



Week 3, Term 3
11 August 2021



Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoani

The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

Be eager in your desires but humbly
patient in their accomplishment.

~ Author: Mary MacKillop

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Last week Miss Binns and I attended the New Zealand Principals Federation Conference in Rotorua. The conference entitled '*Power, Passion, Pace*' was well attended by Principals and Deputies from all around the country. Jehan Casinader was our MC and kept the programme rolling with professionalism and humour. Keynote speakers included Bali Haque, Michelle Johansson, Fiona MacMillan, Sir Ian Taylor, Jason Swann and my personal favourite, Rawiri Waru.

I particularly enjoyed Rawiri's presentation because he explained how one special educator in his high school years empowered him to become his very best self. This special educator encouraged him to use his strong knowledge of Mātauranga Māori to enter the school's science competition. Rawiri won the school competition and went on to be the winner for the first world championship for young Environmental Researchers. Since then, Rawiri has taken every opportunity to uplift and promote this kaupapa so all people in Aotearoa can experience its beauty. He also holds many influential governance and management roles. He has advised and worked directly with Tribal Leaders, Ministers, Prime Ministers, Governor Generals, CEO's, Mayors, Industry Leaders and the list goes on. A truly inspirational man, steeped in his cultural roots.

This was also a great opportunity to connect with my principal colleagues professionally and socially. It is always great to see that our little school is doing so well. I wish to thank Mrs Jill Marsh who held the helm while we were away from school.

Teacher illness

It is that time of the year when sickness is at its peak and this obviously affects our teachers too. Most of our teachers have young children and they too get sick and require their mum to care for them. I want to assure our community that we have excellent relievers whom we use regularly and are considered part of our team. They are all highly experienced practitioners who kindly choose to give their time to our school. Please also be assured that our teachers plan for their classes and individual children alike and this is passed onto the relief teacher. Often the relief teachers like to do something extra special with the class and this is always welcomed by the children.

Ngā mihi nui,
Viki Trainor - Principal

PTFA DINNER DANCE

Unfortunately, the PTFA have made the difficult decision to cancel the Dinner and Dance due to low ticket sales.

We thank those of you who did purchase tickets for your support, and you will be refunded in due course.

Kindo purchases will be refunded into your Kindo account.

EFTPOS purchases – please contact the office to arrange a refund.



Feast Day of Mary MacKillop

Last Friday, we had a special Liturgy led by the Young Mackillops in the school hall to celebrate the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop which takes place on Sunday, 8th August. This was our first opportunity to use the beautiful lectern hand crafted for us by Mr Ian Langley (the father of Mrs Little, Mrs Chandler and Mrs Smith). This magnificent piece will be well used for all our special assemblies, liturgies, and events. We are very grateful to Mr Langley for the time, effort and love which he put into creating this treasured gift for our school. We are now looking forward to having our school emblem placed on the front!



*Mary, your life made a difference,
Mary, you could recognize when the poor were
being used and abused,
Mary, you pushed the boundaries wider than the
structures,
Mary, you were prepared to live among those whom you served.
Mary, a woman of vision, Mary, a woman with inner strength, Mary, a
woman of prayer, Mary, a woman who dared to be different.
**Lord Jesus, may we try to follow Mary and walk in the ways of the
Spirit.***



THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

FATHER IN HEAVEN,
ALL CREATION RIGHTLY GIVES YOU
PRAISE,
FOR ALL LIFE AND ALL HOLINESS
COME FROM YOU.
IN THE PLAN OF YOUR WISDOM
SHE WHO BORE THE CHRIST IN HER
WOMB
WAS RAISED BODY AND SOUL IN
GLORY TO BE WITH HIM IN HEAVEN.
MAY WE FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE IN
REFLECTING YOUR HOLINESS
AND JOIN IN HER HYMN OF ENDLESS
LOVE AND PRAISE.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR
LORD.

AMEN.

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PRAYER FROM WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG

Mary was a simple, yet strong woman with outstanding faith. Mary had no idea of what lay ahead of her, but her love of God and her faith that God would walk beside her enabled her to do extraordinary things. Life often requires us to tackle the unknown, with faith and God's help we too, can do extraordinary things.

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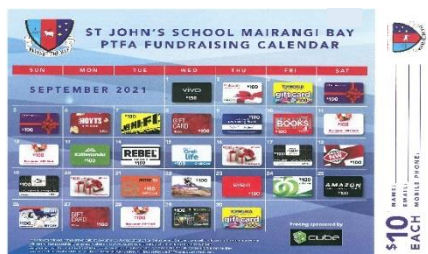
Bishop Pompallier dedicated New Zealand to Mary giving her the special title – Mary, Patroness of New Zealand. August 15th is her special Feast Day and the National Feast Day of New Zealand. The Catholic Bishops of New Zealand chose Te Ara o Maria (Mary's way) as a rededication of our country to Mary in 2021

On Tuesday 17th August, we will have a Whole School Mass at 9.15am to celebrate the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

It has always been a tradition in the Church to decorate Our Lady's altar with flowers on her special Feast Day. The children can bring a flower from your garden to school next Tuesday. Please do not go to any expense buying flowers. What is important is the feeling and thoughtfulness.

Laura Baddeley – DRS

PTFA CALENDAR RAFFLE FUND RAISER



Don't forget to sell your Raffle Tickets!

The tickets are \$10.00 each and the buyer has a chance to win a prize every day during the month of September. All the information you need was included with the tickets.

This was a very successful fundraiser in 2019 and great way for friends and family to support our school.

All stubs and money need to be returned to school by Friday, August 20th - please use the envelope included with your tickets. Any unsold tickets must also be returned by this date, although preferably earlier to allow others the opportunity to sell more.

If you would like extra tickets, these are available from the school office.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Kupu o te Wiki

WORD OF THE WEEK

mātauranga: education

[Hear this kupu spoken](#)

HAUORA WELLBEING

The wellbeing of all our families contributes to a thriving school and wider community. This link takes you to the Ministry of Health website that shows you the 2020 - 2025 action plan to improve the health and wellbeing of Pacific families in NZ.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/ola-manuia-pacific-health-and-wellbeing-action-plan-2020-2025>



DENTAL CARE

The Auckland Regional Dental Service provides free dental examinations, oral health education, x-rays and treatment to all eligible children from birth up until their 18th Birthday once enrolment documentation has been received. It is the parent's responsibility to enrol their child/children in this service. To access an enrolment form please visit <http://www.waitematadhb.govt.nz/home/ards/>

If you have concerns or questions regarding your child's teeth or wish to make an appointment to see a dentist, please contact one of the following local clinics directly.

Northcross Clinic, Tel: 09 479 4236 Forrest Hill, Tel: 09 410 7361

SPORTS CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 3

Friday, 20th August	Interschool Hockey (selected senior team)
Monday, 23rd August	Save-a-day Interschool Hockey
Thursday, 2nd September	Rippa Tournament #2
Tuesday, 7th September	Save-a-day Rippa Tournament #2
Tuesday, 14th September	All Sports Team Photos (League teams and Interschool teams)

PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Maria Hale – PoD Hockey (A particularly fine team effort with only four players to win against a full team of six)

Mark Juma – PoD Basketball

Xavier Hayward – PoD Rugby League (Great all-round effort)

Ashlyn Stevens – Cheerleading, 1st Place in Battle in the Bays competition

Maria Hale – PoD Netball

Jayden Ip – PoD Hockey

Aria Honey-Rerekura – PoD Netball (Listening well)

Lucy McQueen – PoD Netball (Stepping in and being a star player)

Ava Plummer – PoD Hockey



[Please click on this image to view important Term 3 information for Year 4-6](#)



RECENT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PRIEST CLASSROOM VISIT

This week, Room 13 was very blessed to spend some time with one of our lovely Parish Priests. Father. Alejandro read with and engaged in discussion with some of our reading groups. We are so very lucky to have wonderful priests who enjoy spending time with our tamariki.



School activities continued...

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, 1st August, Bishop Michael celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation some of our St John's children. Thank you to Liz George, Beverley Harper and Anne Howard for supporting our children as they made this important step in their faith journey.

Te Atua, Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of Your presence. Increase in them the fruit of Your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.



Jan Andrea, Althea Arnesto, Gianna Buhmann, Orlaith Burns, Maggy Cundell, Maria Deles, Joshua Doherty, Chloe Duffy, Yasmeena Falla, Roxelle Feng, Maria Hale, Jonathan Ichwansyah, Aaron Jayasekera, Lynella Kako, Ruby Lockwood, Charlotte Moore, Leo Moore, Thomas Moore, Isaac O'Brien, George Pidgeon, Ava Plummer, Grace Plummer, James Popov, Zara Raffo, Amber Saxon, Libby Simpson, Parker Simpson, Ashlyn Stevens, Cooper Stevenson, Jake Stucki, Ethan Yick, Cecilia Zeng.

PARISH NEWS

Church Keys: We are currently updating the registration list of keys for our churches. If you have key(s) to one of our churches and haven't confirmed it lately, please get in touch with the office at St John's Church, Tel: 09 478 4565

Tuesday Morning Teatime You are welcome to join us at the White Flower Café, Browns Bay any Tuesday between 9.30am & 11.00am. This is an opportunity just to meet socially and chat.



The Living Water Prayer Group invite you to join us at St John's church, Monday evenings 7.30pm. All welcome.



Foodbank items: St Vincent de Paul are most grateful for all the generous donations from our Parishioners. This week we are in need of **tinned fruit and tinned fish**. Please leave items in the basket in the church foyer

Choral Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We are happy to once again to bring you a beautiful Choral Vigil Mass celebrating Aotearoa New Zealand's Patronal Feast Day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **7pm Saturday 14 August**. Validated parking at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4. Please bring your ticket with you to validate in the Cathedral.



*This week the angel award goes to...
 Bishop Michael, Fr. Alejandro & all our
 newly confirmed. An archangel award
 goes to Iona, Bev & Anne for their wonderful
 love and support.*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RANGITOTO KINDY FAIR!
SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2021

The Countdown is on!

Our "Famous As" **Rangitoto Kindergarten Fair** will be back on Saturday, 4th September.

2a Hythe Terrace, Mairangi Bay - 10am - 1pm

Our fair is such an amazing community event as it has been in existence for around 40 years! Each year we have been so fortunate in the support from parents, the local community and kind hearted businesses.

- If you know of any business who may be able to donate an item for auction or tender, we would love to hear from you!
- If you are a past committee member or parent who wouldn't mind spending an hour on a stall, we would love to hear from you!
- If you have any children's toys or books, adult books or are a whizz at making preserves we would love to hear from you!

Pop the date in your diary and then we can get to see you all at the fair!!

Extraordinary Kids

Do you feel your child is falling behind academically?
Let us help your child to get back on track and improve their confidence and skills?

Extraordinary Kids provide extra help with Maths, Reading, Writing and spelling on the North Shore for students 6 to 16 years old.

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- Structured Learning Environment
- Programmes for Dyslexia and Learning Difficulties
- Warm and Friendly
- Small Groups/ Individualised Work
- Spaces Available now

Phone: 09 475-6296 or 0223411716, Email: office@extraordinarykids.co.nz, www.ExtraordinaryKids.co.nz

East Coast Bays Library will be reopening after their extensive refurbishment on Saturday, 14th August. We will have special events happening throughout the day which will be posted on our Facebook page soon.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL

East Coast Bays Library Reopening

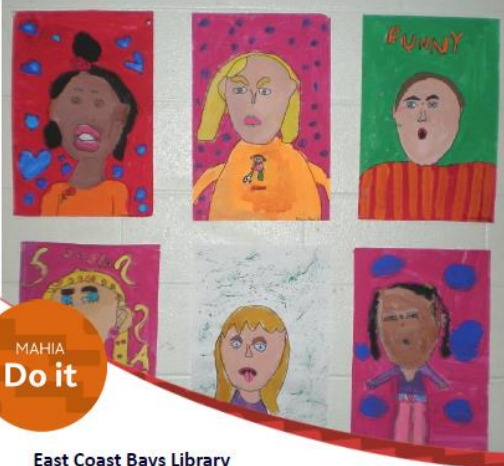
Saturday 14 August 2021



After extensive refurbishment we are excited to open the doors to your new library. Celebrate with us at our gala reopening day - tours and fun activities for the whole family.

Temporary Library closes: 5pm Sunday 8 August
Mobile Library onsite: 9 - 11 August

Check our Facebook page for details of opening events.



East Coast Bays Library
Kid's Artwork for the library

Help us to make the library your place.

Draw yourself or your whanau on an A4 size piece of paper,
to display in the newly refurbished library when we reopen

Bring it in to the temporary library by 10 August
to have it displayed on our opening day on 14 August

Find out more: phone 09 377 0209
Or visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/
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