



Week 11, Term 1
13 April 2021

NEWSLETTER

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

Last Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast reminds us of our need to always trust in Jesus. Jesus said to St Faustina: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy."

Divine Mercy is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the Risen Christ and offers to humanity. In this knowledge society it is very easy to want proof before we believe, let us not be like Thomas who doubted, but let us always put our trust in Christ, seeing his presence in the beauty of nature and in the deeds of each other.



Kia ora whānau,

This is our final newsletter for Term 1. It is hard to believe that the term is already over. Although we had interruptions with lockdowns, we still managed to have lots of fun and lots of wonderful learning experiences. Camp for our Year 6 children, EOTC week, St Joseph's Feast Day which was celebrated with a whole school Mass, swimming sports with whānau present to cheer their children on, our beautiful Easter Liturgy and the PTFA Movie night in the hall last Friday, to name just a few of our special events. We are truly blessed to be living in Aotearoa.

Thank you to all those who completed the RE Survey, your feedback is much appreciated.

I also wish to thank my staff for the wonderful work they have done in Term 1 and I know they are well and truly ready for a break, as are our children. I wish you all a very happy Term 1 break and look forward to welcoming you all back to school in Term 2 on Monday, 3rd May.

The passing of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

I was very impressed when I received an email on Sunday evening from my flag bearer, Harrison Bage, who informed me that he would be flying our school flag at half-mast following the passing of Prince Philip. I love to see our children take initiative like this. We keep the Royal Family in our prayers at this sad time.

Movie Night

Many thanks to our PTFA for organising the St John's Movie Night in our school hall last Friday. Special thanks to Brendon and Kath Murphy who provided the movie, the projector, and sound systems. Miss Binns and I stayed for the Troll movie with the juniors, and we loved it! The children were incredibly well behaved as they snuggled up on their blankies with their buddies and enjoyed the movies and the popcorn!

Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor – Principal

ANZAC DAY – Sunday, 25th April



On Anzac Day we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. We remember all who died, both friend and foe, and those who lived to return home, bearing the scars of war in their bodies, in their emotions and in their lives.

God of all things, all times, all people, we are grateful for the sacrifices made by the ANZACs. God of earth and heaven, on your world the sun rises and sets on every nation; we commend to you our innocent sisters and brothers who suffer through warfare and violence. Be with them now; be their strength and their hope. Amen



ANZAC Day

We Will Remember Them

April 25th is ANZAC Day, a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations and remembers the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.

On ANZAC day, above all days, we remember those men and women who died or suffered in the great tragedy of war, particularly those soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp – the ANZACS, who landed under fire and fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey early on the morning of 25 April, 1915 during the First World War. They were outnumbered from the start and fought bravely for what they believed in. It was then and in the violent months of fighting which followed, that the ANZAC tradition was made and the ANZACs became known as people of bravery. The elements of that tradition have inspired and offered an enduring example to later generations of New Zealanders and Australians.

On ANZAC day, above all days, we remember their bravery and sacrifice. Each year we pay homage not only to those original ANZACs, but to all who died or were disabled in their service to this country. They enrich our nation's history. Their hope was for the freedom of mankind - the freedom to make choices and to follow what we believe. We remember with pride their courage, their compassion and their comradeship. They served on land and sea and in the air, in many places throughout the world.

On ANZAC day, above all days, we also remember with gratitude all the men and women who have fought and died in all wars. May their sacrifice never be forgotten, and may we continue to cherish the freedom that they fought for.

Not only do we honour the memory of those who have fallen in battle; we also share the sorrow of their friends and families who have mourned them and of all who have been the victims of wars and fighting.



FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi
Let the uniqueness of the child guide us in our work.

Helping children and young people we are responsible for to succeed to the best of their ability requires a highly effective school board and principal working together in partnership.

An effective school is one where all young people can and do succeed, regardless of their background and in spite of the social, financial, personal and physical challenges they may face. School boards play a critical role, in partnership with their principal, in ensuring that each student, along with their teachers and whānau, know what success means for them and how their time at school enables them to achieve it.

The key focus of any school board is improving students' educational progress. That is not to say that boards should delve into the management of the school – in fact, quite the reverse. An effective school board does not try to do the work their principal and staff are there to do. Instead, they are active in setting the overall direction of the school through policy setting, strategic planning and monitoring the school's progress towards its overall objective.

For more information about school boards please follow the link to the [School Board FAQs](#)

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD BY-ELECTION, Message from the Returning Officer

Nominations for the by-election are open. Every person on the voting roll has been issued with a nomination form and these can be returned to the Returning Officer at the School Office. Nomination forms can be posted to the school address [87a Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay, Auckland 0630]. Please post early enough to ensure they are in the school letterbox by 4pm, 30th April 2021. The nomination forms can be scanned and emailed to the Returning Officer at michelen@sjmb.school.nz. If they are emailed, you will need to deliver the original of the nomination form to the school office or place in the locked school letterbox at the main entrance by 30th April 2021. Your 400-word candidate statement should be emailed/original returned at the same time the nomination is lodged.

Please note: You can nominate yourself if you are on the Electoral Roll and you must sign BOTH PARTS of the nomination form. If you are nominating someone else, please ensure that it includes all the required contact details and signatures.

Nominations close at 4pm on Friday, 30th April [Week 2 of the school holidays]. Please make use of the locked school letterbox during the holiday period if the school office is closed. Voting papers will be posted to every person on or before 5th May 2021.

Michele Nash – Returning Officer

**School closes for Term 1 at the usual time
THIS Friday, 16th April and reopens on Monday, 3rd May.**

Term 2, Week 2 - NANOGIRL

We are super excited that Nanogirl Labs will be visiting St John's for an hour long interactive Superhero Science Assembly for the whole school!



There is a minimal charge for the show per child which will be loaded onto your Kindo account (www.mykindo.school.nz) in due course. We would greatly appreciate early payment as we have already incurred costs related to this fantastic event.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

We are really looking forward to our special Grandparents Day on **Friday, 14th May**. Invitations will be coming home in Week 1 of Term 2 inviting grandparents to come and share some time with their mokopuna; reading, playing and eating. The day will begin in the hall at 8.50am. After a short prayer and welcome, the children and grandparents will have the opportunity to enjoy spending time together in the classrooms and in the playground. Towards the end of the morning there will be an opportunity to share a small something to eat together. Grandparents Day will finish after this at around 11.00am.

PTFA Raise It Fun Run

For the first fundraiser of the year the PTFA are holding a Fun Run which will also be the annual school cross country on **Tuesday, 18th of May.**

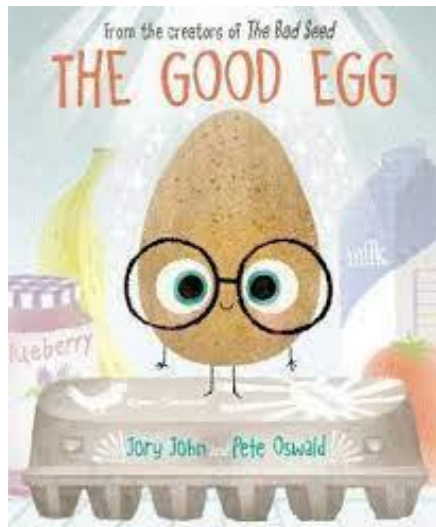
All the information you need can be found at the end of this newsletter.

The most important thing to note is that when setting up your child's individual fundraising web page that it is linked to our School Fundraising Hub page <https://sjmb.raiseit.co.nz/hub>.



LIBRARY NEWS

During the past few weeks, we have been introducing 'Libby' to the children. Libby is an app that you can download from Google Play or the Apple Store to your devices or alternatively access through your computer at <https://libbyapp.com/>



The children have had the pleasure of reading the picture book 'The Good Egg' using the Libby app and the big screens in the library and classrooms.

Auckland libraries offer millions of eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines. You can borrow them — for **free**, instantly — with a library card and Libby: an award-winning app for libraries.

Perfect if you have trouble returning books on time as it automatically returns them for you.

With the holidays approaching Libby is an easy way to take books with you on holiday or to enjoy at home. Choose an audiobook to listen to together for a car journey or home activity.

Happy reading!

Overdue notices

Please watch out for overdue notices coming home on Friday. There are several children with books to be returned from **February**, please have a good look for them during the holidays and remember a quick email to Library@sjmb.school.nz with your child's full name and the title of the book to let the librarian know that you have had a good look and cannot find it.

Chantelle Dunn – Library Manager



Small Business Day

Last Friday marked the inaugural National Small Business Day.

Several school community businesses sent in their information to be included in our own school business directory. Please take a few minutes to have a look through.

Thank you all for supporting local! [SJMB Small Business Directory](#)



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

PHILIPPIANS 2:4

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!

You or your children are welcome to come and search for items during school hours. The Sick Bay, where items are stored, is usually open by 8.15am most mornings. Items not claimed will be donated either to 2nd hand uniform sales or charity. During the holidays, please check to ensure that your child has not inadvertently brought home another child's uniform/shoes/belongings and if so please be sure to return them next term.



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 week to be eligible for the key bond refund.

PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

- Nathaniel McCann – Top Batsman (East Coast Bays Cricket U10) and Top All Round Player.
- Isaac Reade – PoD Flippaball (big improvement during game in shot on goal)
- Ruby Beresford-Huey-Kher – Swimming (good kicking)
- Carter Ross – PoD Basketball (scored most goals for winning team)

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, 17th 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 from the school office in Terms 2 and 3. We have managed to secure a good introductory promotional price of \$12.50. Normally they sell for \$17.00. Mum and Dad may want one too! They come in three colours as pictured .



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 non-uniform clothing.

WORD OF THE WEEK

kuia: elderly woman [Hear this kupu spoken](#)

koroua: elderly man [Hear this kupu spoken](#)

Kupu o te Wiki

HAUORA WELLBEING

Covid may have placed extra pressures on family budgets making the upcoming holidays stressful instead of a time for relaxing and reconnecting. What to do with busy children for two weeks without breaking the bank?

Check out this list of free events in Auckland at <https://www.aucklandforkids.co.nz/free-events-auckland-kids/>



Or get out in the great outdoors by visiting a park or a nature reserve. See this list for some good ones on the North Shore https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/Attractions-g1823279-Activities-c57-North_Shore_North_Island.html

or these adventures at <https://nzpocketguide.com/10-auckland-road-trips-cant-miss/>

Try something new these holidays!

PARISH NEWS

Dove Fellowship for Women

Wednesday, 21st April 2021, 7:30pm at St Thomas More Church Hall. Topic: He is Risen and He is Lord *by Jane Thomsen on Psalm 99: 1 – 3* For information please contact Sylvia, Tel: 0210 882 2990

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, 23rd May.

North Shore Parish Youth groups & Catholic schools. Do you have a 'talent' living in your house or at school? Then we encourage you to show it off as an individual or part of a group. Save the date: Show – Saturday, 17th July. Visit our Facebook page for more info.... @starlighttalentshowcase



De Paul House Food Bank: *The cupboard is bare!*

Are you able to help replenish our foodbank? Basic staples such as **breakfast cereal, tinned fish and meat, rice, long life milk, tinned food, jam, honey, peanut butter, tea, coffee, milo, shampoo, toothpaste.** All donations most appreciated. Phone 09 480 5959
admin@depaulhouse.org.nz www.depaulhouse.org.nz

Nurse wanted: The Mission Sisters require a part-time Health Care Co-ordinator for their sisters in the Auckland area. This position is for 10 hours per week, supporting the health care needs of thirteen sisters. If you are interested, please contact Sr Margaret Monaghan for information at 027 690 0188
margaret.monaghan@rndm.org.nz

PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES

Brain Play coding, robotics, 3d printing and STEM classes.

Holiday programs currently for \$60.00 per day.

Free trials available. Ages 5yrs+.

Email us for more information on info@brainplay.co.nz or see brainplay.co.nz.



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.

GLENFIELD GREYHOUNDS ARL HOLIDAY BLAST
Get active and have fun with us during the school holidays!

WHEN: THURSDAY 22nd AND FRIDAY 23rd APRIL
TIME: 9AM-3PM
WHERE: SUNNYSIDE PARK, GLENFIELD RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB
COST: \$25 PER DAY, LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Further info: david.t@auklandleague.co.nz or call 021 340 794

REGISTER NOW @AUCKLANDLEAGUE.CO.NZ

TWO FOR ONE! ICE SKATING PASS

ICESKATE

I ♥ TAKAPUNA

TAKAPUNA ICE RINK
17 APRIL - 2 MAY
38 Hurstmere Rd. Open 10am-10pm Everyday

Spend \$20 at a Takapuna Beach Business Association member business from 10 April to 2 May and receive a 2 for 1 Takapuna Ice Rink pass! Simply present receipt at the Takapuna Ice Rink to redeem!

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@infogen.net.nz

SUPPORT THE NORTH SHORE MYSTICS



KIDS GO FREE

Monday 19 April
7pm
vs MAGIC

Monday 3 May
7pm
vs TACTIX

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

visit: www.northernmystics.co.nz

\$20 Adult GA
Kids free with a paying adult

ANZ PREMIERSHIP

MITRE 10 MEGA
WESTGATE & HENDERSON



Monday, 19th April vs Magic

Adult general admission tickets are ONLY \$20 and best of all 'Kids go Free' with every paying adult. Doors Open: 6pm, Centre Pass: 7pm Tickets on sale now at:

<https://www.ticketfairy.com/event/northern-mystics-mystics-vs-magic-19apr2021/>

Saturday, 24th April vs Steel

The Northern Mystics will be crossing the bridge for this game ONLY to take on the Southern Steel at Eventfinda Stadium, Wairau Valley, North Shore.

Doors Open: 4pm. Centre Pass: 5pm

Team Ticket Pass: 10 tickets for only \$130 – great value as this averages at only \$13 per ticket

Use Promo CODE: **MYSTSCHOOL21** and receive a **\$5 discount off Adult tickets**

Tickets on sale now at <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2021/northern-mystics-vs-ascot-park-hotel-southern-steel/auckland/wairau-valley>

Monday 3rd May vs Tactix

The Northern Mystics are back at The Trusts Arena taking on the Good Oil Tactix, Monday 3rd May.

Adult general admission tickets are ONLY \$20 and best of all 'Kids go Free' with every paying adult.

Doors Open: 6pm, Centre Pass: 7pm.

Tickets on sale now at: <https://www.ticketfairy.com/event/northern-mystics-mystics-vs-tactix-3may2021/>



Dear Parent/Guardian,

PTFA Fun Run

Event Date: Tuesday 18 May 2021



Like all New Zealand Schools, **St John's** relies on fundraising revenue to further extend learning opportunities and our overall school environment for all of our students.

This year the PTFA are running a sponsored Fun Run which will be held in conjunction with the school's annual cross-country run. With the funds raised from this event we are hoping to improve outdoor areas of our school and continue with the hall refurbishment.

Fundraising gives our students a sense of empowerment from being able to work as a large team and contribute towards a common goal.

How will this fundraiser work?

This year we have partnered with New Zealand based, online fundraising company, Raise It. Raise It specialise in working with New Zealand schools to maximise their fundraising efforts. Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends and family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling all that cash and bringing it into school! For their service, Raise It charge 10% of funds raised, much less than some other organisations offering a similar service. The PTFA felt this was money well spent to help us run a successful fundraiser and has saved many hours of work for our small group of volunteers.

How do I sign my child up to fundraise online?

Each child can sign up for their very own web page to send out to collect online sponsorship.

Just go to our School Fundraising Hub page at: <https://sjmb.raiseit.co.nz/hub>

- You will find the **REGISTER** link to set up their account on this page
- You will need to choose your child's house as their fundraising team
- If you need any help please email help@raiseit.co.nz for assistance
- All student totals update in real time and your donors can leave you messages of encouragement
- The online Fundraising Hub website can be viewed to see the top houses at any time

What do we do with cash donations?

If you do not wish to create an online fundraising page for your child, please see the FAQ page for information on cash donation forms (you can find a link to the FAQ on the fundraising hub). We can collect offline donations and they can be included in house totals where applicable. A copy of the cash donation form is below or you can collect a hard copy from the school office.

Our Event

St John's School Raise It Fun Run will be held on Tuesday 18th May. As well as helping to raise valuable funds for our school this fundraiser promotes healthy active lifestyles. We want all children to be able to participate and be the best that they can be. There will be spot prizes for sign ups and donation milestones, as well as a special prize for the house that raises the most money.

Children will be training at school for this event and we encourage students also to train at home, especially over the school holidays. Each year level has a goal for the number of loops of the school they are aiming for:

- Years 1 and 2 will run 2 Loops (800m)
- Years 3 and 4 will run 4 Loops (1600m)
- Years 5 and 6 will run 5 Loops (2000m)

Parents are encouraged to come and support runners on the day and there will be an icy treat for all participants. More information on the timings for the day will be available next term.

For any questions regarding this fundraiser please contact Rebekah Saxon - bexriegman@yahoo.co.nz

With many thanks for your support - St Johns School PTFA and Staff



St John's School, Mairangi Bay



Fun Run Sponsorship Form (cash only)

I am participating in the **St John's School Mairangi Bay Fun Run on 18th May 2021.**

You can sponsor me here or it is even easier to sponsor me online on my webpage at <https://sjmb.raiseit.co.nz>

Name	Email	Amount Sponsored

Please note - due to processing times **Cash Donations** may not appear as part of the real time totals/leader board totals until after the final closing date for the event.

Do not enter online sponsorship on this form. (record cash donations only).