



Week 7, Term 2  
15 June 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau

I was once again reminded last week of what a wonderful job I have. On Thursday I spent some time at the **Interschool Cross Country** competition. Our children competed magnificently, they put their heart and soul into their running. It was also great to see how many parents turned out to support their children.

Then on Friday I spent the day at Rosmini College with the **North Shore Catholic Kahui Ako for the annual Cultural Festival**. Our Kapa Haka group, supported by our Choir, performed. I wish to thank Mrs Mountjoy and her kapa haka support teachers for preparing our children so well. I also really enjoyed lunchtime, as all the Catholic primary school children played together. Such a joy to watch this interaction.




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## Progress Reports

When you receive your child's progress report at the end of next week you will notice that we are using a different way of reporting for Writing. We are using an assessment tool called PaCT. Mrs Marsh and Mrs Perry are experts in the use of this tool to improve teaching and learning and have provided some excellent information for parents. So please see below to link to their videos.

## Important information for whānau of Year 3 - 6 students

This year, the mid-year report format for the subject of Writing has changed for students in Years 3 to 6.



The image shows a promotional graphic for PaCT (The Progress and Consistency Tool) for Years 3-6. On the left, the PaCT logo is displayed in a stylized, blue, 3D font. Below it, the text reads 'The Progress and Consistency Tool' and 'Years 3 - 6'. At the bottom, it says 'New Report Format for Writing'. On the right, a sample PaCT Writing Report for Savou Williams is shown. The report includes the school name (Simb School), year level (Year 5), and judgment date (17/06/2020). It features a line graph showing curriculum levels from 2016 to 2020, with Savou's progress indicated by a blue line and shaded area. The graph shows a steady increase in curriculum levels over the five-year period.

Click the image left to access [our site](#) where you can view videos and additional information explaining these new changes.

If you would like to find out more, please scroll to the bottom of the site to submit a question or sign up for one of two parent information sessions happening next **Tuesday, 22nd June.**

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. The conference times will be from 1.00 – 2.50pm, 3.30 – 5.20pm; and 6.00 – 7.20pm. **Classes will finish at 12.00 on this day and you are asked to make arrangements to pick your child(ren) up promptly at this time. School buses will not be available.**

**Conference Focus** These conferences are for parents and caregivers **only** and will give you an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how your child is progressing. The conference will be 10 minutes in length and a bell will indicate the end of each. Please be on time. If, after 10 minutes, you feel further time is required with the teacher than please arrange another appointment.

### To Book a Conference

- **Bookings will open TODAY at 3.00pm**
- Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code **j2tf7** (it is case sensitive)
- An email confirming the time of your conference(s) will be sent directly to the email address entered at the time of booking.
- If you do not have internet access please contact the school office Tel: 09 478 7734 or via email on [office@simb.school.nz](mailto:office@simb.school.nz) and they can make a booking on your behalf.



**Next Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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. To honour this special occasion 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.

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## BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

### St. John's School Board 2021 By-Election Results for one [1] Parent Representative

Parent representative votes in alphabetical order of candidates:

Name	Votes
Ricky-Jean Curteis	64
Adam Leonard	49
Tim Pegler	16
Richard Pidgeon	46
Gordon Simpson	31
Invalid Votes	0
TOTAL VOTES CAST	206

I hereby declare on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 the following candidate duly elected:

**Name:** Ricky-Jean Curteis

Returning Officer St. John's School – Michele Nash

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## LIBRARY NEWS

Last year Tiwonge, now in Year 4, made a request that the library be open at morning tea time. As a result, we held our first Wednesday Winter Warmer morning tea last week. The children were able to come to the library and read quietly or listen to an audio book. It was wonderful to see so many of them engaged in their chosen books.



Two more of our fabulous students have earned their bronze badges this week! **Congratulations!**

## Authors coming to St John's School

We are very lucky to have four Authors coming to visit our school in the coming months.

[Anne Kaye](#), Author of the Tui Street Heroes books will be coming on Wednesday, 30th June to speak with our Year 5 and 6 students. During Anne's Visit there will be an opportunity to purchase her two published books.

The following day (July 1st) it will be the turn of our Year 1 - 4 children with our school being lucky enough to be selected as part of the [Storylines](#) tour. [Swapna Haddow](#), the award-winning author of the Dave Pigeon books and many others, along with [Raymond McGrath](#), another award winning author who has written and illustrated many books have been chosen to visit our school.

The final author visiting our school in Term 4 will be [Des Hunt](#). This visit will be for the Senior Students and promises to be very informative.

A small charge of \$2.00 will be added to your Kindo account ([www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)) as a contribution to the cost of us hosting these authors.

## Scholastic Lucky Book Club



I hope that you enjoyed your Scholastic Lucky Book Club deliveries over the long weekend and found plenty of time to read and relax.

You can still order from **Issue 3** until Friday, 25th June or you can order from **Issue 4** until Friday, 16th July. Catalogues for Issue 4 will not be distributed at school and items will not be delivered to the school (although the school still receives rewards from all your orders). Items are delivered to your home for a small delivery charge.

You can view Issues 3 and 4 from this link <https://scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

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## New Zealand Book Awards

The finalists for the New Zealand Book Awards were announced last Thursday you can view them [Here](#) or for a little bit of analysis by The Sapling you can see that [here](#).

It's always good to see that St John's Students have already been exposed to the wonderful quality of these books. A few of the finalist books already sit in our library and have been read to our children during their class visit.

In other book news... The first New Zealand Reading Ambassador was announced on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and is Lyttelton writer Ben Brown. You can find out more about the role of Te Awhi Rito and Ben Brown through the [New Zealand National Library](#)

**Chantelle Dunn** – Library Manager

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# FINAL REMINDER

**TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE, \$25.00 each**

Your ticket purchase includes some 'dollars/chips' to start the evening

VIA KINDO ([www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)) under



**Adults only, extended family and friends very welcome to attend.**

**St John's School Hall, from 7.00pm THIS FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**Dress Code: James Bond – 007**

*Think tuxedos, ball gowns, cocktail dresses, GLAM!*

**Bring your own drinks and food to share.**

**Bring cash for Extra Games, some fun raffles and if you wish to purchase additional chips to play.**

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## RECENT SCHOOL NEWS

### Support Staff Week

Last week we celebrated our amazing Support Staff Team!

Our Learning Support Assistants (Mrs Ashton, Mrs Chandler, Mrs D'Souza, Mrs Ritson, Mrs Roteache and Mrs Williams), Librarian (Mrs Dunn), Caretaker (Mr Dixon), Garden Specialist (Mrs Moore), Sport Co-ordinator (Mrs Dorrington) and Office Staff (Mrs Bridges and Mrs Nash) would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards and wishes.



### National Dance Challenge

A group of Year 6 girls, who have been rehearsing on Friday lunchtimes in our school hall, took to the stage in the National Dance Challenge on Friday night at Kristin School.

There were only two primary schools there, among lots of children from Intermediates and High schools. The quality of the dancing was outstanding, but our little ones held their own! We were just pipped at the post for the finals by Mairangi Bay School.

They were super-awesome and did St John's proud. [Watch the dance here.](#)



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### WORD OF THE WEEK

**uru:** to enter, to go into

[Hear this kupu spoken](#)

Kupu o te Wiki

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### HAUORA WELLBEING



Mentemia is an app that coaches mental wellbeing. It was established by Sir John Kirwan and is available free to download.

Check out <https://www.mentemia.com/nz/home> if you think you or someone you love could benefit from some support.

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## REMEMBER, RENEW, REJOICE – Celebrate Matariki

E Te Atua, te Atawhai kaha tonu,  
God, your mercy never fails.  
As the season of Mātāriki returns once more,  
we thank you for the bounty of nature,  
for its tireless cycle of sowing, growing and reaping.  
We remember the wisdom of generations  
who have lived and worked before us;  
we remember the prophetic voice of Pope Francis  
in his great letter, Laudato Si',  
calling us to care for our common home.  
We renew our commitment to live justly and responsibly,  
to use Earth's precious resources with respect,  
and to stand firm in decisions and choices  
that preserve and enhance the environment,  
its lands, oceans and waterways.  
We learn from nature's resilience  
to renew our efforts to protect all that lives.  
As people of faith and hope, we rejoice  
to see nations around the world resolving  
to do what is right for the good of all.  
We rejoice to lend our voices to those of the poor,  
to heed the cry of our embattled Earth,  
and to see endangered species nurtured to life.  
In the whole of creation, may God be praised.  
Amen.



Ngā mihi,  
Laura Baddeley  
Director of Religious Studies

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## PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

**Elise Taylor, Emma Moss** (All round great game), **Olivia McKewen** (Confidence & great shooting) – PoD Netball

**Netball** A tough game against a very well drilled Vauxhall First Team. The Bluebells managed to create some good chances but couldn't convert into points. The opposition used space well and got an early advantage. A strong 3rd quarter especially from **PoD Ava Plummer** saw us managed to draw level at 10 all. Alas, that effort resulted in some tired girls in the 4th and our defence slipped and Vauxhall took advantage to come out worthy winners. We will learn from this with our last grading game on Wednesday against local rivals Murrays Bay. Go Bluebells! Report from Ben Plummer



**Lachlan George** – PoD Basketball

**Boston Leonard** (Blade Runner & Pretty Passer), **Isaac Reade** (Champion Space Master) – PoD Soccer

**Imari Chua** – PoD Hockey

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



If children wish to play on the grass & in the gully during lunchtime in Terms 2 and 3, they should bring a change of non-uniform clothes to change into.

**The field is out of bounds during morning teatime in Terms 2 and 3.**

Children's full PE gear should also be at school EVERY week, Monday to Friday, and only brought home during the week if it needs washing.

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## PARISH NEWS



**Hospitality Ministers URGENTLY required.** It is such a gift to welcome people into Mass. A smile and words of welcome are beyond measure! Handing out the newsletter, putting the baskets out and organizing the offertory complete the ministry. Good family project!

**Volunteers need for Mass Set Up 7.30am and 5.30pm:** We have some long-serving volunteers standing down from these Mass set up rosters. The 7.30 am roster can be set up weekly, or however it works for the people involved. The 'set up roster' for 5.30pm Mass is monthly. Ideally, we would like to have 3 or 4 extra people to participate in these rosters so we can grow this ministry. You will need to come to the church 30 minutes before Mass in order to complete the set up. Training provided...**it is not hard to learn!**

### Youth Ministry

Thank you for all your hard work in raising your children as Christians in a world that makes it an insane challenge! I'd like to invite you to consider joining our Youth Ministry Committee! Your children may be all grown up now and out of high-school, they might not, but you can make a difference to the youth of our parish!



It would not be a big commitment, we would meet monthly to begin with, and review on an ongoing basis. The committee's main job would be to help with logistics and planning events for the youth and making sure that we have the volunteers to get it done! This does not mean you would need to be at every event – although that would be amazing!

You would help organise the volunteers to be at the events and engaging with the youth. You would work closely with the Youth Pastoral Assistant and myself (Youth Ministry representative on the Pastoral Parish Council). I felt that as parents you may be interested to have your say in the youth group's efforts and also that you would understand the importance of supporting the youth through their high school years in faith and friendships!

Please let me know your thoughts, questions, or interest! I will look into organising a first meeting for the committee, so if you could please indicate your availability along with your interest, that would be wonderful.

Email: [mbreinhorst@gmail.com](mailto:mbreinhorst@gmail.com)

Many thanks and God bless! Marion Breinhorst

**Tuesday Morning Teatime** Please join us at the White Flower Café this Tuesday between 9.30am and 11.00am for an opportunity just to meet socially and chat. We meet every Tuesday unless advertised otherwise in the Parish newsletter.



**ECB Catholic Book Club [www.AucklandCatholicLibrary.Org.NZ](http://www.AucklandCatholicLibrary.Org.NZ)**

Parish Contact: Iona Breinhorst, Tel: 021 222 9662

For links and more information go to: [www.eastcoastbayscatholic.org.nz](http://www.eastcoastbayscatholic.org.nz); About Us; Groups.

We need seven people to register before we can access materials. At this stage there have been no decisions made about when or how we meet, and which book we will read first.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Art Day for children in the holidays (ages 7 - 12 yrs.)

If your child loves drawing and painting, they will love this one-day workshop with artist Eion Bryant. With step-by-step instruction they will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused! VENUE: St. Anne's Hall, Browns Bay, July 13th, 10.00am-3.00pm. Cost: \$55

**Bookings:** [eion@eionbryant.com](mailto:eion@eionbryant.com), mob 021 132 7033 or 021 060 6641

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