



Week 5, Term 1
02 March 2021

NEWSLETTER

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

Kai ora Whanau



Once again, we find ourselves in Level 3 lockdown. Miss Binns and I are at school with just three delightful children today. I wish to thank you all for the support you continue to give to our school during these times.

Let us keep, in our prayers, those who are alone during lockdown, those who are experiencing financial difficulty and those whose mental wellbeing is compromised. May their eyes be opened to see God in the smallest of things, and to feel the warmth of God's love.

I am so very grateful that we were able to have EOTC week and in particular the Year 6 Camp.

EOTC week was exhausting but truly wonderful and I am sure you have all been bombarded with a myriad of stories from very excited children about this week long programme. EOTC week is yet another reminder for me of the many wonderful learning opportunities our St John's children experience. Each day they have participated in rich, authentic learning.

I was very fortunate to attend the Rangitoto Junior Team excursion to Auckland Zoo. This was the first time I had been to the Zoo since taking my own children many, many years ago, so I was pleasantly surprised at all the changes including Orangutans climbing freely above my head. It was a great day, and I am sure many of the children went home exhausted. I know I did!

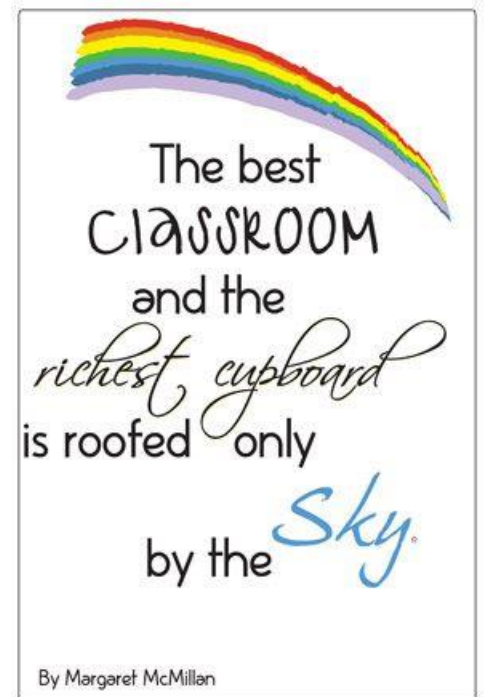
The Year 3 and 4 children went off site to Point Erin Pools where they had a blast. I enjoyed watching these little ones having fun splashing in the water and challenging themselves on the diving board.

The Year 4 and 5 children went to MERC where they participated in a variety of skill developing experiences. It was a blustery old day when I visited the Year 5s, but they were still having a great time.

I wish to thank all the parents who supported this week long initiative as it is not possible without your help. I wish also to thank my amazing team. They are so creative, passionate, and determined to provide our children with the best learning possible.

The Year 6 children have had another successful camp. We are truly blessed that they were able to attend as I know of so many schools that had to cancel their camp this week due to Covid restrictions. Many thanks to **Mrs Marsh, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Perry** for all the hard work that went into organising this event and to the marvellous parents who gave so freely of their time to be camp parents.

May God bless you all
Viki Trainor – Principal



DEDICATION MASS



At the annual Auckland Diocese Teachers Dedication Mass concelebrated by Bishop Michael earlier this term, our teachers and priests, Fr. Emile and Fr. Alejandro, celebrated the beginning of the school year as part of our Catholic and Josephite tradition. We were very proud to have our own Cara Mountjoy representing our school as a part of the Mass choir.

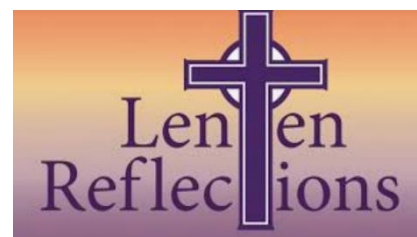
Congratulations go to our teachers who received certificates at the Mass. In particular, a huge congratulations to Janet Blind who was awarded a NZ Certificate in Christian Studies (Religious Education). Vivienne Fuaaletoelau and Janet Blind were awarded Leadership Accreditation certificates and Cara Mountjoy was awarded the Classroom Accreditation certificate. We also congratulated Wendy Whiteman who has completed two years in a Catholic School and is now a fully registered teacher.

Well done to a number of our other teachers who completed a Religious Education paper last year through The Catholic Institute (TCI).

LENTEN REFLECTION

"Cease to do evil. Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed."
Isaiah 1:16-17

Isaiah reminds us today what it is to "do good". We are to search for justice and help those who are oppressed, marginalised and in poverty. Learning to do good is not a one-time act. It is an ongoing process. There is always more for us to discover.



A new way of living This last year, in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, we have become more aware of the problems we face and the inequalities present in our society. As we begin to recover and rebuild from the pandemic, we must ensure that we search for justice. That we seek a new way of living that does not place more weight on those who are already struggling, but rather listens to them, learns from them and lifts them up.

Lent prayer

E Hēhu Karaiti, guide me to do what I know is right, and to always be open to learn and to change, so that together we can build a fairer world. Amen.

Laura Baddeley- DRS

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 6.00pm. 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, 9th March**. 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 **rp8a4**

DATES FOR TERM 1 2021

Below are some key dates for this term. For further dates, please check the calendar on the school website. If we need to change these dates for any reason, communication will come via email.



Tuesday 9 th March	Meet the Teacher Conferences (1:00pm -7:30pm; school closes at 12:00pm)
Wednesday 17 th March	School Swimming Sports
Friday 19 th March	Feast of St Joseph (Mass at 11:15am at St John's Church)
Thursday 1 st April	Easter Liturgy (in School hall 2:00pm)
Tuesday 6 th April	Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
Tuesday 13 th April	NSS Swimming Competition (Interschool competition)
Friday 16 th April	End of Term 1

NOTICES FROM THE PTFA AND OUR SCHOOL BOARD

St John's Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Postponed new Date TBC, 7.00pm in the Staff Room

The PTFA is a great way to get involved in your school community. It's lots of fun and is a great way to make new friends and learn about what is happening at school. There's a real sense of satisfaction being part of a team that's working to support the children, staff and families of St John's.

At the AGM we reach out for nominations for the following PTFA positions:

- **Chairperson** Setting the Agenda for meetings, chair the monthly PTFA meetings and to lead and maintain the function and spirit of the St John's PTFA.
- **Secretary** Keeping the PTFA record of activities, including the recording and distribution of minutes of meetings, and the processing of correspondence.
- **Treasurer** Maintaining the records of PTFA finances; present the monthly position at each PTFA meeting, provide cash floats as required for fundraising events and the banking of monies collected.

If you would like to offer your nomination for one of the above positions you can contact Rachael using the details below ahead of Tuesday's meeting, or come along to the AGM and voice your interest.

Rachael O'Brien (Chairperson) rachobrien@ymail.com / 027 875 7095

We welcome the energy and support that new members bring, and you are very welcome to come along to meetings at any time – even if you're not keen to take on a formal position. The PTFA meets generally on the first Tuesday of each month.

From the School Board

Mr Graeme Sievwright has resigned from the Board after service to the school as an elected Parent Representative since May 2016.

Graeme writes "I joined the Board because I wanted to be a part of the school community along with giving back to the teachers and staff who give so much to our children. It has been so much more rewarding than I could have imagined and something I will very much miss being part of. I wish you all the very best for the future."

It has been our blessing to have Graeme on the Board and we thank him for his service to the school as a Board member and wish him well.

St. John's School, Mairangi Bay Casual Vacancy – Elected Member

A casual vacancy has occurred on the School Board for an elected Parent Representative. The Board has resolved under Schedule 23 [Section 12] of the Education and Training Act 2020 to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to request the Board to hold a by-election should write to The Chair, St. John's School Board, 87a Penzance Rd, Mairangi Bay or email chair@sjmb.school.nz by 30 March 2021, 3pm.

FROM THE BEGINNING OF 2021

Please ensure you login to your Kindo (www.mykindo.co.nz) 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.
- Flexible payment amounts
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- Add regular top ups if you would prefer, then allocate to payments when you're ready, or just pay as you go.

Kindo is also now registered as a supplier with Work and Income. **What to do?** Add items to your cart, click "Top up and place order" and choose 'internet banking'. You will see instructions, including the reference details to use when making your payment. Give your Kindo member number (6 digit reference) details and the Kindo Supplier number CUR001872643 to your Case Manager. As soon as the funds are received your order will be placed and you will receive an Order Confirmation.

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



ROSMINI COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

Enrolments for Year 7 pupils for 2022 are open.

There are also limited spaces available in Years 8-13.

Please phone Helen on 488-3750 for an enrolment form.

We will be holding an **Open Day** at the college on **Thursday 20 May at 1.30 pm**. All interested parents & their sons are very welcome to attend. Enrolment forms will be available at the Open Day.



WORD OF THE WEEK

whakamārama(tia)

to explain

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



PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Karen Dorrington recently competed in the New Zealand Masters Games in Wanganui and has returned to St John's with **GOLD** medals in the 400m, 800m High Jump and Long Jump PLUS a bronze medal in the Javelin event. CONGRATULATIONS!



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone to another school year and a big welcome to all the new families at St John's School.

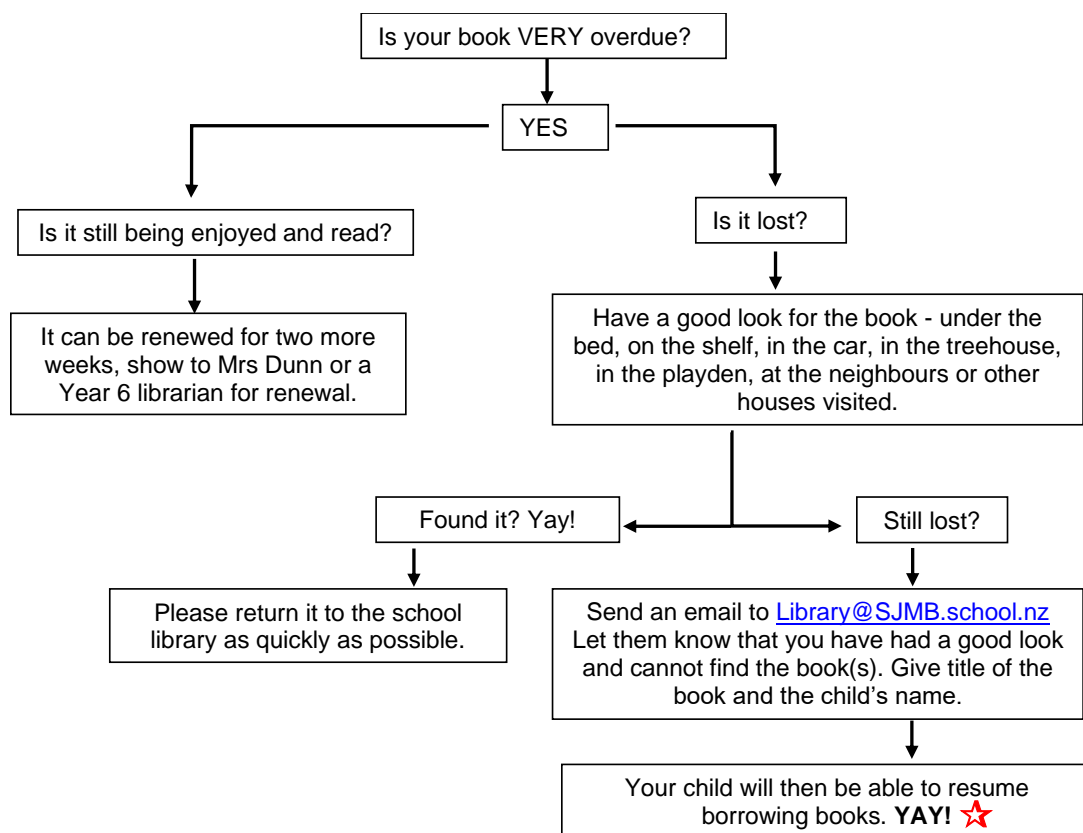
Many children were lucky enough to visit the library prior at the beginning of the term and have had their first books issued. It has brought a big smile to my face as they have shared the books that they have enjoyed over the summer break. Just a reminder to be aware of your child's class library day to ensure that they have their library book bag at school. Children will need their **BLUE book bag** to issue library books as their individual barcode is attached to the bag.

Children may take out **up to** five books at a time during their classroom library time. Senior students may also return and have books issued during lunch break. Books are issued for two weeks and can be renewed if the children have not finished and are still enjoying them and would like to keep them for a little longer.

We encourage all our students to read, read, and read some more. Please do not worry if a book is lost. It is preferable for children to take books out as they **are better being read than on a shelf in the library.**

Overdue notices usually come home on a Friday. Please look out for them in your children's bags.

An overdue notice means that your child is unable to take out their full allocation of five books. If you receive an overdue notice with a title **highlighted** it means this particular book is **very** overdue.



★ **You will not receive any more overdue notices for this book.**

If it has still not shown up by the end of the year following our annual stock take, you **may** receive an invoice for a replacement cost of the book. This is mainly for newer and more costly books.

If your circumstances would find this difficult please do get in touch with Mrs Dunn at Library@SJMB.school.nz

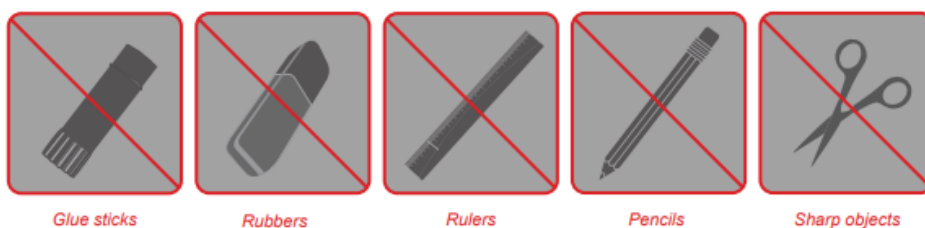
ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES AT ST JOHN'S

TERRACYCLE – WRITING INSTRUMENTS RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Two years ago, one of our Year 6 students introduced St John's to the Terracycle pen recycling programme. We are continuing to collect items in Room 6 and encourage you to send your empty and/or broken items to Room 6 at any time. Once we have collected approximately 2kg a box will be sent off to be recycled. Each parcel that weighs more than 2kg qualifies for rewards in the form of TerraCycle points. For each kilogram of accepted waste we send through this programme, you'll earn \$1 in donation points, redeemable for a payment to a school or charity of your choice.



Waste not accepted



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:



PARISH NEWS

Dove Catholic Fellowship Warmly invites all women to our Meeting Wednesday 17th March, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Topic: CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD (Luke 19: 8 - 9) Speaker: Barbara Hines Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield, Contact: Sylvia 021 088 22990 / 443 7477 www.dove.org.nz

Foodbank items: St Vincent de Paul are most grateful for all the generous donations from the Parishioners for our Food bank. This week we are in need of: **Coffee, tea & breakfast spreads** please leave items in the basket in the church



Baptism Preparation Course: Parents wanting their first child baptised. The course will be held at St John's Church; Tuesdays March 9th & March 16th; 7:15pm. Attendance at a preparation course is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their 1st child baptised. To enrol/book. Email Liz in the Parish office.

PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES

NORTH SHORE

SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO FOR?
All students, Years 1 - 13.

WHEN?
1 x 30-45 min (age dependant) lesson per week during school terms. Choose from Wednesdays or Thursdays, after school.

WHERE?
Takapuna Primary School (Wednesdays) and Northcote Primary School (Thursdays).

LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

For more information
www.headheldhigh.co.nz • kateimlach@headheldhigh.co.nz • Kate 027 682 0300

HOLYMOLY ARTS & CRAFTS

Holy Moly Arts & Crafts for Boys & Girls 5 – 11years, beginning February 15th and thereafter Monday, 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



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HARBOUR SYNCHRO

EOTC WEEK

What a full, busy week all our children have had and how blessed we have been with the weather. Below are a few photographs to give you a little taste of what your children have been doing.

Room 8 during their visit to Auckland Zoo to learn about animals and their habitats.



Mrs Nash made sure to bring 'Big Ted' to join in with the Junior children and their friends at the Teddy Bear's Picnic.



Some of our Room 9 children enjoying the forest walk at Long Bay Regional Park.

