



**Week 9, Term 1**  
**30 March 2021**

Kia Ora Whānau



*"The call of God can reach us on the assembly line and in the office, in the supermarket and in the stairwell, i.e. in the places of everyday life."*

(Pope Francis)

This photo is from St Peter's Catholic Church. It is my Parish on Waiheke Island. I found it a very beautiful and thought-provoking image to reflect upon during Mass this weekend.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish all our families a blessed Easter and safe and happy school holidays.

### **Easter Liturgy**

This year, Year 6 will lead an Easter Liturgy for the school on Thursday at 2:00pm in the School Hall. This Liturgy will be a reminder to the children of the true meaning of Easter, a story of the unconditional love that God has for us and of the amazing hope and joy we have in our risen Lord. Families are most welcome to attend this Liturgy, but we ask that no photos or videos be

taken as we will be reminding our children of the significance of this Liturgy and of how to be a respectful and thoughtful audience. Children will be released from the hall to go home. School closes on Thursday at the normal time (2.50pm) and reopens on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Safe driving – Front Entrance**

I have noted that there is an increased number of parents pulling into the front entrance layby to drop off and pick up their children, then performing U-turns back out onto Penzance Road to make a quick entry onto Hastings Road. I really worry about this as it is a blind corner, and I would be devastated if one of our families was to be involved in an accident. I know we are all racing for time, but please think safely, this bend is incredibly dangerous and saving a few minutes is not worth what the outcome could be.

Ngā mihi nui,  
*Viki Trainor – Principal*

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### **REMINDERS and CALENDAR DATES**

You are reminded that:

- **School closes for the celebration of the Easter Festival at the usual time on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April and re-opens on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April.**
- School closes for Term 1 at the usual time on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April and reopens on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**BOT** – The next Board of Trustees meeting will be this Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm in the staff room.

**PTFA** – The next PTFA meeting will be Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the staff room.

**FEES** – As we near the end of Term 1 we ask that any queries with regards to school fees be raised with Michele Nash (Principal's PA) ([michelen@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:michelen@sjmb.school.nz), Tel: 09 478 7734 Ext 203) this week.

### **KAPA HAKA STARTING THIS WEEK**

- Junior Years 1 to 3 tomorrow, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 8.00am in Room 2.
  - Senior Years 4 to 6 on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 8.00am in the school hall
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## PTFA KIDS MOVIE NIGHT



The big screen is coming to the St John's School hall on Friday, 9th of April for a children's movie night.

There will be two sessions; Juniors (Years 1 - 3) from 5.00pm to 6.30pm  
Seniors (Years 4 - 6) from 7.00pm to 8.45pm

Each child should bring a blanket to sit on and a cushion/pillow and their own drink bottle.

Tickets are \$5.00 each (popcorn included) and are now on sale via Kindo

[www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)

Please be careful to purchase tickets for the right year group screening.



## Small Business Day

A campaign has been launched to create a national Small Business Day encouraging consumers to get behind small businesses and to shop local. This is a great way of supporting local families.



"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

PHILIPPIANS 2:4

**This inaugural Small Business Day will take place on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April.**

To celebrate this day we are compiling a directory of small businesses in our own school community to support our school families. This could be a business that you own or one where you work.

If you would like your business to be included, please **email content (ready to be copy and pasted into a document)** to [marinab@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:marinab@sjmb.school.nz) by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Once complete, a link to the document will be included in our school newsletter, our school Facebook page and emailed out to our community.

Isn't it great to know that while it is important to consider what's best for you and your family, we can also keep in mind what will be beneficial for our community and trust that others are also looking out for your interests as well?

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Special Character Survey

As a part of our school Religious Education self-review, St John's School is looking to gather information in reference to our *School's Catholic Character*.

We would like to learn more about how effectively our school provides a hope-filled Catholic Christian witness which empowers our community to integrate their faith and their life.

Please complete the survey by clicking on the [link](#) here

The survey will close on **Friday, 9th April**

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## LOST PROPERTY

It is nearly the end of term and the blue box of lost property items in the Sick Bay is FULL yet again!

School uniform items, non-uniform clothing, shoes, towels, togs, goggles, sports balls, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. At the end of term, remaining items are given to those in need or recycled through the second-hand uniform sales.

This is also a timely reminder to clearly name ALL items that your child brings to school.

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### OUR SWIMMING POOL IS NOW CLOSED

Pool key bond refunds are now available from the office.  
Keys should be returned before the end of this term Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.

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

You are reminded that the changeover to winter uniform takes place from the beginning of Term 2. Due to the fluctuating warm weather there will be a period of two weeks when either full summer or winter uniform can be worn, the exception is that hats are not worn in Term 2 or 3. All the children should be in winter uniform for the third week of Term 2, beginning Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May.



### WINTER:

Tunic:	Drop waist and pleated skirt
Shirt:	Freight blue polo shirt
Jumper:	School polar fleece
Ribbons:	Blue or black
Shorts	Charcoal grey or blue shorts and freight blue polo shirt
Shoes:	Black knee-length socks and black shoes

**School Winter Shoes** When purchasing these, please buy conventional leather school shoes, lace up, buckle or velcro fastening. Ankle boots and black trainers are not part of our school uniform.

### **School Beanies for Winter**

School beanies are an optional uniform item which children can wear to and from school, during break times, and at school sporting events in Terms 2 and 3. The beanies will be on sale at the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale next week and from the school office in Terms 2 and 3. We have managed to secure a good introductory promotional price \$12.50. Normally they sell for \$17.00. Mum and Dad may want one too!

They come in three colours as pictured below.



### **Two reminders:**

- All children should have their full St John's PE gear at school Monday to Friday every week.
  - If children wish to play on the grass field during the lunch break in Terms 2 & 3 they need to bring a change of mufti clothing.
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## UPCOMING SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

The last sale for this Term will be on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 2.30 – 3.00pm in the School Hall.  
Cash sales only.

The first sale for Term 2 will be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 2.30 – 3.00pm in the School Hall.

If you have winter 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: Information Tab – Uniform <https://www.sjmb.school.nz/uniform/>  
From Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May all children must be wearing their full winter uniform.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

It is wonderful to see our new Student Librarians settling into their roles.

They are doing an amazing job and bring a wonderful spirit into our Library during the lunchtime break.



Last week in the library we celebrated World Poetry day (Sunday, 21st March) by watching and listening to Michael Rosen's Performative Poetry piece 'Chocolate Cake'. Some children told me how they shared this with their parents and discovered more poems.

Should your children want to watch more of Mr Rosen's poetry and storytelling you can find his channel **here** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7D-mXO4kk-XWvH6IBXdrPw>

Perhaps they might like to have a go at their own performative poetry piece to share with the family?

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## WATER BOTTLES

A reminder that all children should have a named water bottle at school EVERY day as our drinking fountains remain switched off. These can be refilled in the classrooms. We continued to be blessed with warm weather so it is especially important at this time of year.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

**karakia:** prayer

Ka tīmata ngā hui ki te *karakia*.

Meetings begin with a *prayer*.

[Hear this kupu spoken and get the PDF](#)

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Kupu o te Wiki

## PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

**Olivia McKewen** – PoD Flippaball (lots of goals!)

**Xavier Hayward** – PoD Basketball (great running around)

**Grayson Mudford** – PoD Basketball (big improvement)

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## HAUORA WELLBEING

Covid may have placed extra pressures on migrant families living in NZ. Distance from family support and friendship networks has left many people feeling isolated or alone.



Support is offered by government agencies such as <https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/what-we-do/our-strategies-and-projects/how-we-support-migrants>

And also at <https://www.careers.govt.nz/job-hunting/new-to-new-zealand/organisations-that-help-migrants-in-new-zealand/national-organisations-that-help-migrants/>

Or by community groups such as those in this list

<https://www.heartsandminds.org.nz/directory-of-support-services/itemlist/category/75-newcomers-migrant-services>

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Interschool Tennis Tournament – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Last Tuesday our team of six enthusiastic Year 5 girls and Year 6 boys headed off to Pinehurst School with Mrs Dorrington to compete in the Super Cluster Interschool Tennis Tournament. The team comprised of 4 boys and 2 girls being: Seth Storm and Nathaniel McCann (Boys Singles), Angus Grayson and Leon Holden (Boys Doubles), and Julia Bai with Ruby Lockwood (Girls Doubles). Unfortunately, we were not able to field entrants into the Girls Singles competition this year.



Our doubles results produced some well-played games where our boys were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the “Plate” section of the competition. Our girls doubles team also played in the “Plate” section and were the winners. Our singles results were well fought out and both boys had good games. Each singles player or doubles combinations played a minimum of 3 games during the day. The energy, attitude, and great team spirit with which our team took on their opponents, was commendable. The organising schools’ object of the day was for all teams to have fun, and that was clearly visible by our team and those of the five other schools there. The weather conditions were perfect - hot, but with a slight breeze. The gazebo’s Pinehurst School provided for shelter were welcome in between the games. We will continue to attend this tournament in the future. Many thanks to

Mrs Linda Pereira who assisted with the transportation, and to the other parents who came along and supported the team. A great day for all involved.

### FLIPPABALL Terms 2 & 3

Recommitments and New registrations welcome via Kindo, [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)

See Under Sports Registrations and fees. Please read carefully prior to registrations to ensure you are signing your child up to the correct age group / league.

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## PARISH NEWS

**HELP PLEASE:** we are desperate for Computer operators at all Masses. This is not a difficult ministry and training will be given. Please contact the parish office or speak to an existing operator for details.

**Reconciliation Programme:** Thank you to our Priests, helpers, parents, and children for your enthusiastic attitudes for our Sacrament. Our next Sacrament is **Confirmation** which begins at 8.00am Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**PASSOVER MEAL:** Reconnect with our community & experience the roots of Jesus’ faith as we share a Passover Seder connecting the Last Supper & the Mass we share today. Cost is \$5 per adult or \$15 per family & includes a Lamb dinner. **30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the St John’s School hall.** Please register your interest with the Parish Office to reserve a ticket as seats are limited. Tickets still available

**Foodbank items:** St Vincent de Paul are most grateful for all the generous donations from our Parishioners. This week we are in need of: **tinned spaghetti, chick peas & noodles.** Please leave items in the basket in the church foyer.





HAPPY EASTER FROM YOUR  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

MRS ANNELIESE BRIDGES

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## PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES

### School Holiday Programme: Studio 246 present "ALICE IN WONDERLAND"

Come and perform in our 17th Holiday show; a week of dance, singing, acting, making costumes and props, performing to family and friends on the last day. Monday to Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am – 3.00pm with before and after school care available. Programme held at Murrays Bay Intermediate. Boys and Girls aged 5 – 15yrs are welcome. Suitable for experienced kids and beginners. Limited spaces available: Please contact Tel: 0211849849 or [email info@studio246.co.nz](mailto:emailinfo@studio246.co.nz) for more info.

### *The best gift you can give to your child/children is to allow them to free play in natural settings these Spring School Holidays with CK!*

The Conscious Kids Social Enterprise is inviting your children to a 100% play-in-nature school holiday programme. Nature play 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 two weeks of the **Easter Holidays (20th April - 22th April and 27th April - 29th April)**, at a cost of \$70/child per day. Daily programmes run from 9.00am to 3.00pm and are designed for children aged 5 - 12 yrs old. For booking and more information, please visit <http://www.consciouskids.co.nz>



**Mairangi Bay Tennis Club – Tennis Camps**  
19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**9.00 – 11.45am session (\$40), 12.30 – 3.15pm session (\$40)**  
**And all day 9.00 – 3.15pm (\$75) available.**



Places will go on a first come first served basis – any sessions that are under subscribed will not go ahead, seven days' notice and a full refund will be given. Please bring packed drink and snacks – **NO NUTS please**. Balls will be provided. Please bring your own racket if you have one. If not, we can provide one.

Safety is a constant priority on all courses and therefore there will be qualified Paediatric First Aider available if necessary. The program caters for all levels with an emphasis on FUN, technique, and tactical games. Please ensure that you are prepared for all weather conditions. In hot weather sun cream, a hat and a water bottle is recommended. We will take indoor shelter only if the weather is deemed too dangerous to play, e.g. the courts are too slippery. Always send your children with a rain jacket

All lead coaches hold a LTA qualification and are first aid trained. EMAIL ALL BOOKING REQUESTS TO: [jrr.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:jrr.tennis@gmail.com). Also see [www.clubspark.kiwi.tns](http://www.clubspark.kiwi.tns).

More information regarding after school programmes available from St John's School office.

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**Kids Choice School Holiday club** bookings are now open. The programme will **open on Monday 19th April to Friday 30th April**. 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 7am - 6pm daily.

**Kids Choice Oscar Before and After school Care for 5 – 14 year olds.** Enrolments are currently available in our CYF's approved before and after school care programme. Operating from two sites : St John's School hall, 87A Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay and the Presbyterian Church hall, 10 Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay.

While our rates are reasonable we are also **CYF's approved** enabling families to apply for OSCAR subsidies. Transport to or from sports activities can be available by negotiation. Call in for a visit and meet the team. Contact Barb 027 440 6363 or 09 478 3705. Email: [kids.choice@infoegen.net.nz](mailto:kids.choice@infoegen.net.nz)

# HOLYMOLY

## ARTS & CRAFTS

**AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES 2021**

**3.20ish to 4.30pm MONDAYS**

**Cost** - \$179 term    **Where** -Home Studio (58 Beach Rd, Castor bay)

**Ages** - 5 -11yr Boys & girls.    **When** - begin 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each term.



TERM 1 - POTTERY

TERM 2 - POTTERY

TERM 3 - FABRIC CRAFT

TERM 4 - ART

**POTTERY** - Clay based projects, Hard fired, acrylic painted, sculptural and artistic.

**FABRIC CRAFT** - Art with Fabric. Sewing also. From landscapes to teddies!

**ART** - 2D large art works, using charcoal, ink, pastel, paint, watercolor etc.

[www.holymoly.co.nz](http://www.holymoly.co.nz)

All enquires go through Yolande, and not the school. Thank You.

**YOLANDE LIGHT 0274 230 173**

[yoly@holymoly.co.nz](mailto:yoly@holymoly.co.nz)

**HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021

9am - 3pm    \$60/day.    58 Beach rd, Castor Bay

# Kia ora, neighbour!

please join us  
as we celebrate

## neighbours, day AOTEAROA

20-30 March 2021



ARKLES BAY  
Army Bay  
BROWNS BAY  
CAMPBELL'S BAY  
GULF HARBOUR  
HATFIELD BEACH  
LONG BAY  
MAIRANGI BAY  
Manly  
Matakia  
MILLWATER  
MORONGI BAY  
OKURA  
Orewa  
RED BEACH  
ROTHESAY BAY  
SILVERDALE  
Stamore Bay  
STILLWATER  
Torbay  
Waiwera  
Waiake

Hibiscus and Bays  
Local Board