



Week 2, Term 1
09 February 2021

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whanau
ngā mihi o te tau hou

Wishing you all the very best for 2021 and a very warm welcome back to St John's. I trust you have all enjoyed this beautiful summer weather. I too have had a lovely break. Glenn and I only did a short road trip this time to Kerikeri to visit friends who had recently moved there. We brought the yacht down to Waiheke and have had such memorable times with our friends out in the boat, and watching the Prada Cup challenge, fortunately not the day of the capsizes!

Daily swims, paddle boarding, kayaking, and fishing with the grandchildren, lots of social afternoons and evenings. We are so blessed to live in paradise and to be able to freely enjoy ourselves without the restrictions of Covid. So very grateful.



More than ever, we should be humble and patient, charitable and forgiving. (Mary MacKillop 1884)

Last week our teachers came together for Professional Development days. We are always pleased to be together again for a good catch up and a bit of collegial fun! Our professional development days focused on quality practice at St John's. Excellent sharing of so much professional knowledge and wisdom. Our staff theme for this year is 'Learn Together, Grow Together'.

During the holidays we had major painting work undertaken on the hall. We have begun the process of refreshing our schools colours. It will take a couple of years for the whole school to be repainted but the journey has begun. Our hall is looking fresher and more modern, but still in keeping with the environment. We are also looking to engage a mural artist as we think it would be wonderful to have one side of our hall displaying a meaningful artwork. The children will be involved in this process also.

I know our staff were very excited to welcome the children into their new classes and I know that the children will be in for a wonderful, fun filled year of exciting learning.

Dogs in school.

During Covid, many of our families welcomed dogs into their families. It has been so wonderful to meet these new furry members of the St John's family. In fact, Mrs Nash, Mrs Bridges and I know them all by name and look forward to their visits. The children also love to see the dogs. Just a reminder to our families, that our furry friends are welcome to come into school for drop offs and pick up so long as they are on a lead and under control. Should you wish to take your dog into the classroom for any reason please let me know prior (vikit@sjmb.school.nz) as some children have allergies and/or concerns with dogs. P.S. 'don't forget your doggy doo bag'!

Hats

In Terms 1 and 4 hats are a compulsory component of our school uniform. The sun is very hot and children need to have a hat on to be able to play safely in the sun outside. Children who do not have their hats at school will be expected to sit in the shaded area outside the library. It is best practice for the children to leave their hats at school so as to be sure to have access to them each day. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named.

Swimming Pool - Health and Safety Reminder

Mr Dixon has noted on several occasions that he has had to remind children who are using the pool after school of our safety rules. Supervising parents/adults are responsible for ensuring these rules are adhered to so that the children can enjoy the pool safely and so as the pool can continue to remain open after hours for all the school community to enjoy. Please support us in this effort.

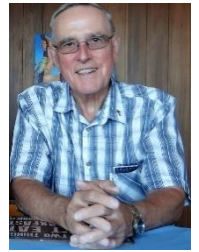
God bless you all for the year ahead, Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor

PTFA MEETING

The first PTFA meeting of 2021 is TONIGHT at 7.00pm in the staff room.

POWHIRI WELCOME

This Friday at 1:45pm in the school hall we will be officially welcoming our new parish priest, Father Emile and all the new students who have started at St John's this year. You are most welcome to attend.



CURRICULUM MEETING AND MEET THE TEACHER, Year 1



The Year 1 teachers (Rooms 11 and 12) will be holding a curriculum information meeting in their classrooms on the same day as the Year 2 to 6 conferences. There will be two sessions for parents to choose between; 1.00pm and 6.30pm. The information will be the same at both meetings. Each session will be between 45 minutes to an hour in length. If you have any individual concerns that you would like to discuss with the teachers at this time, there will be a small number of interview slots available between the meetings. Bookings can be made online as per the information provided below.

MEET THE TEACHER CONFERENCES, Years 2 to 6

Meet the Teacher Conferences will be held **Tuesday, 16th February**. School will finish at 12 noon and conferences will begin at 1:00pm. There will be no school buses running. Bookings will be available every 10 minutes.

These conferences are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher(s) to discuss your child; your goals and aspirations for them this year and to ask any questions you may have.

Bookings can be made online at schoolinterviews.co.nz with our case sensitive code being **v2475**

CONCERNS PROCESS

Parents occasionally have enquires / concerns about their children's progress at school and from time-to-time things occur at school which lead to parents seeking clarification. These could include child behaviour and behavioural attitudes, relationships with other children or teachers, programmes of work, school activities, general school policy or day to day incidents that may arise.

The classroom teacher is the first and best point of contact to answer the concerns or enquiries of parents about their children. Generally, matters are resolved at this level as they know your children and the situation the best.

We ask that you contact the person concerned to arrange a time to discuss the matter privately, indicating beforehand what it is about as the time before and after school when the children are in the classroom or teachers are heading out on duty or to a meeting can be quite busy meaning that your concerns can not be given the teacher's full attention. As you will understand, during the day and when the children are in the classroom, they are the teacher's first priority.

If the concern is about a student, please contact the student's teacher directly via email. Teachers will respond by the end of the next school day, which allows them time, outside of class teaching time to gather the information they need to consider and address your concerns. All Teacher email addresses follow the same format of firstnamefirstinitialofsurname@sjmb.school.nz for example HelenP@sjmb.school.nz

If the enquiry is not about a particular student, but about schoolwide policy or procedures please feel free to contact the office who will pass your concern onto the appropriate person.

CLASSROOM LIASION PARENT VOLUNTEERS

It has been a long-standing tradition at St John's that each classroom has a parent volunteer known as a Classroom Liaison Parent (CLP) to assist our teachers in sharing information and co-ordinating classroom events. I would like to say a big thank you to the parents that have stepped forward to assist in 2021. For information they are as follows:

Rm 1 - Francine Gilchrist (Carter)

fkgilchrist@gmail.com

Rm 2 - Sasha Grayson (Conrad)

dandosasha@hotmail.com

Rm 3 - Linda Rotaeché (Elena)

lindarotaeché@gmail.com

Rm 4 - Vicky Billings (Megan)

vickybillingsnz@gmail.com

Rm 5 - TBC

Rm 6 - Blaize DeSouza (Ethan)

blaizedsouza80@gmail.com

Rm 7 - Rachel McQueen (Isla)

rachel.l.dividson@gmail.com

Rm 8 - Linda Rotaeché (Teresa)

lindarotaeché@gmail.com

Rm 9 - Shelley Kingston (Violet)

shelleybrassel@hotmail.com

Rm 11 - Gisela Tanto (Armand)

giselatanto@gmail.com

Rm 12 - Amanda Dixon Mclvor (Xavier)

a.dixon-mciver@igenz.co.nz

Rm 13 - Kate Straka (Louie)

kateharry@gmail.com

ANNUAL SUMMER PTFA FAMILY PICNIC

Welcome in the new school year and catch up with friends and families at the annual St John's PTFA picnic.



THIS Friday, 12th February
on the school field from 5.30pm.



The playgrounds and pool will be open for supervised swimming.
The sausages will be sizzling, and cold drinks will be available for you to buy.
Bring your picnic basket, rugs and chairs and join the fun!

NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK



As part of our commitment to being SunSmart, children are required to wear the school hat when playing outside in Terms 1 and 4. These hats should stay at school during the term to ensure they are able to enjoy their playtimes. The children's health and safety is important to us and therefore, if a child does not have a hat, they will need to play in the shaded area outside the library. Hats can be purchased from [NZ Uniforms](#).

WORD OF THE WEEK

Pōwhiri To welcome, a welcoming ceremony

Kupu o te Wiki

2nd Hand
Uniform



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

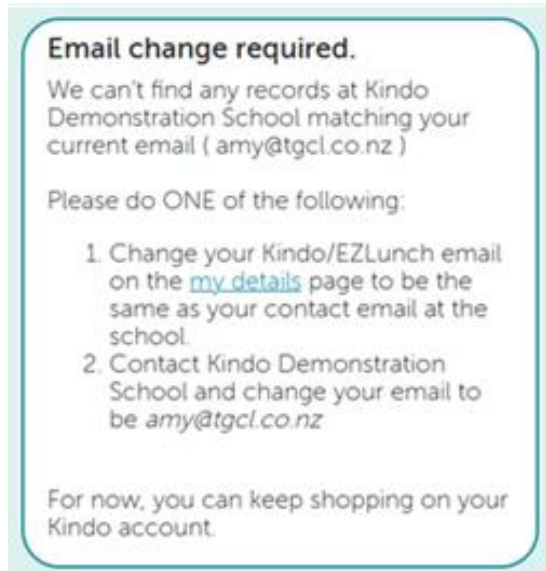
The next second-hand uniform sale will be held THIS Thursday, 11th February in the school hall from 2:30 - 3:00pm.

Please bring cash. Thank you, Francine Gilchrist 021488279

We have had some exciting software updates to our online Kindo shop during the summer holiday break. These will make the process of paying for Back-to-School expenses, Sports Registrations and Trips etc. much smoother and easier for everyone.



If you have not already set up an account with Kindo please visit www.mykindo.co.nz as soon as possible to sign your children up. Families who already have an account should login to check that room number details are correct and that the email address used to register with Kindo is **exactly the same** as the one school has recorded for your child's first caregiver (in most cases this is usually Mum).



If your email address does **not** match the one we have recorded in our student database then you will see a message like the one pictured here. You then have the option to either update your account details on Kindo or to email Anneliese on office@simb.school.nz to request a change on the school database.

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 Anneliese 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).

TERMLY SCHOOL FEES will continue to be dealt with separately by Mrs Michele Nash, michelen@simb.school.nz and should be paid either via bank transfer (12-3042-0320348-00) referenced with your child's name and 'Fees', or via EFTPOS at the school office. Any families paying in instalments do not need to make any changes to arrangements already in place.

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

SPORTS

Term 1 Flippaball Registrations

Registration forms for Term 1 Flippaball are now available on Kindo under SPORTS (www.mykindo.co.nz).

Registration forms and payment must be completed by THIS Friday, 12th of February.

Games this term will be played at the AUT Millennium starting on Sunday, 21st February to Sunday, 11th April. There will also be training on three Saturday afternoons during Term 1 (dates tbc).

No experience is necessary, but a minimum level of swimming ability is expected.

Please contact our flippaball parent coordinator, Leanne Deuchrass (deuchrassl@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

WEETBIX TRYathlon



The Weetbix TRYathlon is a fun event for kids aged 7-15 years which involves swimming, cycling, and running short distances which vary depending on the participant's age. There is also a "splash & dash" option for 6-year-olds. This is a wonderful event which rewards kids irrespective of ability. It is about getting out there and giving it "TRY", with which comes a real sense of achievement and personal pride. St John's is registered as a school group and hopes to have a gazebo set up at the event to be held on Sunday, 28th March at Manly Reserve, Whangaparaoa.

If your child does want to participate, early-bird entries close Sunday, 7th March and cost \$45 per child (\$40 for the splash & dash event). All participants receive an event T-Shirt, swim cap, gear bag, medal, downloadable certificate, and other sponsor goodies. For more information and to register, go to www.tryathlon.co.nz. Join our school group by selecting "St John's Mairangi Bay" when prompted during the registration process.

Any other questions, please contact Leanne at deuchrassl@gmail.com.

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

YES, we are still collecting **Bread Tags** at the school office! Bread tags come in many shapes, sizes and colours and are made of High Impact Polystyrene. During the recycling process bread tags usually end up in land fill as they are so small they are 'filtered out'. However, gathered together they can make a difference.

BREADTAGS
for wheelchairs

All the ones collected so far by our community have been colour sorted and dropped off to the central Auckland collection point. Between us we gathered approx. 6kgs! However, it takes 200kg of tags to buy one wheelchair so lets keep collecting! For more information visit: <https://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/> or the New Zealand Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nzbreadtags/>

Please only the colours and styles pictured here:



PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Teresa Rotaeché – Gymnast of the Day

Teresa Rotaeché – Pform.nz, Dance/Sing/Act Primary certificate

Ava Murphy – Part of the team that won first place in the 6-9 age group category of the Hideaway Holiday Park 2021 Sandcastle Competition with their 'Octopus riding a paddle board'.

George Murphy – First place in the 5yrs and under age group category of the Hideaway Holiday Park 2021 Sandcastle Competition, with his 'Kraken eating a submarine'.



During the holidays, **Nathan Soper** competed in the Tauranga Cup and finished 22nd in the P Class Nationals. Nathan did amazingly well and his ability to compete against athletes who were four years older, was mentioned in an article by Yachting NZ.

PARISH NEWS

East Coast Bays Sacramental Programme

Our Sacramental year commences with **Reconciliation**. We offer this to baptized children 8 years of age and older. Sessions are held on **Sunday mornings 8.00 – 8.45am** in the school hall finishing in time for 9.00am Mass at St John's Church. **REGISTRATION:** Sunday, 14th February; 8.00am in St John's Church. Please bring your child's baptism certificate and a pen.

Marist Sisters are seeking to employ a Registered Nurse health care coordinator for their communities for 15hrs per week. There are 20 Sisters spread over 5 houses between the ages of 45 – 93 years of age. If you are interested in this part time position please contact Sr Jane O'Carroll, Tel: 021 077 1705

North Shore Dove Fellowship for Women will meet at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Glenfield on Wednesday, 10th February at 7.30pm. We will begin the year with Holy Mass celebrated by our Chaplain Fr. Alfredo Garcia followed by cuppa.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Nominations to the new PPC are now open. Forms available from the back of church. Closing date February, 12th. For more information see the Diocesan Website at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discripleship/pastoral-councils

Ash Wednesday February, 17th will be celebrated at St John's Church with Mass at 9.15am and at St Francis' at 7.00pm. Please bring in your blessed palms from previous years no later than Sunday, 14th and place in baskets in the church foyer.

Happy Hour Volunteer Needed. Once a fortnight on Wednesdays between 1.00 – 3.00pm supervising and helping attendees, no heavy lifting. Located at Hugh Green Resthome, Contact Christine on Tel: 09 479 7694 or 021 0865 1903 for more information

Driver needed. Is anyone able to provide a fellow parishoner with a lift to and from 10.30am Sunday Mass at St Francis' picking up and returning to The Sands Retirement Home, Browns Bay. Please Tel 021 053 7503 to speak with Colleen.

PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Holy Moly Arts & Crafts for Boys & Girls 5 – 11years, beginning February 15th and thereafter Mondays 3.20 – 4.30pm, Home Studio at 58 Beach Rd, Castor Bay. \$179.00 per term. Terms 1 and 2 - Pottery, Term 3 - Fabric, Term 4 – Art. For more information contact Yolande Light, www.holymoly.co.nz, Tel: 0274 230 173



Mid Bays Music School 2021

We still have some spaces for the following instruments: Drums, Bass, Guitar, Ukulele, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard (Level 3), Trumpet, Recorder, Oboe, Flute, Violin, Viola, and Cello. [Here is a page](#) to find more about each instrument. 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). Weekdays after school or Saturday mornings at Murrays Bay Intermediate School. Classes start Monday, 15th February. Group lessons open to 6-12 year olds but there are age requirements for some instruments. Please check [our website](#) for more information. Enrolments will be through Kindo so make sure you have an account. Any troubleshooting solutions will be online at www.mbmusic.org

Join Us at ABT today and become a part of our dance family! This is a brand new school which opened in January 2021! Based in Northcote Point, offering NZAMD Jazz and Tap and Open Hip Hop and Musical Theatre this year. Expanding to RAD Ballet and Contemporary for 2022. Send us an email aucklandballettheatre@gmail.com or search www.abtheatre.nz



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.

EZ COVERS FOR CHILDREN'S 2021 STATIONERY



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

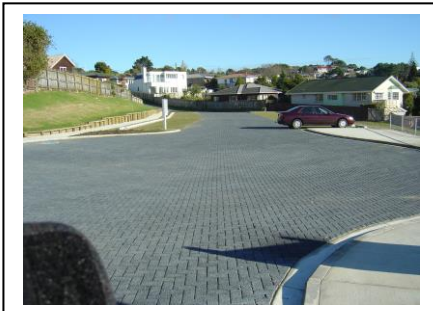
1. Go to www.ezcovers.com
 2. Select the cover types and sizes you need
 3. At checkout, select St John's school (Mairangi Bay) from the drop down box and use the code EZ15 to earn our PTFA a 15 cent rebate for every cover purchased.
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To Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends of families
who drop off or pick up children at St. John's

CARPARKING AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

There are three alternative carpark areas for you to use.

1.



SCHOOL CARPARK

Access via
East Coast Road going
down the hill from
Rangitoto College

2. **CHURCH CARPARK** Access via Hastings Road
Please do not use the Church driveway off East Coast Road.

Please use this carpark for long term parking **only** if you are using the Church or staying on at school after you have dropped your children off.



For short term drop off and pick up of children, parents are asked to use the School Carpark or the school side of St. Ives, Penzance or

3. Hastings Roads.



Hastings Road



Penzance Road



St. Ives Terrace

Children are not allowed in the carparks unless accompanied by an adult.

CHURCH CARPARK

Children wait by the church and must be collected from there.

PENZANCE / HASTINGS / ST IVES

Children wait at Penzance Road front gate and must be collected from there.

SCHOOL CARPARK

Children will wait in the carpark shelter.

Parents using the No Parking Pick Up / Drop Off Circular Zone : Children will be able to move to your car via the footpath at the instruction of the Duty Teacher. If using this service you are **not permitted to leave your car.**

SOME FINAL MATTERS

1. Cars are prohibited from parking in the circular drop off and pick up area of the School Carpark and along the driveway to the carpark.
2. Please obey the signs and yellow 'No Parking' lines.
3. Drive slowly and safely in all carpark areas.
4. Use the DISABLED park only if you can display a disability parking pass.
5. Access to the school via the Penzance Road entrance is prohibited.
6. The School Carpark will be closed after 4pm and on the weekends.

SCHOOL CAR PARK AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

THE CIRCLE

- There is space for 6 cars in the circle. Cars are to move forward to fill all 6 spaces.
- You may not park and exit your vehicle if in the circle area.
- As cars leave the circle, move forward to the front of the circle; It should always be full.
- 'After School Care' vans park in a parking space while waiting for the children.



PARKING

- It's best to arrive at school between 2.30 – 2.45pm if you wish to park.
- Fill car parks from the top (near circle) back. Do not leave gaps, as these will be difficult for others to access once the queue moves into the car park.
- If you arrive at school after 2.45pm and all spaces are full, please join the queue, or find alternative parking.



THE QUEUE

- If you arrive at school prior to 2.45pm, and the circle is full, and you are not parking, stop and queue just before the car parks begin.
- The car park is usually mostly full by 2.45pm. Once all parking spots are full waiting cars may move up to the circle
- No pushing in/cutting in front of first car in queue unless parking.
- Those in the queue, please keep in mind those queued right back to the entrance so move forward as soon as is appropriate.



- If the queue is right out to the entrance, please consider looking for alternative parking elsewhere to minimize the blocking of traffic coming down the hill.
- Do not use the right turn into the drive if driving north up East Coast Road if cars are already queued up to the entrance as this blocks the vision of those trying to exit.



DRIVING OUT

- Cars driving in (queuing) please be aware of parked cars wanting to leave and leave room for them to do so.

and a final reminder...



and please watch your speed!