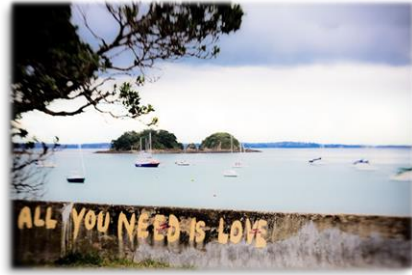




Week 1, Term 2
03 May 2021

Kia ora whānau



"All you need is love. Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness" – Pope Francis
(The old wharf at Putiki Bay, Waiheke Island)

A very warm welcome to Term 2. I trust you all had a lovely break with your whānau. It was a pleasure to welcome our New Entrants and their families yesterday with a powhiri in our hall.

I had a lovely break on the island. We chose to stay at home and have our family come to us. Having our grandchildren always brings us great joy. Glenn and I also celebrated our 36th wedding anniversary by spending a night in the city and having a lovely dinner.

ANZAC Day is always very special in our whānau. It was wonderful to be able to gather with the Waiheke community in remembrance. I wish to acknowledge the families that represented St John's at the Browns Bay ANZAC memorial. I know that our children would have made us proud.

I wish to thank Mrs Taylor for organising and accompanying our children who represented St John's at the ANZAC Day parade held in Browns Bay. I am so proud of them all! Mrs Taylor reported *"So very proud of our Year 6 students, who represented the school so proudly and reverently. It was a beautiful morning spent with these young people."*



Next Friday, 14th May, our school will host Gorgeous Grandparent's day. Children will be bringing home invitations for their grandparents or for a significant older person in their lives. Please ensure that grandparents or nominated person know which house (Liston, Quinlan, Keegan, Pierce) your child is in as this will assist us with organisation.

May is traditionally a month (along with October) where we focus on Mary, mother of Jesus and First among the Apostles. Elizabeth Johnson, C.S.J., reminds us of Mary's prophetic claim on our lives...

"We ought to relate to Miriam of Nazareth as a partner in hope, in the company of all the holy men and women who have gone before us. This can help us to reclaim her memory for the flourishing of women, for the poor and all suffering people. It can help us to draw on the energy of her example for a deeper relationship with the living God and stronger care for our world." In Search of the Real Mary (2001)

Ngā mihi nui,
Viki Trainor – Principal

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

Voting papers have now been posted to all persons on the Electoral Roll. The date of the election is Wednesday, 2nd June 2021. As soon as you have received your voting papers and voting instructions, you may vote and return your voting paper to the locked ballot box in the school foyer. You may return this via your children if you wish. Your voting paper should be returned in the envelope provided or an envelope of your own.

Alternatively, post your voting paper back to the school. If you are posting, your vote needs to be received in the school letterbox by Friday, 7th June. Michele Nash – Returning Officer

GORGEOUS GRANDPARENT'S DAY

We are really looking forward to our special Grandparent's Day on **Friday, 14th May**. Invitations will be coming home in the next day or two 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 some time in the hall, 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 11.30am. **RSVP for catering purposes by Monday, 10th May**

For any students who do not have grandparents here in New Zealand for whatever reason, they are welcome to bring along a 'grandparent figure' in their life instead. If there is no grandparent figure able to attend, please do not worry, we will buddy them up with a good friend and they can stay with them and their grandparents for the morning.

NANO GIRL

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 on Tuesday, 11th May.



There is a charge of \$5.00 per child for the show which is now payable via your Kindo account
(www.mykindo.school.nz).

We would greatly appreciate prompt payment as we have already incurred costs related to this fantastic event.

DIARY DATES

MAY		
Tuesday, 4 th	:	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm in the Staff Room
Thursday, 6 th	:	BOT Meeting, 6.30pm in the Staff Room
	:	ESOL students visit to Van Gogh Alive
Tuesday, 11 th	:	Nanogirl Labs Superhero Science Assembly
Friday, 14 th	:	Gorgeous Grandparents Day, 8.50am – 11.30am
Tuesday, 18 th	:	PTFA Raise It Fun Run, in conjunction with School Cross Country
Wednesday, 19 th	:	Quinlan (Gold) House Mass, 9.15am, St John's Church
Thursday, 20 th	:	Rosmini Open Day
JUNE		
Tuesday, 1 st	:	PTFA Meeting, 7.00pm in the Staff Room
Friday, 4 th	:	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Monday, 7 th	:	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – School Closed
Thursday, 24 th	:	St John the Baptist Day, Whole School Mass, 9.15am
JULY		
Tuesday, 6 th	:	PTFA Meeting, 7.00pm in the Staff Room
Friday, 9 th	:	School closes at the usual time for the holiday break and reopens on Monday, 26 th July at 8.50am
AUGUST		
Tuesday, 10 th	:	Teacher Only Day – School Closed



WAITEMATĀ WHĀNAU

As per the email circulated to parents by Mrs Helen Perry, please click on the [link](#) to the Term 2 information page for Years 4 to 6.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Easter journey is far from over. Let us rejoice, especially that we can be together in this Autumn of 2021 while we remember that in many places the pandemic is still causing sickness and death. Despite our joy, we feel empathy for all those who are suffering, and we bring to God those whom we particularly want to remember in prayer.

This term, the Rangitoto Team will continue to learn about Jesus. In their study the children will gain an understanding, appropriate to their year level, of Jesus. They will focus on the knowledge that Jesus is God, fully human and fully divine – the second Person of the Trinity. The children will learn about Jesus as Mātāmua – firstborn, and tuakana – eldest brother of all, whose life is a model for all Christians.

The Waitematā Team will continue to learn about God - Te Atua. In their study of God, the children will learn that God is the creator of all that is good, the source of all being, seen and unseen, of Tapu and Mana, giver and sustainer of creation which is entrusted to the care of human beings, who, as creatures, are utterly dependent upon God.

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.

Ngā mihi,
Laura Baddeley - *Director of Religious Studies*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS



Beginning next Tuesday, 11th May at 9.00am, Mrs Baddeley – DRS, will lead a short whānau prayer time in the school staff room. Everybody including extended family, pre-schoolers, visitors are most welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

As we move into Winter, a great reading time curled up under a blanket with a warm cup of cocoa, or staying snuggled up in bed, you might be looking for new books for your children to read. Reading for pleasure is so important, aside from the sheer joy of exercising the imagination, research shows **reading for pleasure** improves literacy, social skills, health, and learning outcomes. With that in mind I have gathered together a few websites to help you find your next few reads.

- <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> This is an English based teacher whose website offers recommendations by year levels and reviews new books regularly.
- <https://www.thesapling.co.nz/reviews> This is a NZ based site that reviews a great range of new NZ books.
- Or perhaps you might like to encourage a Tube Journey of Reading, you can find the map for this here <https://misterbodd.wordpress.com/2020/05/12/reading-for-pleasure-tube-maps-mkii-2020/>

Remember you can borrow books from your school library, your local library, swap with friends or read using the LIBBY app.

Enjoy reading your new finds and do encourage the children to come and tell me all about them.

Ngā mihi mahana (warm thanks)
Chantelle Dunn – Library Manager

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.**

Fundraising has got off to a great start but there is still plenty of time to set up your child's individual fundraising page and add to their house total. Follow the instructions on the school fundraising page <https://sjmb.raiseit.co.nz>.

There will be more great spot prizes drawn this week for sign ups and donations.



Running training: On Tuesday, 11th May Troy Gilchrist will offer another training session with the children in the lead up to our Fun Run. Children can meet him on the top court for some fun running activities. He will focus on teaching the children to pace themselves and enjoy running. All ages welcome.

007
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SAVE THE DATE

St. Johns PTFA
Presents:

CASINO ROYALE

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF 007 FUN
AND CASINO GAMES

Extended friends and family welcome
Adults Only

St. Johns School Hall
7pm, 18th June 2021

Dress Code: James Bond - 007
Ball Gowns and Tuxedos would not be out of place!

Ticket for sale on Kindo \$25
www.mykindo.co.nz under the PTFA section

BYO Drinks and a Plate

♠ 007

SPORTS NEWS

At the weekend four of our netball teams (Yr 6/1, Yr 6/2, Yr 6/3 & Yr 4 Poppies Tournament Team) entered into the Netball North Harbour Junior Pre-season Tournament held at the Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre.



From our Year 4 Poppies Netball Team

The sun was shining on a very excited group of Year 4 girls. The St John's Poppies tournament team assembled early on Sunday morning for their first ever Netball North Harbour tournament. The girls were very happy to be back playing netball. They played three round robin games, two were no score draws and one loss. They met Silverdale in the play offs but sadly, were defeated 6-3, meaning a sixth-place finish. The girls loved every minute of it, and we look forward to taking part in the tournament again next year.

Report submitted by the Team Manager, Emma Simpson, Coach: Heidi Miller

From our Year 6/2 Netball Team

The girls in 6/2 had a fun day and a mixed bag of results. They narrowly lost to Long Bay 6-4, were flogged by the Vipers 10-0, beat Torbay 7-4 and then went down to Waiheke 1st team 11-5. 6/2 is a new team and on the day they had no subs, so there were some pretty tired girls by the end of it. However, we all learnt a lot - especially from playing the Vipers and will put everything we learnt into the first game on Wednesday. Player of the Day - Bella Yhang for a great defensive performance. Many thanks to all the parents that helped. Report submitted by Coach: Ben Plummer



From our Year 6/1 Netball Team



Sunday's NNH tournament was a great success. The sun was shining, and the girls were excited to get back on the court. Our girls in Team 6/1 were placed in the top grade and each played their heart out with the team winning 2 games, drawing 1, only to lose in the semi-finals against the eventual grade winners, Vipers. We'll get them next time though won't we girls! I'm extremely proud of their efforts and looking forward to the season ahead of us. Thanks to the parents and grandparents, a great support crew who graced our girls with hot chips and chocolate, and soon the loss was forgotten. Well done team St John's 6/1. Report submitted by Coach: Kylie Hasler

From our Year 6/3 Team



The Year 6/3 team were excited to get back into the netball season at NNH last Sunday. They played 4 games in a round robin competition where they convincingly won their first game but came up against some tough opposition in the following 3 games. They played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, gelling as a team that will play together for this winter season.

Report submitted by Coaches: Heidi Miller & Jill Lockwood

NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

You are reminded that applications for New Entrant enrolment for next year (2022) will close on 31st August. Children applying for enrolment after applications have closed for the forthcoming year will not be considered until the following year, unless vacancies still exist on the roll after all previous applications have been accepted. If you have not yet made application for a New Entrant enrolment for 2022 then please email Michele Nash (MicheleN@simb.school.nz) for the application forms. Confirmation, or otherwise, of New Entrant enrolment will be sent to all applicants by mid-September. We currently have a closed roll and spaces for 2022 will be limited.

CLASSROOM LIAISON PARENT VOLUNTEERS

It has been a long-standing tradition at St John's that each classroom has a parent volunteer known as a Classroom Liaison Parent (CLP) to assist our teachers in sharing information and co-ordinating classroom events. I would like to say a big thank you to the parents that have stepped forward to assist in 2021. For information they are as follows:

Rm 1 - Francine Gilchrist (Carter)	fkgilchrist@gmail.com
Rm 2 - Sasha Grayson (Conrad)	dandosasha@hotmail.com
Rm 3 - Linda Rotaeché (Elena)	lindarotaeché@gmail.com
Rm 4 - Vicky Billings (Megan)	vickybillingsnz@gmail.com
Rm 5 - Tania Smith (Ashley)	tanzsmith77@gmail.com
Rm 6 - Blaize DeSouza (Ethan)	blaizedsouza80@gmail.com
Rm 7 - Rachel McQueen (Isla)	rachel.l.dividson@gmail.com
Rm 8 - Linda Rotaeché (Teresa)	lindarotaeché@gmail.com
Rm 9 - Shelley Kingston (Violet)	shelleybrassel@hotmail.com
Rm 11 - Gisela Tanto (Armand)	giselatanto@gmail.com
Rm 12 - Amanda Dixon McIvor (Xavier)	a.dixon-mciver@igenz.co.nz
Rm 13 - Kate Straka (Louie)	kateharry@gmail.com

WORD OF THE WEEK

Pōwhiri To welcome, a welcoming ceremony



Kupu o te Wiki

HAUORA WELLBEING

After two weeks of wearing your PJ's all day or playing tirelessly with the family pet or even visiting friends and family out of Auckland, it can sometimes be hard for children (and their parents) to get back into the rhythm of term time.

Check out The Parenting Place at <https://parentingplace.nz/articles/> for a great range of articles about back to school anxiety, making friends, starting school etc.

Or check out <https://kidspot.co.nz/school-age/back-to-school/lunchbox/> for some new ideas to reinvigorate the lunch boxes.



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 – FOR SALE NOW AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held THIS Thursday, 6th May in the school hall from 2:30 - 3:00pm.

Items to sell???? We are looking for some winter uniform stock. If you have anything you would like to sell through the uniform sale or donate, please pop it in a bag, download and complete the sale form from the school website and leave it at the school office.

Please bring cash. Thank you, Francine Gilchrist 021488279

If you have not already set up an account with Kindo please visit www.mykindo.co.nz as soon as possible to sign your child(ren) up.



Families who already have an account should login to check that room number details are correct and that the email address used to register with Kindo is **exactly the same** as the one school has recorded for your child's first caregiver (in most cases this is usually Mum).

Please be sure to check your Kindo account regularly for new Activity and Expenses and/or Trip and Sport permissions.

If your email address does **not** match the one we have recorded in our student database then you will not be able to access your account. You have the option to either update your account details on Kindo or to email Anneliese on office@sjmb.school.nz to request a change on the school database.

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. 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, Bakers Delight tags cannot be recycled.



PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Teresa Rotaeche – Pform.nz (Level 1 Performance Skills)

Ashlyn Stevens – NZ Kiwi Classic Dance Competition (3 x 1st, 1 x 2nd, 2 x 3rd place)

Cecilia Zeng – Swimming (moved up from Piranha to Barracuda)

Xavier Hayward – Swimming (moved up from Piranha to Barracuda)

Nathan Soper

Selected to represent New Zealand in the 2021 Optimist team to compete in the Oceania/Asian regatta in Thailand later this year.



PARISH NEWS

NEW Ministers of the Word / Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Anyone who is interested in committing themselves to one of these two ministries is invited to training with Fr Emile **on Saturday, 15th May**, 4pm at St John's church. Please express your interest to the office at office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

Parish Testimony & Quiz Night Join Marion and her team at Bar Africa in Albany for a night of trivia and testimony! We will be hearing from members of our parish about their faith journeys in between Quiz Rounds which will test your knowledge, both general and theological! Our special invites go out to those who are recently baptised or new to our parish within the last 5 years. As a parish, we would love to get to know you better and bond over some trivia, testimonies and food! **Details:** Bar Africa, Albany. **Sunday, 16th May 2021, 4:30pm - 7:30pm.** Tickets are \$5.00 - Bring money for drinks & food! Purchase a ticket at the back of the Church from the 24th of May and check out the Facebook event for more information: <https://fb.me/e/2yBjCWppY> see posters in church noticeboards

Dove Fellowship for Women will meet on **Wednesday, 19th May 7.30pm** at St Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Topic – Come, Holy Spirit by Ingrid D'souza on ACTS 2 :17-18. For info please contact Sylvia, Tel: 0210 882 2990

Pentecost: Sunday, May 23rd; A very special celebration in the churches calendar year. We are asking parishioners who enjoy speaking in their first language and would like to pray a prayer of the faithful to email the office office@ecbcatholic.org.nz. Maybe wear traditional dress or bring a flag of their own country.

ECB Sacrament of Confirmation: Our ceremony is to be held on **Sunday, 1st August**. **Registration for the older group is on Wednesday, May 5th at 4pm in the Parish office.** Information to follow. The younger group will continue on Sunday, 23rd May at 8.00am in St. John's Church. Those from last year who missed out due to Covid-19 restrictions are welcome to join us.



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 tomatoes and soup** please leave items in the basket in the church foyer.

Property Maintenance/capable home handyman needed. Part time paid position. You would be helping De Paul House in their residential properties on the North Shore. We would love to hear from you Phone 09 480 5959 email lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz www.depaulhouse.org.nz

PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kids Choice have a STAFF vacancy at the programme based in St John's School hall.

I am looking for a competent person who is calm, enjoys working with children, is motivated, hardworking and a great team player. The successful applicant will have the additional benefit of free after school care for their child/ren, part time hours of 2:30 til 5:50pm.

Please contact Barb either in the hall between 2 - 3pm weekdays or by phone 027 440 6363, after hours Tel 09 478 3705 or email bmcneill@infogen.net.nz

FOUND – Murrays Bay Primary School, zip up navy fleece. Held at school office. Found by staff car park on post. Were you or your friends here over the weekend, could one of them have lost their jacket?

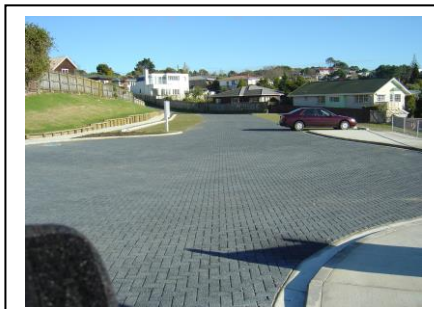
Professional Tutoring....Maths, Reading, Writing and Spelling. I have over 15 years teaching experience especially encouraging students who are struggling to succeed. *Homework help, *Structured Learning Environment, *Programmes to help with Dyslexia, & Learning Difficulties. *Warm and Friendly, *Small Groups/Individualised Work. Extraordinary Kids.co.nz, Yvette Walton NZ Registered Teacher, Tel: 022 34 11716 Email: iywalton@gmail.com. Please see my web page for testimonials, more information and a list of available spaces.

**To Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends of families
who drop off or pick up children at St. John's**

CARPARKING AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

There are three alternative carpark areas for you to use.

1.



SCHOOL CARPARK

Access via
East Coast Road going
down the hill from
Rangitoto College

2. **CHURCH CARPARK** Access via Hastings Road
Please do not use the Church driveway off East Coast Road.

Please use this carpark for long term parking **only** if you are using the Church or staying on at school after you have dropped your children off.

For short term drop off and pick up of children, parents are asked to use the School Carpark or the school side of St. Ives, Penzance or

3. Hastings Roads.



Hastings Road



Penzance Road



St. Ives Terrace

Children are not allowed in the carparks unless accompanied by an adult.

CHURCH CARPARK

Children wait by the church and must be collected from there.

PENZANCE / HASTINGS / ST IVES

Children wait at Penzance Road front gate and must be collected from there.

SCHOOL CARPARK

Children will wait in the carpark shelter.

Parents using the No Parking Pick Up / Drop Off Circular Zone : Children will be able to move to your car via the footpath at the instruction of the Duty Teacher. If using this service you are **not permitted to leave your car.**

SOME FINAL MATTERS

1. Cars are prohibited from parking in the circular drop off and pick up area of the School Carpark and along the driveway to the carpark.
2. Please obey the signs and yellow 'No Parking' lines.
3. Drive slowly and safely in all carpark areas.
4. Use the DISABLED park only if you can display a disability parking pass.
5. Access to the school via the Penzance Road entrance is prohibited.
6. The School Carpark will be closed after 4pm and on the weekends.

SCHOOL CAR PARK AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

THE CIRCLE

- There is space for 6 cars in the circle. Cars are to move forward to fill all 6 spaces.
- You may not park and exit your vehicle if in the circle area.
- As cars leave the circle, move forward to the front of the circle; It should always be full.
- 'After School Care' vans park in a parking space while waiting for the children.



PARKING

- It's best to arrive at school between 2.30 – 2.45pm if you wish to park.
- Fill car parks from the top (near circle) back. Do not leave gaps, as these will be difficult for others to access once the queue moves into the car park.
- If you arrive at school after 2.45pm and all spaces are full, please join the queue, or find alternative parking.



THE QUEUE

- If you arrive at school prior to 2.45pm, and the circle is full, and you are not parking, stop and queue just before the car parks begin.
- The car park is usually mostly full by 2.45pm. Once all parking spots are full waiting cars may move up to the circle
- No pushing in/cutting in front of first car in queue unless parking.
- Those in the queue, please keep in mind those queued right back to the entrance so move forward as soon as is appropriate.



- If the queue is right out to the entrance, please consider looking for alternative parking elsewhere to minimize the blocking of traffic coming down the hill.
- Do not use the right turn into the drive if driving north up East Coast Road if cars are already queued up to the entrance as this blocks the vision of those trying to exit.



DRIVING OUT

- Cars driving in (queuing) please be aware of parked cars wanting to leave and leave room for them to do so.

and a final reminder...



and please watch your speed!