



Week 4, Term 3
17 August 2021

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,



"Faith is a type of window we look through which helps us to see life from a viewpoint beyond this world, enabling us to take God at his word when He makes promises about the future and calls us to be His people, in a special way"

(Pa Peter Tipene, St Peter's Waiheke).

Today, we celebrated a beautiful Mass to honour the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. 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. Often, life requires us to tackle the unknown, with faith and God's help we too achieve extraordinary things.

The children participated beautifully in this Mass through their respectful behaviour, proclaiming the Word, prayer, and liturgical dance. It was such a pleasure to see some of our cultural groups represented in their mother tongue through the Prayers of the Faithful. Many thanks to Mrs Baddeley, our DRS, for planning and preparing this special Mass and of course our gratitude to our wonderful celebrants, Father Alex, and Father Emile.



Tomorrow several of our teachers will travel to St Peter's Parish on Waiheke to farewell our past teacher, Mrs Dianna Elvin. Our staff wish to thank the community for all the lovely messages, tributes, and flowers.

Please keep Mrs Elvin and her family in your prayers.

This week is another busy week at school. On Friday a large number of our children will be representing St John's at interschool competitions for Rippa Rugby, Hockey and the Book Battle. We wish them all well. I wish to thank both my staff and all the parents whose support enables us to provide these opportunities for the children.

ST JOHN'S CULTURAL FESTIVAL

A huge thank you to the volunteer leaders of the Cultural Festival groups, your efforts in making this year's Cultural Festival a success are appreciated. Thank you for the expressions of interest for your children to take part in this year's Cultural Festival.

The groups are now almost full, if you would like your child to take part, the expressions of interest (sent Friday 13th August) will need to be back to school by tomorrow at the latest. This gives us time to finalise the groups and inform the volunteer leaders. Rehearsals will start this week. Please help to support your child by reminding them of their commitment to their group and the days they are rehearsing.

The draft hall timetable for rehearsals is below. Please note some groups will be also rehearsing in classrooms.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:30-1 pm	Middle Eastern Group	South Africa	Middle Eastern Group	Sri Lanka	Indonesian Grp
1-1:20	Korean group		Korean Group		Chinese group
1:20-1:30	PMP set up	PMP set up		PMP set up	

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

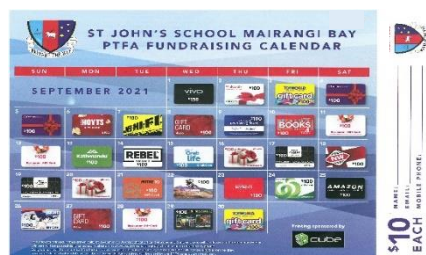
Student Led Conferences will be held **on Tuesday, 31st August**. School will finish at 12 noon and conferences will begin at 1.00pm. There will be no school buses running. Bookings will be available every 15 minutes.

These conferences are an opportunity for your children to share their learning with you. Your child will show you their work and you can ask your child questions and join in activities they may show you. The children will need to come to school in their uniform to conduct the Student Led Conference. There are four bookings available for each time slot.

Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
with our case sensitive code being **t3bgu**

Ngā mihi nui,
Viki Trainor - Principal

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, money and unsold tickets need to be returned to school by
THIS Friday, August 20th**

Please use the envelope included with your tickets

Thank you for your support and good luck!

DAFFODIL DAY – next Friday, 27th August



Next Friday 27th August, we will be participating in Daffodil Day. Daffodil Day symbolises hope for the 1 in 3 New Zealanders affected by cancer.

The children are welcome to come dressed with a splash of yellow (big or small) and are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation next Friday.

Your donations will go towards vital scientific research into the causes and treatment of all types of cancer, as well as providing a wide range of support services for people affected by cancer.

If you would like to donate via online banking please use the following details:-

Name: Cancer Society Auckland Northland
Account number: 06-0193-0148529-00
Particulars: St. John's School, Mairangi Bay
Code: DDSch
Reference: 1492

God's Blessings,
Mrs Baddeley

NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENT 2022

Applications close on 31st August 2021. If you have lodged an application you will receive communication from Viki Trainor early in September. If you have family or friends who you know are applying for positions in 2022, please remind them of this closing date. If you have any queries please email the Principal's PA, Michele Nash michelen@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be collecting cans as part of the St Vincent de Paul Cans for Christmas Drive. Please make a note of this date but do not send any cans into school until requested. With many thanks in advance.

Laura Baddeley - DRS



WORD OF THE WEEK

kawa: protocol

[Hear this kupu spoken](#)

HAUORA WELLBEING

As parents we need to manage our own mental wellbeing too. Our families work best when we take care of ourselves.

Check out this article by Maggie Dent, Australian parenting guru, which offers some guidance about signs of overwhelm to look out for and what you can do to minimise the impact.

<https://www.maggiedent.com/blog/are-you-so-overwhelmed-youre-skating-on-thin-ice/>



PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Gianna Buhmann – PoD Netball
Teresa Roteche – PoD Netball (Fantastic Shooting)
Dominic Kim – PoD Basketball
Ashlyn Stevens – Bronze Bar award Cha cha, Samba and Jive, Level 3 Honours in Tap, and Gold award and grand Champion for Cheerleading.





Our Stardome Trip

It was an exciting Friday for Rooms 1 and 2 as we were off on a school trip to the Stardome Observatory. The bus ride was loud and full of excitement, as some children were talking about their experience of already being there and some were just excited about what they were going to see.

During the bus ride we played games like when we waved at the passing cars to see if they would wave back at us or give us a thumbs up! We saw a lady in her car with her two Corgis! She waved at us, it made the game fun! After, what seemed like a long bus ride, we were all excited to finally be at our destination. When we got there we went straight to the classroom, and we met our tour guide. His name was Josh, and he taught us about the universe. He taught us about the sun and the earth and the moon.



After Josh talked to us we did a quiz /activity. Josh gave us all I pads and we had group names of different planets: I had Pluto (Zara). The quiz/activity was about the different types of planets.

In the dome we watched a few little videos like the tale of Ranginui and Papa-tū-ā-nuku and the story of Rona and the Moon. We watched them in a big room. The roof was the screen and it felt very relaxing to enjoy this experience. It was based on Matariki. We sat in these really comfy recliner leather chairs. It was like a theatre. Some of the people almost fell asleep! When we finally got out we all went to get a drink and a little walk around inside but sadly our trip was coming to an end.

As we left the Stardome, it started to rain so the children, teachers and parent helpers needed to make a run to the bus, so we didn't get too wet! The excitement of just being on our school trip continued all the way back to school as we were all excited for our later lunch break.

We continued to play the same games back to school, watching the cars and playing eye spy and chatting with the teacher.

We thank the parent helpers who came along.

Written by: Nina, Phoenix, Zara and Zander in Room 1



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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

ECB PASSIONIST FAMILY INVITE YOU TO

TRIVIA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, 21st AUGUST

7PM

\$20 PER TEAM (8-10 people) St John's school hall
(fundraising for vulnerable children through Open Homes Foundation International)

Picnic style – bring your own food and drink – Tea and coffee provided

Theme: OLYMPICS (sport/country) - prizes for best 'dressed' table

GATHER FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND REGISTER YOUR TEAM

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!!

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