



Week 6, Term 1  
09 March 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whanau



*"Whenever I meet someone in need, it is really Jesus in his most distressing disguise." –Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

So good to have our children back onsite. It was far too quiet without them. I thank you all for the many messages of support that we received and also for the way in which you welcomed our teachers into your homes via Zoom. Whilst we are all adapting to this new way of teaching online, nothing can compare with the face to face interaction between a teacher and their student.

**Moving in and out of Alert Levels, although necessary, is challenging for all, however, I do think that as time has progressed and we continue to 'yoyo' in and out of Lockdown, financial pressure has become a harsh reality for many. Please know that you can come in complete confidence to see me should you require support with paying school fees or activities. I am available to help our community in any way I can, and that may be something just as simple as listening.**

Viki Trainor – Principal

### 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.

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	School Swimming Sports
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Joseph (Mass at 11:15am at St John's Church)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Liturgy (in School hall 2:00pm)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Weekend (School Closed)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	NSS Swimming Competition (Interschool competition)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1 at the normal time of 2.50pm

### PTFA AGM – TONIGHT, 7pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to our Annual General PTFA meeting in the school hall. Please join us for a drink as we review 2020 and plan our activities for 2021. In line with the Constitution, nominations are open for all positions on the Committee.

**LEAD TALKER** – commonly known as a Chair person, someone who can chair the meetings and take charge where needed.

**LEAD NOTE TAKER** – commonly known as a Secretary. Someone who can take minutes of the meeting and deal with any incoming correspondence.

**LEAD MONEY COUNTER** – commonly known as a Treasurer, someone who will look after the PTFA Bank Accounts, bank money & reconcile the accounts.

There are also a few pop-up jobs that would be perfect for anyone who is keen to help with a one off event. These include the ANNUAL KIDS DISCO, the PARENTS NIGHTS, SCHOOL BBQ'S and one-off fundraising events like THE FUN RUN.



**Our ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS**  
**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March - 9.30am start.**



Our Swimming Sports is always a special event and the children are keen to get in the pool and compete for their house teams. The format we adopted last year worked well so we will be continuing the same way this year. This means that the Waitemata Team (Year 4 to 6) children will be participating in the morning, starting at 9.30am, and competing for the **Nicola Jack Memorial Cup**. A copy of the programme will be published on the Sports page of the school website [www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz](http://www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz) in due course.

The Nicola Jack Memorial Cup was presented by her family to the school for our swimming sports in memory of Nicola Jack who was in Year 3 but tragically died as a result of an accident in 1991. The cup is presented to the winning house team.

Rangitoto Yeam (Year 1 to 3) children will be participating in the afternoon, starting at 1.15pm, where they will have the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning and enjoy time together in the pool area.

We ask you to refrain from going into the pool area, rather, enjoy sitting on the surrounding banks. For safety reasons the children will not be allowed to leave the pool enclosure. They will have their hats on while not swimming and should also bring a T-shirt in their house colour to wear at the pool. Please feel free to give your child 'named' sunscreen to put on or apply it to your child before they come to school.

Please ensure that your children arrive at school with swimming togs, goggles, 2 towels and a water bottle. All items should be clearly named.

***Best of luck to all the House teams!***



**Payment for the activities that took place in EOTC week are now overdue, we would appreciate payment as soon as possible.**

Please ensure you login to your Kindo ([www.mykindo.co.nz](http://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](mailto:michelen@sjmb.school.nz)

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

## **SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE**

- The next Second Hand uniform sale will be on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30 – 3.00pm in the School Hall.

If you have items that children have grown out of and you would like to on-sell them, now is the time to bring them to the office and complete the sale detail form. Alternatively, do it all at home by downloading the form from the school website Our School – Uniform tab. There is currently plenty of stock so our Year 6 families may wish to consider this option as the new uniform style is not compulsory until the start of Term 1 in 2022.

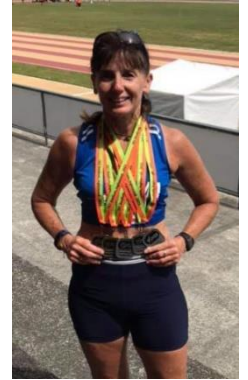


## ROSMINI COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

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.

## PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Prior to our recent lockdown **Mrs Karen Dorrington** was away competing in The Masters Track & Field National Champs which were held in Inglewood, New Plymouth from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th February and has returned to St John's with **GOLD** medals in the Long Jump and Pentathlon and three **SILVER** medals for the 400m, 800m and High Jump.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### WRITE like an AUTHOR

## Holiday Writing Camp

Are you a word warrior?  
Do you love writing?  
Have you ever thought that maybe one day you'd like to be an author? Or do you just enjoy making up stories for friends?

If you'd like to have a book published there are more opportunities for you now than ever before and this course will give you the skills and techniques you need to write awesome stories.

**Who is it for?**  
This course is for middle-grade students who are enthusiastic about writing.

**What will I Learn?**  
Write Like an Author will teach you the skills you need to construct well crafted, imaginative stories.

Working alongside a published author, you will be taken on a guided journey at the end of which is a story you have created entirely from scratch.

It's the first step on your own road to becoming a published author.

**Course Book**  
The course book covers each day's material, along with worksheets and exercises to help you reach the next level in your writing.



**Andy Griffiths says**  
*"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer. Storytelling is a craft and the more you learn, the more fun you can have!"*



**The Course**  
Write Like an Author was developed by award-winning author and writing coach **Brian Falkner** in consultation with English teachers. It has been tested and proven over many years in classrooms in Australia, New Zealand and the USA.



**Who?**  
**The camp facilitator is:**  
**Melinda Szymanik**  
Melinda Szymanik is an award winning author of picture books and novels including *Fuzzy Doodie* and *A Writers Day in 1931*.

**Where? When?**  
**Kristin School**  
360 Albany Highway, Albany  
27 Apr to 29 Apr 2021



**Students say**  
*"The best thing was having an author supporting us all the way."*  
- James (11) - Lindisfarne Grammar School camp  
*"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."*  
- Gabriella (14) - Immanuel Lutheran College camp  
*"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."*  
- Anna (12) - Southwell School camp

for more information go to:  
[writelikeanauthor.com](http://writelikeanauthor.com)

Orders from the latest issue of the Scholastic Lucky Bookclub have now been delivered to school. They will be sent home with your children at some stage this week so please look out for them.



If you indicated on your order that the item was a 'Gift' our parent co-ordinator, Mrs Fran Gilchrist will be in touch regarding collection.

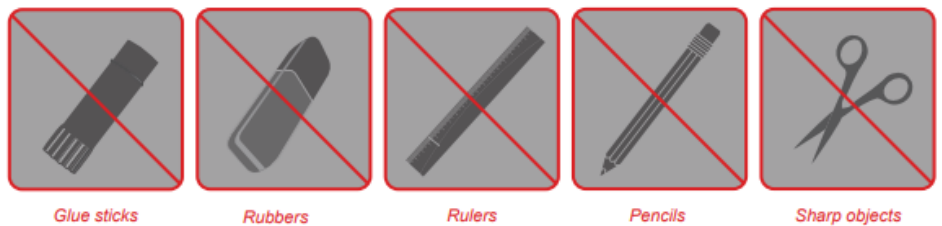
# ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES AT ST JOHN'S

## 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.



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:



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## 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](http://www.dove.org.nz)

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



**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 prerequisite for parents wanting their 1st child baptised. To enrol/book. Email Liz in the Parish office.

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## PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES



Torbay Plunket will be holding their Nearly New Sale on Saturday, 27th March 10am – 12pm at East Coast Bays Leisure Centre, 12 Bute Road, Browns Bay. Come along, grab a bargain and support a fantastic cause. Entry fee for shoppers is a gold coin donation with the proceeds going to Torbay Plunket to continue the great work they do in our local community. Thousands of items will be for sale - new and secondhand. Baby and children's clothing (newborn to 10 yrs), maternity gear, nursery equipment, prams and strollers, toys, books and much much more!

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