



Week 4, Term 2
25 May 2021

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau



Reflection

After fashioning the first human being God breathed life into him. After forming his disciples, the risen Christ breathed the Spirit into them and made them his Church. God's Spirit transformed the disciples; they went forth to do wondrous things, which we have been hearing about throughout Easter. Pentecost reminds us that it is now our turn to do amazing things because we, too, have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we celebrated Pentecost. Pentecost is one of my favourite times in our church calendar as I am reminded to recall the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to reflect on how I can better live these in my own life, a challenge indeed!

Social Media

Social media can be both a blessing and a curse. I know that many of our classes have a variety of apps and pages that parents use for communication and this is wonderful. Just a very gentle reminder to ensure that what you post is positive and has no potential to hurt the feelings of others, teachers, parents etc. Words are like arrows, once sent, can never be retracted.

PTFA

I wish to thank the PTFA for their effort in organising and supporting our school Fun Run. It was a wonderful event. The children had so much fun as we dodged the rain. **Pierce** house won the competition on the day and **Keegan** house raised the most funds. Congratulations to all the children for taking part and thanks to the teachers who prepared them for this event.

Classroom concerns

Should you have a concern that you wish to raise with your child's teacher, please make a time to see them. Teachers are always most happy to listen, support and advise. It is important that you make an appointment as before school and during lunchtime they are often organising for the days learning and of course having a lunch break!

Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor
Principal

MEETING DATES

- The next Board meeting will be this Thursday, 27th May at 6.30pm in the Staff Room.
 - The next PTFA meeting will be Tuesday, 1st June at 7.00pm in the Staff Room
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ESOL Trip to the Van Gogh Alive Exhibition

On Thursday, 6th May the children who are involved in our ESOL programme were joined by a wonderful group of adult helpers for a day of fun, connection and appreciation of the artistic talents of Vincent Van Gogh. Below are photos, and comments from some of our delightful young learners. Many thanks to all those who helped make the day such a success.

Elizabeth Hames, Kathy Williams and Christine McFadzean, (ESOL Team)

Silvia - Year 2

I liked all the things in the playground and getting my photo in Vincent's house and outside Vincent's house.

Andre - Year 2

The floor was filled with paintings and I looked at ALL the paintings. I played with Samantha, Eva and Evelyn and my mum came too.

Hara - Year 3

I went to play in the playground and I liked eating Korean food for lunch. I enjoyed the Van Gogh activities and colouring in the farm picture. I liked the Van Gogh picture called Starry Night best because my aunty also copied a Starry Night painting and I will put it in my bedroom.



Yousif - Year 3

I liked the Porsche Taycan because I liked the Starry Night pattern on it.



Anushka - Year 4

I enjoyed the sunflower room. I was amazed by his Japanese paintings. I loved his dark art.

Cecelia - Year 4

Some of his paintings moved like the birds, clouds, cherry blossoms and the train.

Jonathan - Year 5

My favourite part was the sunflower room because it had mirrors reflecting the flowers and I thought it was very creative. I have never seen so much yellow in one room before.

Sebastian Lavender de la Garza - Year 5

At the playground we got to play a tag game with lots of kids from different classes. It was like The Floor is Lava but you have to escape the tagger. Some little kids played with us too and it was fun because nearly everybody played.



Revon & Ryan - Year 6

Vincent was an unusual person. He was often very unhappy and anxious. Vincent was also a very clever and talented painter. He could also paint pictures that are more in the Japanese style using thin and precise brush strokes. One of Vincent's famous paintings was called Sunflowers. He did this using thick paint strokes (Impasto) and bright yellow colours.



PTFA Raise It Fun Run – CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all the children who participated so enthusiastically in the Fun Run/Cross Country last week and to **Pierce** House who won the Cross-Country cup on the day.

Despite the wind and rain showers it was a great few hours. It was wonderful to have so many supporters cheering on all the runners and to hear how well the children supported each other. Many thanks to the school staff and volunteers who made sure the event ran smoothly.

Together we raised over \$13,000 with our Raise It campaign, and we are still collating the final cash payments. **Keegan** House raised the most funds and can look forward to an extra play time in the next week or two. Thanks to all those who participated in this fund raiser and made it such a success.

PTFA Committee



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Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

2021	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$452	\$888
per term (incl. GST)	\$113	\$222

For more information:

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Phone: (09) 360 3040

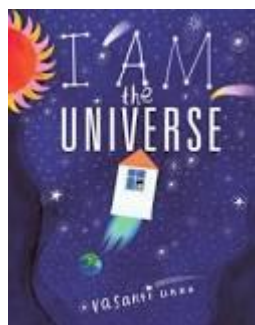
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If anyone has any gardening equipment that they are no longer using which is gathering dust in the shed or garage, we would greatly appreciate it for our vegetable garden. Also, any bamboo stakes, a compost bin or supports for our climbing plants.

Collection can be arranged by contacting Ange Moore, Tel: 021 213 5556

LIBRARY NEWS

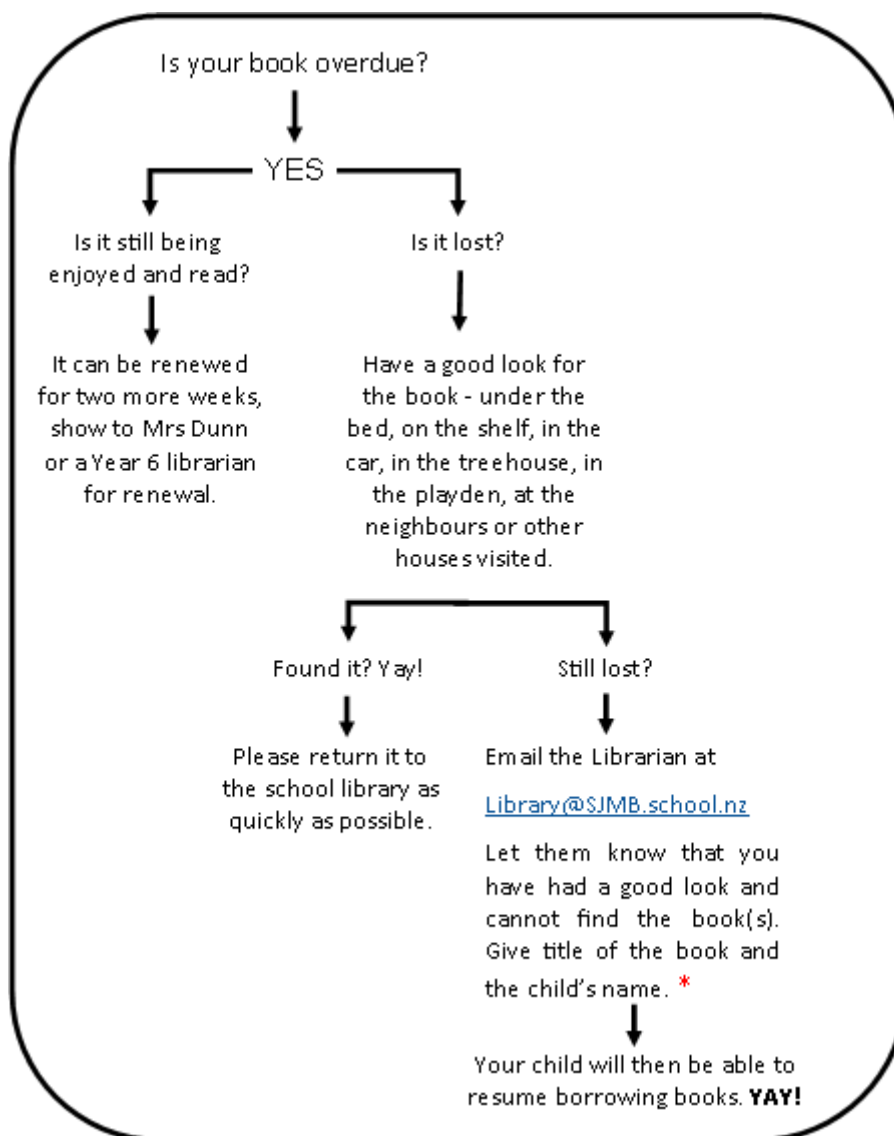


This week we have been reading '*I Am the Universe*' by New Zealand author [Vasanti Unka](#). This is a fabulous book that has prompted many informative discussions with the children about the universe and our place in it.

We have been lucky enough to be able to purchase this book for the library and over 400 other books since January 2019! This is due to our St John's whānau purchasing books through the termly Scholastic Lucky Book club and our annual Book Fair. I would like to say a massive Thank You to our community for making this possible and helping our school library collection to be the best it can be!

Please keep an eye out for overdue notices which will be coming home with children this Friday. They were not distributed last week as school life has been incredibly busy with many extra activities and some classes have been unable to make it to their regular library time. Just a reminder that a lost book does not mean paying for them straight away or even at all.


Please refer to the steps below if you receive an overdue notice with a highlighted date.

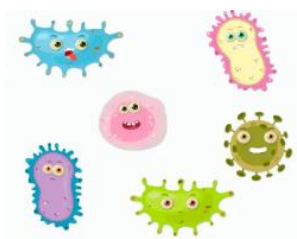


WINTER BUGS

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 the front page of the school website. www.sjmb.school.nz
- 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.



PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Ruby Lockwood, Rocio Deles (Great intercept), **Rachel Qazanchy** (Great defence), **Zara Ko** (Awesome attack), **Lauren Graham** – PoD Netball
Hara Kang – Gymnast of the Day
Xavier Hayward – PoD Rugby League (2 tries)
Maria Hale, Isaac Reade (lots of rebounds & intercepts) – PoD Basketball
Ava Plummer, Lauren Graham – PoD Hockey



NETBALL: Bluebells 6/2 lost to Devonport 6/1 7-5. We had moved up a grade and facing a stronger opposition the girls did very well but were beaten by a better team. Whilst our attack was good there were too many speculative passes and not tight enough in defence. This will get better as we get used to playing stronger teams. Big effort from everyone as always and **PoD was Pearla Raffo** for a strong first half as WD and a pearler of a second half as WA. Grey Lynn awaits tomorrow! Go Bluebells.

HAUORA WELLBEING



Our wellbeing relies on our body and our mind being in good working order.

This website <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/covid-19-mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources> has links to a wide range of support networks for mental health and wellbeing resources for us and our family members.

It provides links to agencies that provide support for migrant families, addressing substance abuse and mental health issues, and practical tools for supporting children and young people.

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

Children wishing to play on the field and in the gully at lunch time break during Terms 2 and 3 need to bring a change of non-uniform clothing to wear.



FROM THE PTFA

St John's PTFA have a number of events planned for the rest of the year including parent evenings, kids disco, raffles and of course the Gala. We always receive (and truly appreciate) great support from our school community and local businesses. To help us in our planning for the rest of the year we would love to hear from you if you have connections to a business that you think might be able to support us. This support could include:

- products that could be sold or raffled
- vouchers for services
- food or beverage consumables
- sponsorship of tables at adult events (including upcoming Casino games night),
- sponsorship of gala stalls
- graphic design, printing support or other technical skills
- equipment that could be used at events

... or anything else you think that could be helpful.

As a registered charity we are able to issue receipts for cash donations or sponsorship which can be used for tax purposes. We are also able to acknowledge your businesses support and share it with our community.

Please email ptfa@sjmb.school.nz if you think you might be able to help us in any way.



PARISH NEWS

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**. Please leave items in the basket in the church foyer.

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.

Vacancy: the Diocese is seeking to employ a suitably qualified person to work as a member of the **Prison Chaplaincy Services** Aotearoa New Zealand Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at Northland Region Corrections Facility (Ngawha). The position is a permanent part-time position of 20 hours per week, with some flexibility for full time. You will have the opportunity to journey with prisoners as they encounter the challenges of prison life and separation from loved ones and whanau. For further information of PCSANZ please visit <https://pcsan.org> To view the position description and to download an application form, visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, Diocesan Ser-vices tab and Staff Vacancies. Applications close 2 JUNE 2021.



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.

Pot luck Finger Food Evening at the Bravenboers \$20 fundraiser for India during these Covid-19 times.

Mike and I have decided to have a fundraiser for India. As most of you know we have worked in India with the Open Home Foundation International, and we are still in contact with the Team. Lun, social worker and Director from the Kolkata Mission has given us a bleak description of how desperate the situation is for the people in the slum colonies. Most of the residents are daily workers who earn their living from being a maid servant, a construction worker or a gatherer of plastics and other materials for recycling. With lockdown they are unable to go out and work to feed their families. Recently Lun and his team of social and community workers delivered parcels of basics to families and we hope to raise \$1,000 to ensure the Team can deliver another round of parcels to the families in dire need. The parcels consist of flour, oil, sugar, rice etc.

Saturday 29th May; 7pm start, 3/92 Churchill Rd, Murrays Bay

We are asking each adult to donate \$20 (more if you like) and to bring a plate of finger food for a shared tea. Please ask friends to come along and support the need and to meet others for an enjoyable night out.

Mike and I will provide tea, coffee and fruit juice, you are welcome to bring beer or wine if you desire. As we have wooden floors please wear flat shoes or wedges.

RSVP as soon as possible as we look forward to a great night.

If you cannot make it on the night but wish to donate here is the bank account number 03-0642-0738672-000 and reference India. Thanks for your consideration of the great need in India.

Ally & Michael Bravenboer michael@bravenboer.co.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

Sunday 30th May, The Northern Mystics are back home at The Trusts Arena after 3 weeks on the road and it's a rematch against our Southern rivals the Ascot Park Southern Steel. You don't want to miss this match – make sure you get there early to get the best seats in the house.

Doors Open: 3pm, Centre Pass: 4pm

Tickets on sale now at: <https://www.ticketfair.com/event/northern-mystics-30may2021/>



Sunday, 6th June, The Northern Mystics are up against the Robin Hood Stars in the first match of the Barfoot & Thompson Northern Challenge on Sunday, 6th June. Tickets include the curtain raiser match which sees the Northern Marvels take on the Comets in the National Netball League at 4pm.

Doors Open: 3pm, Marvels vs Comets Centre Pass: 4pm, Mystics vs Stars Centre Pass: 6pm

For tickets purchased ONLINE there is a **special discount code for St John's families** which provides a \$5.00 discount **PROMO CODE IS: MYSTSCHOOL21**

Tickets on sale now at: <https://www.ticketfair.com/event/northern-mystics-mystics-vs-stars-6jun2021/>

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