



Week 5, Term 2
01 June 2021



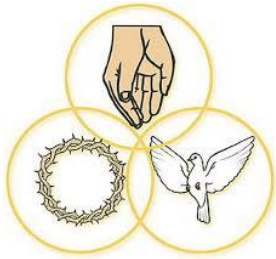
Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoani **The voice of St John's School**

Kia ora whanau

REMINDER – our school will be closed

THIS Friday, 4th June - Teacher Only Day
Monday, 7th June – due to the Queen's Birthday public holiday.

Kids Choice will be available for childcare on Friday at the Presbyterian Church, 11 Hastings Rd, Mairangi Bay
Please contact Natasha, Tel: 021 073 2782



Last Sunday was Trinity Sunday. I attended an RE workshop several years ago where the facilitator, Sister Katrina Brill, presented us with an analogy of the Trinity that I have always treasured and that made so much sense to me.

God the Father – giver of life and all life is a gift to us.

God the Son – came to show us how messy life can be, and it is!

God the Spirit – life changes, nothing stays the same, we too can choose to change.

Wednesday, 9th June – Powhiri to welcome our new families

A powhiri to welcome our latest little new entrants to St John's will take place on Wednesday, 9th June at 9:30am in the School Hall.

Thursday 24 June - St John the Baptist Feast Day - Celebrating 60 Years

2021 is a special year for St. John's School and a great opportunity where both past and present can join together and celebrate 60 wonderful years.

St John's School was opened and blessed by Archbishop Liston on 1st February 1961. From those early beginnings with a roll of 124 children and five classrooms, to today, where we have a roll of 337 children and 13 classrooms, a rich history and strong community has developed and flourished.

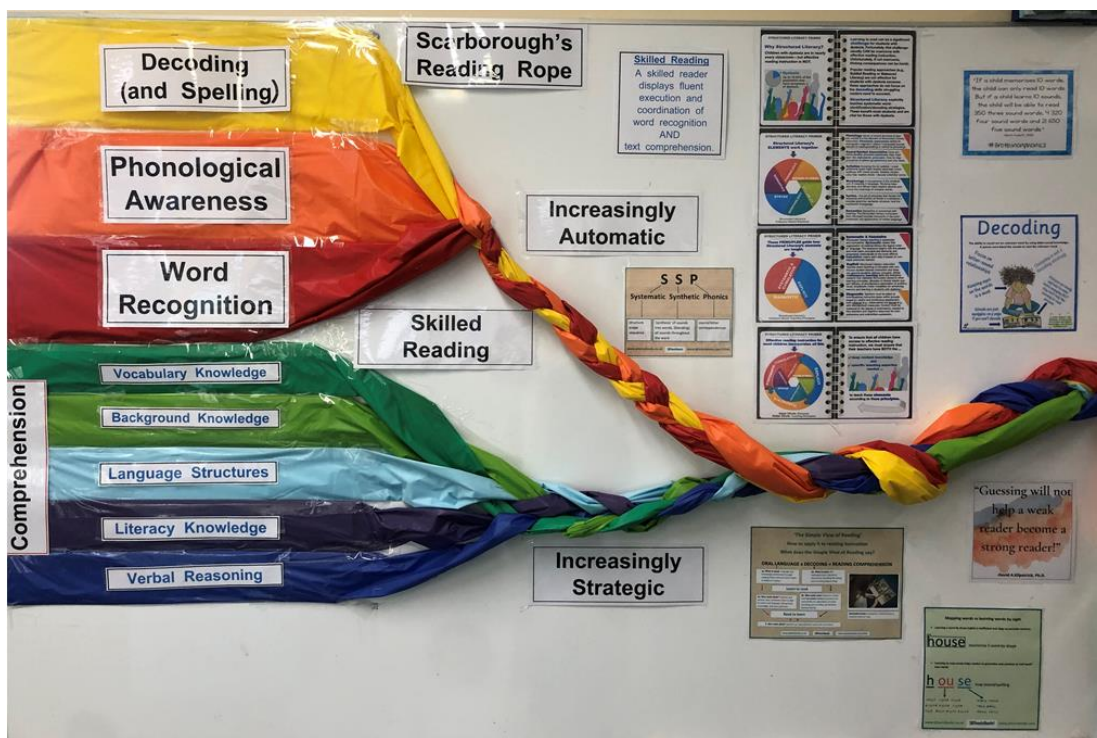
To honour our 60 years, and celebrate St. John the Baptist Feast Day, we invite you to our whole School Mass at 9.15am in St John's Church. We will be having morning tea in the hall for our visiting adults following Mass. Following morning tea guests are most welcome to visit classrooms to view the school in action. Celebrations will conclude with a sausage sizzle for the children at lunchtime.

End of day collection

If collecting children from the Church Car Park, please do not use the church bathrooms prior to pick up or on departure. If your children need to use the bathroom before you leave, please escort them safely back onto the school grounds to use the boys & girls' toilets which are open every weekday until at least 4.00pm.

The Structured Literacy Programme

During the term break, several of our Junior school teachers participated in The Structured Literacy Programme workshop. A structured literacy approach provides explicit, systematic, and sequential teaching of literacy at multiple levels. Whilst our teachers are in the learning phase this year, we look forward to trialling this initiative in 2022. Mrs Beverley Harper (Room 12) has created this beautiful visual representation in our staff room that depicts how the model weaves literacy learning together.



Ngā mihi nui,
Viki Trainor - Principal

CARMEL COLLEGE 2022 ENROLMENTS

Year 7 classes for 2022 are nearing capacity. If you are considering enrolling your daughter as a preference applicant starting next year, please make urgent contact with the college by emailing Deborah dgoudie@carmel.school.nz or phoning 09 486 1132, extension 704.



Please note that enrolment at Carmel College is NOT automatic from contributing primary schools.

GARDEN TO TABLE

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.

These can be dropped off at the school office or collection can be arranged by contacting Ange Moore, Tel: 021 213 5556



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



The next sale will be held this Thursday, 3rd June at 2:30pm in the hall. Please bring cash.

For any urgent needs please contact our parent co-ordinator: Fran Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279.



The next PTFA meeting is TONIGHT, 1st June at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Altar Server training

This week, I supported a group of children from Years 5 & 6 in their journey of becoming Altar Servers. We thank Fr. Emile, Fr. Alejandro and Chris Ingram for giving their time to help these children in their personal faith formation.

Altar servers are a silent witness to the mysteries of the Altar. While the actions in the Sanctuary can be done by the priest alone, the Altar Server is doing something that is more than just useful. Their action in the Liturgy draws people deeper into the mystical realities of the sacrifice of Jesus. Their purposeful activity helps people to enter a reverent frame of mind for worship.

Laura Baddeley - DRS

Priests visit

Last Wednesday Room 13 were blessed with a classroom visit from both Fr. Emile and Fr. Alejandro. The children wanted to know more about why they both decided to become priests as well as learning some interesting facts about their history and culture.





Tālōfa! Susū mai! Afio mai! Maliu mai! This year's theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2021 is Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale which means strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive.

The purpose of Sāmoan Language Week is to maintain and promote the language and culture of Samoa. Gagana Sāmoa is the second most spoken language in Auckland, and the third most spoken language across New Zealand. This special week helps all New Zealanders journey towards shared cultural understandings.

When you're building a foundation for a fale (house) it can't have a weak foundation or posts. This is the same for the foundations of our families, schools, and churches that play an important role in our lives including the regeneration and development of language and culture

A great way of being involved is to try and use some Samoan phrases. Try to incorporate some of these each day this week.



Fa'aleoga o le Gagana Sāmoa – Basic pronunciation tips

Gagana Sāmoa (Sāmoan language) has five vauei (vowels): a, e, i, o, u

These vauei have the same pronunciation as other Pacific languages, including te reo Māori (Māori language). Vauei can be short or long (the long vowel sound is indicated with a macron).

a, e, i, o, u (as in the English: are, there, three or two)

ā, ē, ī, ō, ū (as in the English: father, egg, feet, thought, loot)

It is important that the short and long vowel sounds are used, as they distinguish between different words – e.g. ava (respect) verses āvā (wife).

Gagana Sāmoa has thirteen konesane (consonants): f, g, l, m, n, p, s, t, v, h, k, r and ['] (glottal stop)

The consonants are pronounced like in English, except for the letter 'g'. In Sāmoan, you need to put a 'n' sound in front of 'g' – making it a 'nga' sound, as in te reo Māori, or the 'ng' sound from the English word 'song'.

Another great way of being involved in Sāmoan Language Week is to share stories about the culture and language of Sāmoa. Click the following link to access a story about an important Sāmoan tradition - [White Sunday in Sāmoa](#).

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to our newest Bronze Badge Student Librarians!!!

It was my honour last Thursday to issue bronze badges to three Student Librarians, the first of many, who have worked hard to attain the skills required to earn these badges. Onwards and upwards towards their Silver and Gold Badges! Three Student Librarians were also given certificates as a recognition of going the extra distance in their roles.



The calibre of St John's Student librarians is absolutely exceptional this year. They work hard on their allotted lunchtime (and often come in on their days off to help their peers). They return books and shelve them for classroom teachers. They read stories to their juniors. Organise activities and teach new games and all while trying to make the library a welcome place for all. I absolutely love the enthusiasm that they continually bring to the library.

All going well the **Scholastic Lucky Book Club** orders will be distributed to students on Thursday, in time for the lovely long weekend, by our fabulous Lucky Book Club parent coordinator Francine Gilchrist. Thank you, Fran. 😊 If anybody has an excess of brown paper shopping bags to assist with this, they would be greatly appreciated. Bags can be dropped off at the library or office.

Chantelle Dunn – Library Manager

Our Roses Netball Team had a fun evening watching the Northern Mystics play the Southern Steel. A great team bonding event. The girls had an absolute blast! (Secretly supporting the Southern Steel as Sienna has a half cousin in the team). With thanks to Lara Gunn for the photographs.



PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Mayan Awrooj (helping her team to win with great passing & goals), **Andre Wartanian**, **James Straka** (saved 3 goals), **Louis Straka** (scored 3 goals) – PoD Soccer
Jacob Robertston, **Althea Arnesto** – PoD Hockey (good dribbling with the ball)
Sophie Hayward (up from Breather to Advanced Breather),
Ruby Beresford-Huey-Kher – Swimming
Maria Hale, **Ruby Beresford-Huey-Kher** (chasing the ball & being a great centre), **Olivia Dahya** (awesome shooting & confidence with the ball), **Martina Mena** (intercepts & amazing defence), **Maddyson Monaghan**, **Zara Ko**, **Gianna Buhmann** – PoD Netball
Jonathon Ichwansyah, **Carter Ross** (scored first goal) – PoD Basketball



HAUORA WELLBEING



Our wellbeing relies on our body and our mind being in good working order. Anxiety is a word that has become more commonplace in our vocabulary, and we often worry our children are “anxious”.

Kidshealth is a joint initiative between the Paediatric Society of New Zealand and Starship Foundation. It offers us an insight into what anxiety might look like in our tamariki (children) and what we can do to assist. Click here to find out more <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/anxiety>

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

PŌTAE - BEANIES



Beanies can be purchased from the office for \$12.50. With the mornings getting colder a beanie is a great addition to your child's uniform to keep them warm whilst waiting for school to begin. They can be worn outside at any time during the school day if your child is feeling the winter chill.



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.



Pot luck Finger Food Evening at the Bravenboers \$20 fundraiser for India during these Covid-19 times. If you cannot make it on the 29th May, but wish to donate, here is the bank account 03-0642-0738672-000; reference India. Thank you, michael@bravenboer.co.nz



The Youth Need You! Are you interested in becoming a youth leader or supporting the youth group? We're forming a new core team and everyone is welcome! Training and formation will be given so you feel supported too! Email mbreinhorst@gmail.com to find out more.

Executive Assistant – Fixed Term Contract NZ Marist Brothers Trust Board are looking for a proactive & highly organised Executive Assistant. This is a 7-month fixed term contract for maternity cover. This is a pivotal role supporting the Business Manager• Penrose Location • Parking Provided • June 2021 Start. To apply please contact: nzmarist@fmspacific.com

Vinnies Needs Helpers! To help us make a difference for people in our local community by sorting & pricing donations & helping customers. Contact Wanda, Tel: 09 443-5274, 021-248-0629 glenfield.vinnies@gmail.com Non-food items can be taken directly to 8/75 Ellice Rd, Glenfield. Mon. - Fri. 9.30am - 4pm; Sat. 10am- 2pm.

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@infofen.net.nz



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Sunday, 6th June, The Northern Mystics are up against the Robinhood 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.ticketfairy.com/event/northern-mystics-mystics-vs-stars-6jun2021/>



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