



Week 7, Term 1
16 March 2021



Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni **The voice of St John's School**

Kia ora whānau



Thank goodness to be back at Level 1. It is very good to have you all back on site with us, particularly as we have our annual Swimming Sports Day tomorrow and then we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph with Mass at St John's Church on Friday at 11.15am. I am hoping that some of you may be able to attend these events as you are most welcome.

Last Tuesday our PTFA held their AGM. It was a lively meeting where those present shared lots of great ideas for fun events for our community. I am pleased to say that dedicated parent, Rachael O'Brien, accepted the role of Chair for another term and Brendon Murphy has agreed to continue in the roll of Treasurer. If anyone would be willing to step up to the Secretary roll this would help enormously with the smooth running of the PTFA. Just email Rachel rachobrien@ymail.com The next meeting of the PTFA is Tuesday 6th April at 7.00pm in the school staff room and all are most welcome to attend.

2020 SPORTS PAYMENTS/REFUNDS

Due to the many disruptions of Covid-19 we are well aware that we owe some families refunds and that there are some families still to pay for their child's respective sporting events for 2020.

We are currently reconciling these accounts and will be able to provide families with their specific updates of the amounts to be refunded or paid as soon as we can.

We realise that this has been a very long drawn-out process as it has involved our accounting team working with the different sporting bodies and organisations. A very difficult situation because as you will be aware not all codes were able to play full seasons, which in turn delayed the ability to work out our school refunds and payments nor did all leagues refund fees in full.

We appreciate your understanding and patience in this matter.

Ngā mihi nui
Viki Trainor - Principal



SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE - OUR POOL CLOSES FOR THE SEASON ON SUNDAY, 28TH MARCH AT 8.00PM

Pool key bond refunds are now available from the office.
To receive the bond refund, keys must be returned before the end of term, Friday 16th of April.



Our ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS

Wednesday, 17th 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 **Waitematā Team (Year 4 to 6)** children will be participating in the morning, **starting at 9.30am**, and competing for the **Nicola Jack Memorial Cup**.

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 12.45pm**, 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!***

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS*

Senior School, Years 4 – 6

Starting at 9.30am

3 Length Medley 7 – 8, 9 and 10 year girls 7 – 8, 9 and 10 year boys 1 Length Freestyle 7 – 8 year girls 7 – 8 year boys 9 year girls 9 year boys 10 year girls 10 year boys 2 Widths Freestyle 7 – 10 year girls 7 – 10 year boys	2 Lengths Freestyle 7 – 8 year girls 7 – 8 year boys 9 year girls 9 year boys 10 year girls 10 year boys 1 Length Kickboard 7 – 10 year girls 7 – 10 year boys	1 Length Backstroke 7 – 8 year girls 7 – 8 year boys 9 year girls 9 year boys 10 year girls 10 year boys 1 Length Breaststroke 7 – 8 year girls 7 – 8 year boys 9 year girls 9 year boys 10 year girls 10 year boys	1 Width Kickboard 7 – 10 year girls 7 – 10 year boys 1 Width Back Kick (with kickboard) 7 – 10 year girls 7 – 10 year boys House Relays Year 5 mixed boys/girls Year 6 mixed boys/girls
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Junior School, Years 1 – 3

Starting at 12.45pm

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* Programme may be subject to change dependent on weather

SAVE THE DATE



PTFA KIDS MOVIE NIGHT
School Hall, sessions for juniors and seniors.
Evening of Friday 9th April.



More details to follow.

FAMILY – WHANAU PRAYER KETES

Prayer Ketes have begun throughout the school with each class having their own Prayer Kete. The Prayer Kete is a special way for you to pray together as a whanau.

Included in each Prayer Kete are items that your child may choose to use to assist with praying at home. Some items include: Rosary Beads, a Cross, a Prayer book and a Prayer cloth. There are some suggestions of things to do inside your class Prayer book. Please ensure that the Prayer Kete is looked after and all items are returned to school



LENTEN APPEAL

The theme for Lent 2021, "A New Way Forward", is inspired by Pope Francis' words in Laudato Si' highlighting God's infinite presence throughout both the highs and lows of our life on Earth. Throughout our lives, we face obstacles and challenges that change our world and lead us to adapt in unexpected ways. Most notably over the past year, we have all been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic which has swept the globe, touching the lives of every person and compelling us to shift our ways of living and interacting with each other. Through these seasons, God's love constantly impels us to find new ways forward.

During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops' Lenten Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate to the Bishops' Lenten Appeal by placing a donation into the classroom Mission box or the purple Mission box in the office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Religious Education strands are taught at varying times during the school year to reflect an integrated planning approach.

During Term 1 the Rangitoto Team will participate and engage in the God strand whilst the Waitematā Team will participate and engage in the Jesus strand. You can find out more about the programme by using the online Faith Alive website [<http://www.faithalive.org.nz>] Simply click on the FAMILIES tab and open the pdf file.

This year the children will continue to use their Religious Education Learning Journals. The journals will be sent home regularly for you to discuss your children's' learning and when possible make a comment.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE

The next Second Hand uniform sale will be **THIS Thursday, 18th March, 2.30 – 3.00pm** in the School Hall. Please bring cash. Thank you, Francine Gilchrist 021 488 279

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.



NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - *UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK*

For Health and Safety children are reminded that shoes must be worn when arriving and leaving from the school grounds.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Ki te kauhoe To swim

Kupu o te Wiki

HAUORA WELLBEING

It has been a roller coaster start to the new school year and that can make some of us anxious and out of sorts. Perhaps we all need some “calm”.



The Calm app is designed to assist with meditation, improve sleep, reduce anxiety and stress or improve focus.

Try downloading the Calm app at <https://www.calm.com/> or <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/calm/id571800810>

PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Isaac Reade – POD Cricket

PARISH NEWS

The **Special General Meeting** for the appointing of a new Parish Pastoral Council will now be held on Sunday 21st March after the 10.30am Mass at St. Francis Church.

Important change to the Roster System It has become apparent that only a very small number of people are using the online roster to enter in their preferred dates. Therefore, that system arrangement has been stopped and the links removed. If you want to be rostered for particular dates in the coming three months please email ecbparishroster@gmail.com. ***We are grateful that Amanda Dixon-McIver is now helping with the rosters. Amanda looks after St John's Masses and Linda Butler, the St Francis's Masses.***

Volunteers needed for Easter Ceremonies We need volunteer altar servers, readers and Ministers of the Eucharist for Holy Thursday evening Mass, Good Friday 3pm service, Saturday Vigil Mass and the three Sunday Masses. **Please advise your availability to ecbparishroster@gmail.com by Monday, 22 March.** This will enable us to publish the Easter rosters in the Palm Sunday newsletter 27/28 March.

Safeguarding: If your PARISH volunteer role puts you in contact with vulnerable adults or children up to the age of 18yrs, please attend our Safeguarding Training on Friday 16th April either at 10:30am or 7:30pm. The course starts with a 30min refresher for those who have attended the training already and will follow with the 90min program. All are welcome.

Dove Catholic Fellowship Warmly invites all women to our meeting on 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 our parishioners. This week we are especially in need of: **Coffee, tea & breakfast spreads.** Please leave items in the basket in the church foyer



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 second-hand. Baby and children's clothing (newborn to 10 yrs), maternity gear, nursery equipment, prams and strollers, toys, books and much, much more!



Art Day for children in the holidays (ages 7 - 12 yrs.)

If your child loves drawing and painting, they'll love this one-day workshop with artist Eion Bryant. With step-by-step instruction they will draw, then create a vibrant acrylic painting, learning tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused! VENUE: St. Anne's Hall, Browns Bay, April 27th, 10.00am-3.00pm. Cost: \$55

Bookings: eion@eionbryant.com, mob 021 132 7033 or 021 060 6641.



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YEAR 6 CAMP EXPERIENCE – as told by the students

Kia Ora Whanau today your reporters are going to tell you about Hunua Falls Campsite 2021. We did a bunch of activities to help to get yourself ready when you go to Year Six camp in the future!



THE FIRST DAY - When we got there we got ready for a long bush walk to the Hunua Falls. As you can see in this photo, it was very peaceful and stunning. We got very, very close. So close that we had water spraying in our faces.

THE SECOND DAY - We did mountain biking held by the company called Bigfoot. The instructor teaches you a lot. Rockwall was also held by another Bigfoot instructor. It was really entertaining and they always made sure you were safe.

THE THIRD DAY - The third day was the big day. We did kayaking, bivouacs and much more. It was really fun!

EXPERIENCE - The food was five stars for sure! We got 3 meals a day and we got a bunch of snack breaks, the chefs were really kind and they made the best food ever. After dinner we always had dessert and it was just as good as the normal meals! We did night activities, every night we did spotlight (Night hide and seek with torches), a concert where you make a skit or a dance and the button fair where you do mini activities and gather buttons with your group!

Created by: Tia and Will

Year 6 Camp At Hunua Falls

Kia Ora St. John's. A few weeks ago we went to camp. There were lots of fun activities like Rock Climbing, Archery, Mountain Biking and lots more. There was a company called BigFoot that brought most of the equipment that we needed for all the activities.



When we did tie dying, we had to tie multiple rubber bands into the shirt. Then we had to dip dye it for ten minutes for each colour.

For rock climbing there was an easy wall, a medium wall and a hard wall. There was a challenge where you could do it blindfolded.

We were walking down the pine forest to get to the kayaking station. We all got taught how to use a kayak. Then we all got a kayak and started paddling down the river.

When we got there, we played a game called World Domination, which is when you choose a country and you have to tap on someone else's kayak 3 times so that they could be in your country and whichever country has the most people at the end wins.

By: Maria, Grace & Angus

Year 6 Camp Hunua Falls 2021

Kia Ora Whanau, this is a report about the Year 6 camp at Hunua Falls. We hope you enjoy this report about your Year 6's experience at camp.

The First Day.

The first exciting thing the Year 6's did at camp was take a hike to the Hunua Falls. The hike was extremely tiring, they saw loads of different creatures and saw the Falls at particular perspectives. Hunua Falls is a breathtaking sight. Although the cicadas ruined the moment by buzzing ferociously into our ears. We ate mouth watering chocolate fudge and shortbread cookies, they were so scrumptious. We were devastated to leave such a tranquil place.



The Second And Third Day.

We started off with multiple activities, for example Mountain Biking. During Mountain Biking the instructor educated us how to use the gears properly and showed us a cool dance to learn. We also did Team Building exercises, which is where you have to work as a team to complete all the tasks that were set. One of the other activities was Rock climbing.

There were 3 sides on the rock climbing wall, one easy side, one not that hard side and one hard side. Ashlyn and I climbed the rock climbing wall blindfolded! We also did art at camp and the art was tie dye shirts. Since we had to tie our shirts with rubber bands our fingers were aching once we finished. Dying the shirt needed lots of patience since we had to wait 10 - 30 minutes. We did some Kayaking. At first the water was cold but as we kayaked it got warmer. We even played a few games.

Information.

We were so heartbroken to leave the camp because it was so much fun and we think that the Year 5's next year will be ecstatic about camp. One more thing, if you're a picky eater then don't worry, the food there is outstanding! The waterslide was heaps of fun as we bashed into each other barely even caring if we get hurt.

Yours sincerely, Ashlyn and Pearla.
