennis@gmail.com) or Tel: 021 295 1822. All classes are subject to minimum numbers.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Martina Mena** – PoD Netball (great focus)

**Spencer Drury** – PoD Basketball

**Lachie Drury** – Rock Boy of the Year - vocals. Eliette's Music Academy.

**Reagan Smith** – Yr5/6 Flippaball team, 2<sup>nd</sup> for season



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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.



With little chance of an overseas trip these holidays let's find somewhere close to home, and inexpensive, to explore. Visit <https://www.explorenorthshore.nz/> for information about local parks and reserves to adventure to, and a list of local events and interesting things to do.

Or venture over the harbour bridge and see what is happening in wider Auckland, see <https://heartofthecity.co.nz/>

The holidays may be different this year especially if money is tight, but you can still have fun and be with whanau. Covid-19 has impacted everyone. You are not alone, and you will be ok.

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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.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

**Thursday 24TH December: Christmas Eve**

5.30pm– Children; St. Francis Church

8.15pm– Vigil; St. Johns Church

11.30pm– Carols & Midnight; St. Francis

**Friday 25th December Christmas Day:**

7.30am St. Francis Church

9.00am St. Johns Church

**Saturday 26th December St. Stephen's Day**

8.00am; St. Francis Church

5.30pm Vigil; St. Johns Church

**Sunday 27th December. Holy Family**

7.30am & 10.30am St. Francis Church

9.00am St. Johns Church

**PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE YOUR  
AVAILABILITY FOR THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES**

### 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, 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**I Love Takapuna Christmas Carnival**, Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ilovetakapuna.co.nz)

**Holy Moly Arts & Crafts** After School Classes in 2021, beginning in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.holymoly.co.nz) or contact Yolande Light Tel: 0274 230 173, [yoly@holymoly.co.nz](mailto:yoly@holymoly.co.nz). Summer Workshops on 22<sup>nd</sup> December and 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@brainplay.co.nz) or see [www.brainplay.co.nz](http://www.brainplay.co.nz)

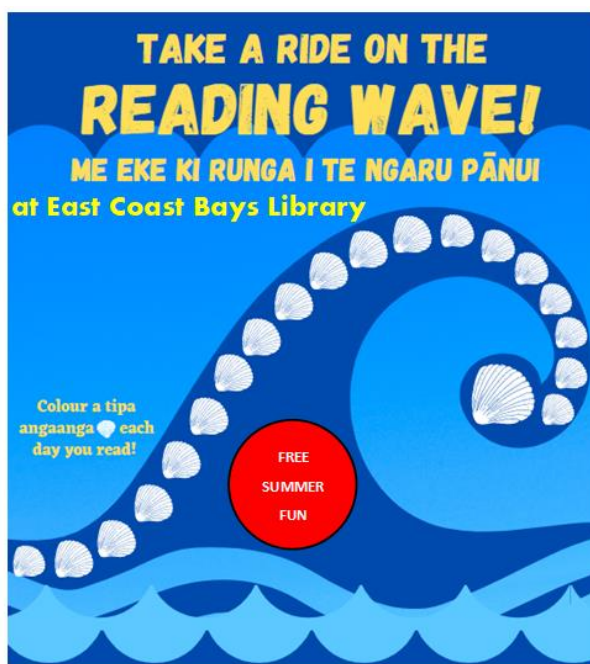
**Mid Bays Music School 2021** Mid Bays Music School 2021 enrolments open on the 1st of December! Our highly qualified tutors make learning music relevant and enjoyable. Any enquiries, please email [mbmusic@mbi.school.nz](mailto:mbmusic@mbi.school.nz)  
**Music tuition for \$150 - \$250 for the whole 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.

Enrolments will be through Kindo so make sure you have an account. Any troubleshooting solutions will be online at [www.mbmusic.org](http://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](mailto:kids.choice@infogen.net.nz)

**The Conscious Kids Social Enterprise** is inviting your children to a 100% play-in-nature school holiday programme. Nature play free has proven physical, emotional and social health benefits. Our supervised programme allows kids to lead their own activities - mudslides, tree climbing, puddle splashing, hammock and hut building etc. Apart from the obvious safety restrictions and respect framework, there are few instructions for kids. Our number 1 'rule' is to have fun! Staff are present for supervision and support, but children follow their innate 'readiness meter' to make their own decisions before getting involved in any new situation. Such child-led play enhances creativity, problem-solving, communication (including listening!), collaboration and many other 21st century skills. The programme will run during the **Christmas (21st, 22nd and the 23rd of December)** and **Summer Holidays (Tuesday to Thursday from the 12th to the 28th of January)**, at a cost of \$65/child per day. Daily programmes run from 9 am to 4 pm and are designed for children aged 5 - 12 yrs old. For booking and more information, please visit <http://www.consciouskids.co.nz>



Complete the fun Reading Wave challenges during January 2021

Collect cool giveaways as rewards and go into the draw for some awesome prizes sponsored by Water Safety New Zealand

Pop in throughout the summer for free bookable events, scavenger hunts and activity booklets

Find out more visit: [Orewa Library's Facebook page](#) or ask to a librarian at Orewa Library



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## 2021 BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY

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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](http://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](http://www.myschool.co.nz/december-offer)
- **Shop Your Way** - online at [myschool.co.nz](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

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## EZ COVERS FOR CHILDREN'S 2021 STATIONERY

# EZ COVERS

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](http://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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