

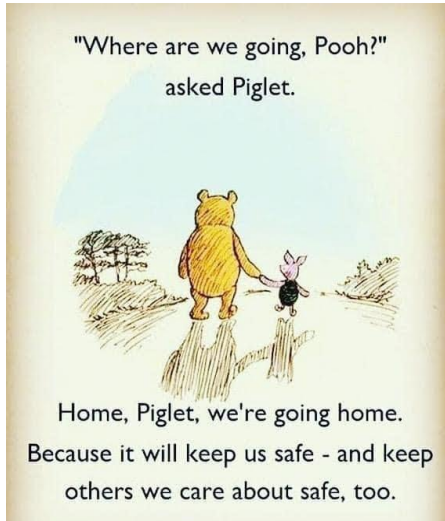


**Week 6, Term 3**  
**31 August 2021**

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,



We once again find ourselves contained to our bubbles. I know it is not easy and I too am having to remind myself daily of how lucky I am. However, I did not feel that way this morning when after the very heavy rain we found that one of our drains were blocked and Glenn and I spent two hours knee high in mud digging to clear it.

We are lucky though, lucky to have each other so that our homes are not silent, lucky to have technology so we can connect with our loved ones and for ourselves and our children to be entertained, lucky to have warm, dry homes to lockdown in and lucky to have our faith. Take care of yourselves and your whānau and know that whatever you do to keep your little bubble happy is the right thing.

## House Challenge

I offered the house challenge as a weekend fun activity for those children who enjoy this kind of thing, absolutely no pressure to participate. However, I have received some incredible creations from house coloured baking to hand made crafts, video's including the family dog, and Lego empires!

The winning house for this competition was **PIERCE!**

Ngā mihi nui,  
Viki Trainor - Principal

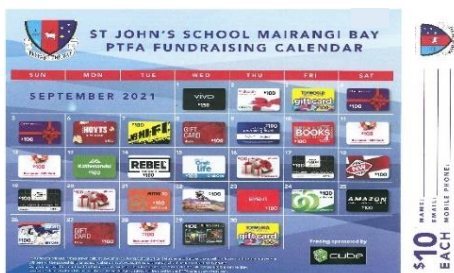
**Golden rules for Alert Level 4**

- Stay at home in your bubble
- Feeling unwell? Call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 about getting tested
- If leaving the house:**
  - Wear a mask and keep a 2m distance from others
  - Keep on scanning QR codes
  - Wash and sanitise hands often
  - Stay local and be kind to one another

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa  
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## PTFA CALENDAR RAFFLE FUND RAISER



Don't forget to sell your Raffle Tickets!

The tickets are \$10.00 each. All the information you need was included with the tickets.

Please refer to the email sent out by the PTFA last week.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

## LIBRARY NEWS

We have had a busy start to the term and the **Student Librarians** have been working very hard to make the library a warm welcome place for all the students. Every lunchtime has a different vibe, there are busy board game days, drawing days and quiet reading days happening, sometimes a mix of all three. This is all thanks to these wonderful librarians and their helpful friends. They are showing real leadership skills and responsibility for their roles in the school.

Earlier this term we had a visit from author **Swapna Haddow** who's new book, *Bad Panda*, is released in NZ in September and to celebrate she is doing a virtual book launch on Wednesday. Please join us at 10:30am on Wednesday to hear about this hilarious book.

Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96848154070?pwd=cE1oU1NzODM5c09jeiRXZFFoSjcyQT09>

**BAD Panda Blog Tour! New Zealand**

2nd September  
Book Trailers 4 Kids and YA: @Edna331

6th September  
My Best Friends are Books: @zackids  
Bad Panda giveaway!

7th September  
What Book Next?: @AdeleBroadbent4

8th September  
The Book Whisperer: @TheBookWhisper2

10th September  
The Sapling: @TheSaplingNZ

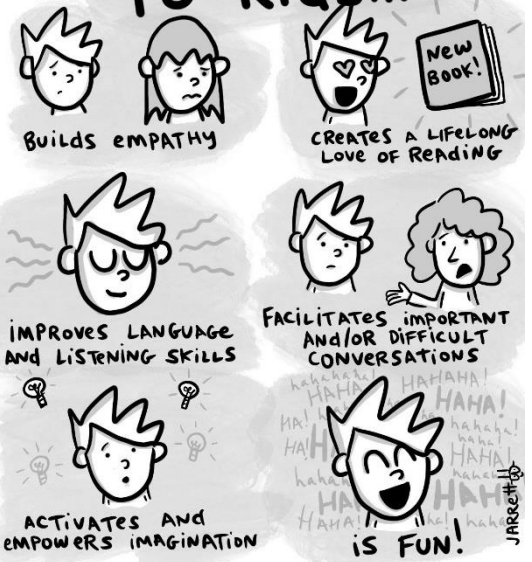
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#BadPanda @SwapnaHaddow @SheenaDempsey @FaberChildrens @AllenAndUnwinNZ

The graphic features a cartoon panda on a ladder painting a sign that says 'BAD Panda' on a yellow wall. A book cover for 'BAD Panda' is also visible, with a quote: 'Hilarious! Sarah McIntyre'. A small panda illustration is in the bottom left corner.

Meeting ID: 968 4815 4070  
Passcode: DrKh9U

## Reading Aloud to Kids...



**One final thing...** Do you read aloud to your children? Here are just SOME of the benefits of doing so and during Lockdown you have the perfect opportunity.

Ngā mihi mahana (warm thanks),  
Chantelle Dunn (Library Manager)

## Kupu o te Wiki

### WORD OF THE WEEK

**huarahi:** street/road

[Hear this kupu spoken](#)

## HAUORA WELLBEING

The best way for a community to thrive is for the families within it to thrive. If your family or someone you know could benefit from some extra support, then perhaps Family Works can assist. Follow this link for more information: <https://familyworks.org.nz/>

If you or someone you know needs specialist wellbeing or mental health support, then follow this link for a wide range of supports available in our local community. <https://mentalhealth.org.nz/groups>





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## PRE LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES

### Lego Masters Club

*Here's a pic from this week's LEGO Masters. Members of the club have already completed quite a few cool challenges this term. Building a pyramid with a secret compartment, speed brick sorting, the strongest bridge challenge and a drop-proof strength build. Who will win the golden block next week?*

Report from: Kate Drury – Parent Coordinator



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## PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS



Prior to Lockdown we were notified of the following:

**Elise Taylor** – PoD Netball

**Isaac O'Brien** – PoD Basketball

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Please click on this image to view important Term 3 information for Year 4-6



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## PARISH NEWS



**ECB PARISH** would like to present the **ALPHA PROGRAMME** to all interested parishioners. If you are willing and able to help in some way and would like to be part of the core organising team, please contact Lindsay Brand at [lindsay.brand3@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.brand3@gmail.com)



**SUNDAY Mass is broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.**

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Play Cricket with East Coast Bays Cricket** - Registrations for the cricket season are now open.

Please register online at [eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz](http://eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz)

East Coast Bays Cricket is one of the largest clubs on Auckland's North Shore, providing cricket for all ages and all levels.

The Club is focused on fun, teamwork and performance providing children of all skill levels a chance to learn the game in an enjoyable environment. We cater for all children's cricket from Year 1 through to Year 8, both girls and boys. The uniform comprises a club shirt, club shorts or trousers, and club cap or wide-brimmed hat, which are available from Players Sports online or at their Onehunga shop. The Club will have clothing available for purchase on muster day.

The Club provides all playing equipment required, although you are welcome to use your own. Please contact the Club for more information at [ecbayscricket@gmail.com](mailto:ecbayscricket@gmail.com)

