

Week 8, Term 2 22 June 2021



# Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni

# The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

"He waka eke noa"



Last Thursday we celebrated St John the Baptist's feast day and our 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. This special day commenced with a beautiful Mass, followed by the unveiling of our school artwork – "he waka eke noa"

Mrs Claire Taylor led the whole school in the creation of this lovely artwork. Mr Dixon and Mr George erected it on the back court and Father Emile blessed the artwork for us.

We all shared a delicious morning tea provided by our staff. Our children created wonderful pieces of art which were displayed in the hall for all to enjoy. Many thanks to our lovely PTFA who provided a sausage sizzle for our children. It was a truly memorable day.

### LOCKDOWN PRACTICE



# The school will be holding a lockdown drill, Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July

As a school, the health and safety of our children and staff is our number one priority. It is important that children and staff are familiar with all health and safety procedures so that, in the unlikely event of an emergency, they will be able to follow procedures quickly, effectively, and safely. When students are familiar with procedures there is less anxiety and worry.

As we will be in simulated lockdown, should you come to the office during the drill, we will be unable to let you into the building.

Lockdown drills are different from evacuation drills. Evacuation drills are designed to prepare children and staff in the school to leave the buildings quickly and in a pre-planned and organised manner in the event of danger such as a fire when conditions outside the building are safer than the conditions inside the building. In a lockdown drill, children and staff remain inside a secure building and stay as still and as silent as possible.

Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor - Principal

# SCHOOL FEES - END OF TERM 2

The Diocesan Finance Office has asked that we forward to them by the end of this week, the remainder of Attendance Dues collected on their behalf for Term 2. Fees were due on or before 31 May. If you wish to discuss any matters relating to fees for Term 1 or 2, please contact, in confidence, Viki Trainor <a href="wikit@simb.school.nz">wikit@simb.school.nz</a> or her PA, Michele Nash. If you would like to clarify any balance of fees, please email <a href="michelen@simb.school.nz">michelen@simb.school.nz</a>

Rather than send home a printed statement, some statements will be emailed to parents/caregivers today. If you have made a payment online that has not yet come through to our bank account, please let Michele know.

### **ATTENDANCE DUES FOR 2022**

The Board has received notice from the Auckland Diocese that Attendance Dues will be raised by \$4 per term in 2022. This means that in 2022, Attendance Dues will be \$117 per term (\$11.70 per week for a 10 week term). Since 2008, the increases have been kept to a bare minimum of around \$2-2.50 per term.

Financial Assistance with Attendance Dues is available to families of Preference students in cases of genuine financial difficulties. Part of the criteria for receiving this assistance is that regular payments have been made at an affordable level. On our school website under INFORMATION – FEES (and ENROLMENTS) there is a full explanation of our fees and information about the Inland Revenue Tax Deductibility of all the fee areas. Attendance Dues are not tax deductible. Please contact Michele Nash if you need any questions answered relating to School Fees.

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - TOY & CLOTHES COLLECTION



During the last week of term, we will be having a used toy and clothes collection. These items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul and distributed to families in need.

St. Vincent de Paul have specifically requested the following:-

- Winter clothing adults and children, all children
- Winter linen and bedding e.g. flannelette sheets, duvets
- Winter blankets e.g. wool, fleece

Please ensure that the items are in **good**, **washed condition**. There will be boxes in the office for donations to be placed anytime during Week 10. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16

# PTFA MEETING

The next PTFA meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th July at 7.00pm in the staff room

We would love our PTFA membership to reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of our school community. Please consider coming along to our PTFA meeting on Tuesday 6th July at 7pm in the staff room. We will be starting to plan our school gala and would value your input. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided c

Nos encantaría que nuestra asociación de padres, PTFA, reflejara la diversidad étnica y cultural de nuestra comunidad en St John's. Nos gustaría invitarte a asistir a nuestra reuniones, la próxima será el martes 6 de Julio a las 7 pm en la sala de profesores, en donde comenzaremos a planificar nuestra School Gala, tu presencia y apoyo serán muy bien recibidos! Los esperamos con té, café y galletitas (4)

Upang magkaroon ng representasyon any sar0saring kultura na mayroon sa ating paaralan, iniimbitga kayo ng PTFA na dumalo sa aming pagpupulong na magaganap si ika-6 ng Hulyo, alas0siete ng gabi sa Staff Room. Magsisimula kaming magplano ukol sa School gala at nais naming paunlakan ninyo ang aming miting ng inyong nga ideya. Magkakaroon din kami ng munting salo-salo ng kape, tsaa at biskwit.

各位家长朋友们,你们好。我们PTFA 是一个由我们老师,家长,以及社区爱心人士们组建的学校社区文化交流组织。我们PTFA希望听到来自于不同文化种族的家长们的意见。如果您有兴趣,请于7月6号星期二晚上7点到staff room 参加我们的PTFA会议。我们将讨论计划我们学校的gala庆典活动事宜。我们会珍惜你们的每一条建议。讨论会将会提供茶水和点心,期待您的到来。

Nós adoraríamos que a filiação da Associacao de Pais, Professores e Amigos (PTFA) refletisse a diversidade cultural e étnica da nossa comunidade escolar. Por isso, gostaríamos de convidá-los para a reunião do PTFA no dia 6 de julho as 19:00 horas na sala de funcionários da escola. Nesta reunião, iremos planejar a festa de arrecadação de fundos da escola e sua participação será muito importante para nós. Chá, café e biscoitos serão servidos.

저희는 학교 공동체의 인종적, 문화적 다양성을 반영하기 위하여 더 많은 학부모님들을 PTFA 회의에 초대하고 싶습니다.

7월6일 화요일 오후 7시에 직원 휴게실에서 PTFA 회의가 열립니다. 곧 있을 학교 갈라축제 계획을 논의 할 예정이며, 여러분의 다양한 의견을 듣고 싶습니다.

간단한 다과가 제공되며, PTFA 멤버가 아니어도 참석이 가능합니다. 많은 학부모님들의 참여와 관심부탁드립니다.

در انجمن فرهنکي مکتب اشتراك نمايد بتاريخ PTFA ما خواهشمنيمدم که اعضاي Tuesday 6th, July 7pm جای وکافی در نظر کرفته شده با احترام

## **GARDEN TO TABLE**

We are in the process of setting up a worm farm to add to our Garden to Table garden and are in need of a sack made from natural fibres (not synthetic). If anyone has one they could donate we would be very grateful.



Ange Moore – Garden Specialist



Fees for Interschool Cross Country, Interschool Soccer & the Netball North Harbour Field Day will be applied to the accounts of the children who attended this week. Prompt payment of these items would be greatly appreciated.

# The following items from Terms 1 & 2 are now overdue:

Prime Maths Workbook; Mathletics; Maths Buddy; online RE Digital resource; STEPS online spelling programme; Nanogirl Superhero Science Presentation; Garden to Table, Magic Caterpillar handwriting book; Years 1 & 2 Shared Art & Play Based Learning Resources; Personal File (for students new to St John's this year)

If you have any questions or queries regarding Kindo please either contact the Kindo helpdesk Tel; 0508 454636, Email; hello@kindo.co.nz or the school office, Tel; 09 478 7734, office@simb.school.nz

Any school fee or donation queries should be directed to Michele Nash, Email: michelen@sjmb.school.nz

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES AND CAREGIVER PHONE CONTACTS**

Please advise Michele Nash (<u>michelen@simb.school.nz</u>) in the office if you have changed your email address or phone contacts. With the increasing use of mobile and email for the school to contact you and/or send documents to you, it is essential we have a robust, up to date database. Thanking you in advance.



## **HAUORA WELLBEING**

As the effects of the pandemic continue to affect businesses and employment you may need to find a new job / career or refocus your current employment role.



Browse the Covid-19 website <a href="https://covid19.govt.nz/business-work-and-money/keep-nz-working">https://covid19.govt.nz/business-work-and-money/keep-nz-working</a> for some tips about "in demand industries" and how to find the best new job for your skills.

Please do not be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. Covid-19 has impacted large and small businesses throughout NZ. You are not alone, and you will be ok.

### WORD OF THE WEEK

nui: big, enough

Hear this kupu spoken



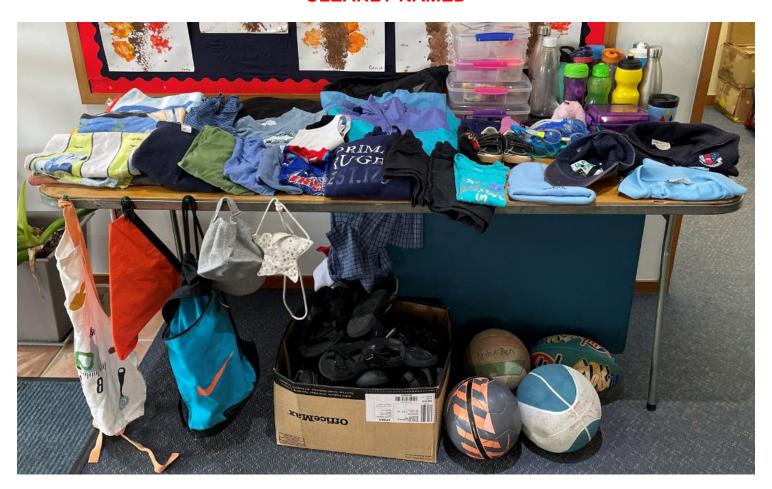
### LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be displayed inside the school office during Parent Teacher conferences. Please do come and see if there are any of your child's items amongst the many swimming goggles, towels, water bottles, lunch boxes, uniform items and non-uniform items currently is Lost Property.



At the end of the term, we will be clearing the Lost Property bin. School uniform items, if not named, will be given to second hand uniforms for sale. Non-uniform items will be washed and given to groups that can make use of them. Sadly, most of the plastic water bottles & lunch box items must be thrown away for health & safety reasons.

# PLEASE ENSURE THAT ANY ITEMS YOUR CHILD(REN) BRING TO SCHOOL ARE CLEARLY NAMED



### **FOUND**

Following the PTFA Casino Royale night a black, pinstripe men's waistcoat as been found. If this is yours, please come to the school office to claim it.

### PĀNUI WHAKANUIA - CONGRATULATIONS

Teresa Rotaeche (Wonderful coverage of the court) – PoD Netball Megan Billings (Feeding the ball) – PoD Netball Alba Mowbray (Amazing effort) – PoD Netball Brooklyn Vousden – PoD Netball Molly-Kate Smith – PoD Netball Madeleine Meurant – PoD Netball CONGRATULATIONS

Orlaith Burns (Good attacking), Maria Hale – PoD Hockey

Isaac O'Brien - PoD Basketball

### LIBRARY NEWS



It is wonderful to have seven more student librarians earn their Bronze Badges, they really do work hard to earn these!

# **Authors coming to St John's School THIS WEEK**

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

# **Anne Kaye**

Winner of the 2016 Storylines' Tom Fitzgibbon Award competition with her book Tūī Street Tales

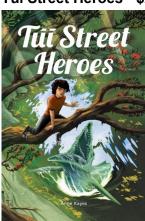
Anne is the first of our author visitors and will be spending time with our Year 4 - 6 children **TOMORROW** 

Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of Anne's books after her talk. If you have not already pre-purchased a copy, you may give your child cash (at your own risk) to purchase the book/s on the day.

Tūī Street Tales - \$18



Tūi Street Heroes - \$20



On **Thursday** it will be the turn of our Year 1 - 4 children, with our school being lucky enough to be selected as part of the <u>Storylines</u> tour. <u>Swapna Haddow</u>, the award-winning author of the Dave Pigeon books and many others, along with <u>Raymond McGrath</u>, 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 <u>Des Hunt</u>. 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 (<u>www.mykindo.co.nz</u>) as a contribution to the cost of us hosting these authors.

**Chantelle Dunn** – Library Manager

#### **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!** 



# URGENTLY NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR MASS SET UP FOR 5.30 PM; 9.00AM & 7.30AM MASSES:

We have some long-serving volunteers standing down from these Mass set up rosters. We need to regrow this ministry. Training provided ... *Our involvement gives us a greater understanding and appreciation of Mass and our community.* 



**This week the angel award goes to...** St. John's School for the truly wonderful celebration of 60 years of Catholic teaching and loving.

### **Our 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

















### **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, mob 021 132 7033 or 021 060 6641



Brain Play coding, robotics, 3d printing and STEM classes. Holiday programs are now open. Free trials available. Ages 5+. Email us for more information on <a href="mailto:info@brainplay.co.nz">info@brainplay.co.nz</a> or see brainplay.co.nz.























# Kids Choice School Holiday Progamme Monday, 12th July to Friday, 23rd July, 7am - 6pm daily.

Days are full of fun activities and trips to stimulate and entertain your children in a safe, fully supervised environment. CYF's approved allowing you to apply for a subsidy. We are based at the Presbyterian Church, 10 Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay. Contact Barb 027 440 6363 or 09 478 3705, Email: kids.choice@infogen.net.nz









Please tick the boxes for the days you would like to book PTO for more info and details.

Kids Care runs from 7.30am - 6pm. \* Book more than two children and get 10% discount. Book for the full 2 weeks and get 5%, WINZ Subsidy available.





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