

Kia ora whānau

The second wave of COVID – 19 is raging across India with devastating impact. With more than 3.8 million active cases as of May 7, 2021, there is a dire need for hospital beds, doctors, medical equipment and consumables, and greater awareness around COVID appropriate behaviour in communities.

We ask that you keep India in your thoughts and prayers at this time. We would also like to show our love and support in a practical way... on Friday 28th May we will have a non-uniform day to raise money to aid health services in India that are currently stretched beyond capacity. Money raised will be donated to CARE India.

CARE India, with its 70 years of experience in providing relief during disasters and delivering large-scale health programmes on the ground, is well-positioned to support the affected citizens where the need is the greatest.

- Set up make-shift COVID facilities working with state governments the first one in Patna, Bihar with 100 beds is already operational along with a 255-bed facility in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. More facilities will be operational soon.
- Provide essential medical consumables like oxygen, medical equipment, and PPE kits to make-shift **COVID** facilities.
- Raise awareness for COVID appropriate behaviour within communities.



We would like to acknowledge Bonnie Davey for her suggestion of this social outreach. Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor - Principal

GORGEOUS GRANDPARENTS' DAY

What a lovely day we had on Friday, it was so wonderful to see our children excitedly sharing their school with their grandparents and extended family members. We do hope you all enjoyed your time with the children.



















A Grandparent's LOVE is strong & deep

filled with MEMORIES to cherish & keep











ROSMINI OPEN DAY FOR 2022 NEW STUDENTS



A reminder that the Open Day at Rosmini for students starting in 2022 is **THIS Thursday, 20th May starting at 1.30pm.** There is no parking available on the school grounds.

Children are expected to attend school as normal on Thursday morning and be signed out at the office prior to collection. If your son is being collected by somebody other than a parent please inform their school teacher in writing prior to Thursday.

LIBRARY NEWS

It was so nice to see children sharing their love of the library with their special visitors on Friday. It was lovely to see grandparents reading books and doing some activities with their grandchildren. Smiles all around.





I am also looking forward to hearing about the Writers Festival from any of the children who were lucky enough to attend during the weekend!

I hope that you have been enjoying picking out a book or two from the Scholastic Lucky Book Club. A reminder that orders are due in, through the Scholastic loop app or the Scholastic NZ website, by Sunday 23d May 4pm.

As there has been an explosion of Graphic Book availability, our library collection of these books has grown. Reading Graphic Books requires the reader to create meaning using "Multiple Modalities". This means that readers of these texts must process all the different components - visual, spatial, and textual - of what they are reading and integrate these components into one solid understanding of the story. There is plenty of research showing how reading Graphic Books lights up different areas of the brain and makes us smarter. How wonderful then, that children enjoy and **want** to read these books with their colourful panels and illustrations.

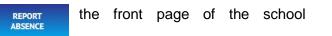
WINTER BUGS

As we move into winter, and the season of coughs and colds, we remind you that any absentees should be reported to the school office as soon as you are aware that your child is not well enough to attend school.



You can notify an absence either by:

- Phoning (09 478 7734) and leaving a message (OPTION 1) with your child's name, room number and the reason for their absence.
- Alternatively, you may notify the office using the button on website. <u>www.sjmb.school.nz</u>



• You can also notify the school via the Skool Loop app.

Ministry of Health guidelines, in the case of vomiting and diarrhoea, are that you keep your child away from school for 24hrs following the last episode. In the case of Impetigo (School Sores) your child should have begun a course of antibiotics before returning.



As part of our continual review of communication with the community we have decided to continue to use the services of Skool Loop.

This app can be downloaded for both Apple and Android phones.

Once the app has been downloaded you will be prompted to choose a school from the list.

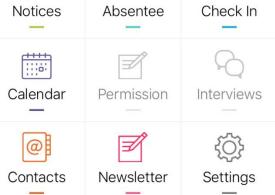
Once you have selected St John's (Mairangi Bay) you will be taken to our site within the app.

The app provides the opportunity to;

- email or call the school directly
- follow links to the school website and Kindo
- view the school calendar
- view the latest school newsletter
- notify the school of a student absence

Notices and permission slips will continue to be distributed through Etap emails and Kindo.





WORD OF THE WEEK

Oma: run



HAUORA WELLBEING



Our wellbeing relies on both our body and our mind to be in good working order. If you are looking to improve your physical health, then try a class at YMCA North Shore (in Northcote) by checking out https://www.ymcaauckland.org.nz/find-your-local/north-shore-recreation-centre/

Or try an Auckland Council facility from this list <u>https://www.aucklandleisure.co.nz/locations/#north</u> for exercise, swimming and family fun.

NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Socks should be long black socks. These are worn pulled up to just under the knee.





PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Amelia Graham – PoD Netball Billy Hogan – PoD Basketball Coralee Shearer – PoD Netball (Great team player) Holly Cundall – PoD Netball (Great team player) Orlaith Burns – PoD netball (Great shooting) Oonagh Burns – Gymnast of the Day (Great listening and improving her gymnastics) Mark Juma – PoD Basketball Toby Allen – PoD Fippaball Pippa Allen – PoD Netball (Only goal of the game) Julia Gomez Martos – PoD Netball

The Bluebells (6/2) Netball team beat St Joseph's 6/1 21- 4 last Wednesday. The first quarter was super tight but from then on the girls really shored up the defence with some great turnovers and stifled the supply of ball to St Joseph's. A really great game to watch all round as every player did their part. Olive Sagar scored some great goals but PoD was Rita Yousif with some amazing long range shots and a much better defensive performance. We have been moved up another grade (again!) as a result can expect some stiffer competition moving forward. Many thanks, Ben Plummer

PARISH NEWS

Dove Fellowship for Women will meet on **Wednesday**, **19**th **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 information 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 <u>office@ecbcatholic.org.nz.</u> 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.** *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 are welcome to join us. Please email Liz George at the Parish office.

Foodbank items: St Vincent de Paul are most grateful for all the generous donations from our Parishioners. This week we are in need of **biscuits**. **P**lease leave items in the basket in the church foyer.



Wanted: Volunteer to help with parish rosters. We have now combined online rosters for the parish (except for music). I am looking for a person to take over the preparation of the St Francis rosters and emailing them to participants. This could be a role for you if you are an experienced administrator, organised and comfortable using Gmail and Excel (which means you can manage Google Sheets). I will provide training and notes. If you are interested, email ecbparishroster@gmail.com

NOTE FROM PARISH OFFICE: If we do not answer the phone when you call the office, please leave a message, often we are away from our desks or speaking with a parishioner.

DAMAGE TO FENCE POST BELONGING TO A NEIGHBOUR AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. A fence post was damaged on Saturday 1st May, between 10.30 and 11.00am. If you know anything about this, please contact the parish office asap.

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 <u>bmcneill@infogen.net.nz</u>

