



Week 7, Term 4
30th November 2021

NEWSLETTER

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

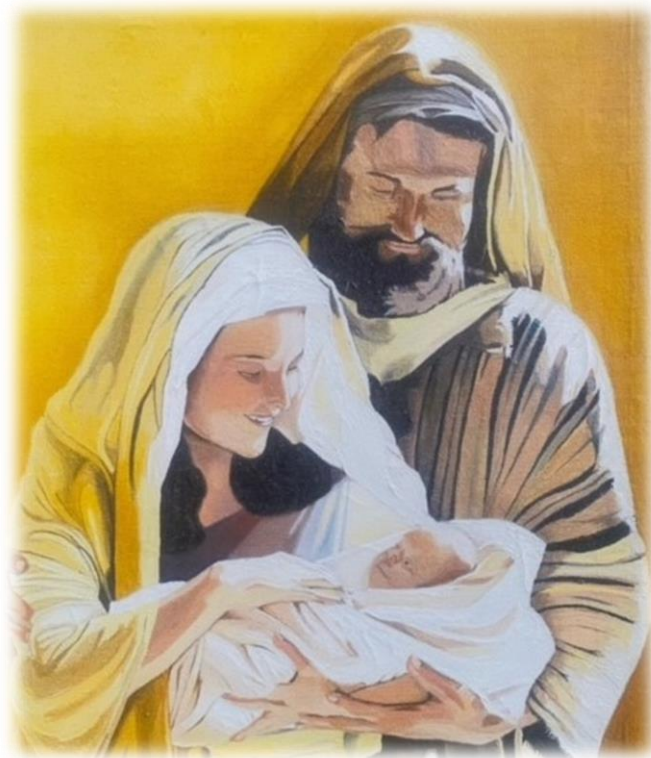
Kia ora whānau,

Today I wanted to share a beautiful picture that Father Emile gifted to me yesterday. It is of the Holy Family and it is one of the loveliest examples I have seen. The protective stance of Joseph as he cradles his wife, the absolute wonder and joy on the face of Mary as she gazes upon her baby and the adoring eyes of Jesus as he stares up into his mother's face. This is a beautiful reminder that although we are in such uncertain times, the one certainty we can count on is the love of family.

This lovely gift will have pride of place in my office.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

This year your children's reports will be emailed to you on the last day of school. I wish to remind you that due to the disruption of onsite school learning, these end of year reports for 2021 are very different from our usual format. With the focus on well being, there has been no formal testing of Reading, Writing, Mathematics since the children's return to school, therefore these subject areas will not be explicitly reported on. Below is an example of what you can expect your child's report to look like this time.



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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held via Zoom **THIS** Friday, 3rd December

Each appointment will be **10 minutes** in length.

Teachers will send an email with the relevant link for your interview
after bookings are closed at 3.00pm today.

REMINDERS



HATS

Our school summer hats must be worn during Term 4 and 1, please ensure that all hats are very clearly labelled. New hats can be purchased from [NZ Uniforms](#).

WATER BOTTLES

Especially during this warmer weather, it is **ESSENTIAL** that all children bring a water bottle to school **EVERY** day as our drinking fountains remain switched off. These can be refilled in the classrooms.



MASKS

Year 4 - 6 children need to have a clearly named mask at school at all times to be worn when they are inside. Other children are very welcome to wear a mask if you wish for them to do so. Please remember that any adult that needs to come onto the school site must be wearing a mask.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you have any items of school uniform that you wish to sell or donate please feel free to drop them off at the school office. You may also wish to send them in with your children or drop them with the duty teacher in the morning. Our wonderful uniform co-ordinator, Fran, is ready to collect any items from the office. Please clearly indicate whether items are donations or for selling.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

All inventory belonging to the school needs to be accounted for before the end of the school year. All uniforms will be checked back in against the 'issued list' we have, so **please ensure that you return them otherwise charges may be incurred.**



- All netball players, please return your netball uniform (Skirt or Dress and Fleece) washed in a bag with your name, year level and team to your COACH / MANAGER.
- All basketball singlets, hockey, and school fleeces, and all other uniforms and sports fleeces should be returned to your COACH / MANAGER.
- Team Managers / Coaches please return your kit bags with bibs, ball, first aid box, all Player of the Day Trophies and all uniforms for your team to the school office or Karen Dorrington as soon as possible.

LOST PROPERTY

We always endeavour to return items that are clearly labelled, however, at the end of this term unnamed items left in Lost Property will be donated either to the PTFA second hand uniforms for resale or charity. If you are looking for a specific item, please contact the school office via email (office@sjmb.school.nz) with a description of the item, name and room of the child concerned and we will do all we can to trace the item.

LIBRARY BOOKS & SCHOOL JOURNAL BOOKS

Please also have a good look around your homes for any books that may belong to the school, our library or the National Library and return them asap.

SCHOOL CLOSES FOR 2021

For children attending on Monday & Wednesdays - Monday, 13th December at 12.00 noon
For children attending on Tuesday & Thursdays - Tuesday, 14th December at 12.00 noon
Buses will not be running.

TERM DATES FOR 2022

Term 1 – Thursday, 3rd February to Thursday, 14th April
Term 2 – Monday, 2nd May to Friday, 8th July
Term 3 – Monday, 25th July to Friday, 30th September
Term 4 – Monday, 17th October to Date TBC

END OF YEAR FEE STATEMENTS

I am currently in the process of reconciling our end of year accounts. If you are pay fees by automatic payment, if possible, could they please be completed by Friday, 5th December then you need to cancel your AP with your own bank for the 2021 year.

Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment under the Education & Training Act and are receipted as a first priority before any other amounts on the fees invoice/statement. Attendance Dues are collected by St. John's School on behalf of the school's Proprietor, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland. Attendance Dues are then forwarded to Auckland Common Fund Limited, a company established by the Proprietors of Catholic Integrated Schools in the Diocese of Auckland responsible for the collection of Attendance Dues. The administration of the ACF ask that we complete Term 4 payments to them as early as we can in Term 4. There are avenues to assist with the payment of the Attendance Dues portion of the fees if needed and we ask that you please make contact this week, in confidence, with Viki Trainor vikit@sjmb.school.nz or myself michelen@sjmb.school.nz. Michele Nash [Principal's PA / Enrolments / Fees].

SCHOOL FEES

Over the course of this most difficult year we thank parents for supporting the school. We would like to acknowledge additional donations families made to assist with Pastoral Care and would like to thank you again on behalf of the whole school for your contributions that alleviate added stress for others. We are blessed to be part of such an inclusive and caring community.

Fees for Term 3 and 4 have all been sent to you electronically and it would be appreciated if these could be settled as there are administrative tasks that need to be completed for the Diocese next week. Single page tax receipts for the year 1st April to 31st March 2022, will be available in April 2022 from Etap, our Student Manager System.

Any queries, please email Michele Nash, Principal's PA – michelen@sjmb.schoool.nz

HAUORA WELLBEING

This link takes you to the Mo Te Puni Kokiri website who have prepared a discussion paper about an indigenous perspective of wellbeing. The wellbeing of tangata whenua is the focus of the discussion paper.

<https://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/mo-te-puni-kokiri/our-stories-and-media/providing-a-maori-perspective-on-wellbeing>

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>



LIBRARY NEWS

National Library best children's and Young Adult books for 2021 Books and reading are a source of comfort and an escape for many a child (and adult) during challenging times. The theme of resiliency runs through several of the books in this year's National Library Services to Schools staff round-up, offering readers the chance to walk alongside characters, who draw strength from empathy, compassion, humour, and friends. Here's their staff picks for best children's and Young Adult books published in 2021: <https://natlib.govt.nz/blog/posts/our-best-childrens-and-ya-books-for-2021>.

In Aotearoa NZ history this week: 128 years ago on 28th November 1893, 82% of NZ adult women cast their votes for the first time in a parliamentary election. Topic Explorer has great resources for students to help them learn more about NZ women's toils and challenges to reach this landmark day: <https://natlib.govt.nz/schools/topics/5aa067171257573e4b89a742/women-s-suffrage>

THE STATS

Books in the Library

Total	= 4,243
Fiction	= 2,925
Non-Fiction	= 1,318

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY IN 2021

A combination of 406 new and donated books were added to the library this year. The rewards obtained through the termly Scholastic Book club added 133 new books. Thank you to all who were able to purchase books through this program. The rewards of new books in our library for our whole school to use is immense. Thank you also to those who donated such good quality books for others to find the same enjoyment you or your children found in reading the book. 111 of these books were added into our library.

WHERE DID THESE BOOKS END UP?

Our library is divided into Senior (7 -12) and Junior (5-8) areas with each area having a fiction, non-fiction and picture book section. The senior picture section includes graphic books. We also have a New Zealand / Aotearoa shelf and a global bookshelf which includes books in languages from around the world.

Location	Total Items
New Zealand / Aotearora	20
Global Books	60
Junior Fiction	81
Junior Non-Fiction	5
Junior Picture	39
Senior Fiction	89
Senior Non-Fiction	42
Senior Picture	70

LIBRARIAN FEEDBACK

Our Student Librarian role has changed considerably over the years, becoming more of a leadership role. As I am always striving to improve our school library, and find the children have wonderful ideas and thoughts, I sent out a survey during lockdown. In response I have had some excellent suggestions and ideas.

Below is just a sample:

What I brought to the Library this year?

"Positivity", "Great knowledge in books", "My tech skills", "Organisation and fun"

What I learnt this year?

All our Librarians have learnt how to shelve books (a harder skill to learn than they were expecting), to enjoy books and reading, knowledge of the Dewey Decimal system, problem solving skills and learning how to lead and support younger students.

What I would like to see for the Library next year?

"to have great librarians", "updated technology", "more new books", "wooden floors"

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

LIBRARIAN BADGES

We would greatly appreciate the prompt return of any Librarian badges that may have been issued to your child this year. If your child would prefer to keep their badge, we politely request a \$5.00 donation to cover the cost of replacement for 2022.

2021 BOOK BATTLE

"101 days with no Book Battle meeting!"

Our amazing North Shore Book Battle was NOT a casualty of Covid this year! The incredible people that run the Book Battle managed to recreate this annual event using Kahoot - an online quiz platform. With a whopping 95 book related questions, only the best-read students would survive the challenge!

Our teams of Year 5 and Year 6 students have been reading and sharing favourite books for up to 2 years as part of the gifted and talented programme at St John's. They worked towards the goal of competing against other Primary schools on the North Shore, in the annual Harcourts North Shore Book Battle.

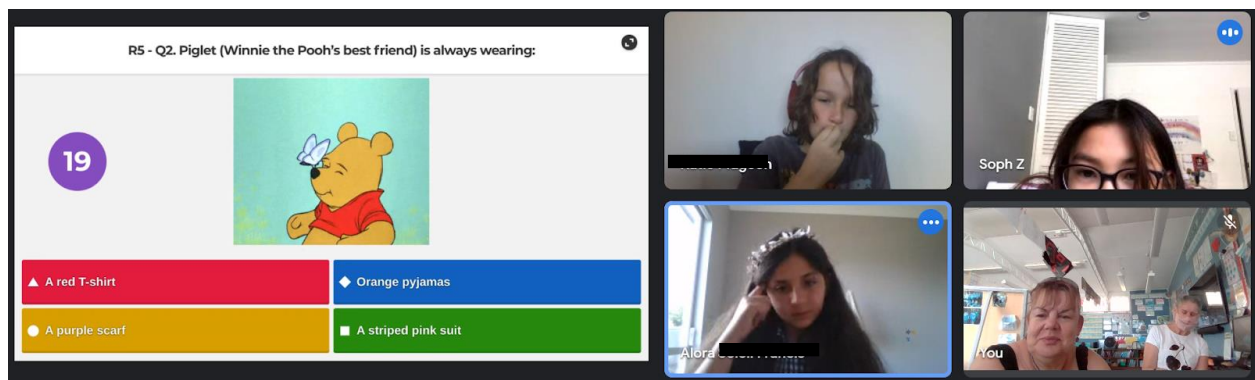
"I felt smart!"

Last Friday Alora, Bonnie, George, Charlotte, Sophia and Isaac came together on a Google Meet and took part in the Book Battle Kahoot. Mrs Dunn and I were so impressed with their knowledge and teamwork. We hadn't had a meeting for over 100 days and yet these amazing students had been busy rereading books, sharing Kahoots and encouraging each other. Their knowledge of the books was impressive.



We don't know the final results yet, but we celebrate their efforts and teamwork and are grateful that this event was able to take place.

"Even though I didn't read some of the books, my team explained it to me so I could understand"



NEWS JUST IN...

LUCKY SPOT PRIZE WON BY Charlotte from St John's School. The **BONUS BOX** was won by St John's School

Thank you, super readers!
From Mrs Marsh and Mrs Dunn

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

*"Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise."*



As we light this first candle,
may its flame be a symbol
of hope;
its warmth be a symbol of
God's love for each one of us;
and may it inspire us to be
hope-bearers and
people of compassion
and integrity.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
who is the Light of the World.
Amen.

MASS UPDATE: Check the link to the **Traffic Light System**
on our website: [Covid-19 - East Coast Bays Parish](https://www.eastcoastbayscatholic.org.nz/covid-19)
([eastcoastbayscatholic.org.nz](https://www.eastcoastbayscatholic.org.nz))

SHINE YOUR LIGHT !

Fr. Alejandro has been very busy making amazing candles for our Advent season. His hope is that every family in our parish would receive a candle to bring our community together in spirit.



You can arrange to pick one up from the presbytery. There will be a donation box to cover the cost of materials.

Fr. Emile: emile@ecbcatholic.org.nz;

Fr Alejandro; alex@ecbcatholic.org.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mid Bays Music School 2022

Mid Bays Music School 2022 enrolments open on the 1st of December!

Our highly qualified tutors make learning music relevant and enjoyable.

Any enquiries, please email mbmusic@mbi.school.nz

Music tuition for \$150 - \$250 for the whole year. (This includes the book hire but NOT the instrument hire)



Weekdays after school or Saturday mornings, Murrays Bay Intermediate School

Start date: Early February (exact date to be confirmed)

Age: Group lessons are open to 6-12 year olds but there are age requirements for some instruments. Please check [our website](#) for more information. *Instruments offered:* Drums, Bass, Guitar, Ukulele, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard, Trumpet, Recorder, Flute, Violin, and Viola. [Here is a page](#) to find more about each instrument.

Enrolments will be through Kindo so make sure you have an account. Any troubleshooting solutions will be online at www.mbmusic.org. Spaces are limited and some of our instruments have sold out within the first 48 hours! So get in quick!

Term 4 Online After-school Classes



SCIENCE & TECH CLASSES
AGE 5 - 13

VISIT BRAINPLAY.CO.NZ
BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL

Brain Play teaches STEM classes covering topics such as coding, robotics, and 3D printing.

For the rest of Term 4, these will run online, and after school hours.

Free trials are available, and we have weekend events such as Minecraft. Ages 5 - 13yrs. Email us for more information on info@brainplay.co.nz or see brainplay.co.nz.

Extraordinary Kids

We provide extra help with Maths, Reading, Writing and Spelling on the Northshore for students 6 to 16 years old. Spaces are available now and we are running a January Summer School.

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

2022 BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY



Back to school stationery – order now!

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make getting school ready faster! Your child's class list is available now on the OfficeMax MySchool website – myschool.co.nz. Click on the hyperlink or search for St John's (Mairangi Bay), select your child's YEAR group and follow the instructions on the website. We ask that you take advantage of this as it ensures that the type of stationery bought is standard across the school and is of the best quality.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1. Don't wait until mid-January, order now and avoid the back to school rush.

Laybuy (*Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.*) is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments - and still get your order right away. Or you can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card.

When you shop on myschool.co.nz you'll receive free delivery on orders over \$46*. You will also help our school earn school rewards that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Anneliese Bridges in the office before the end of term, email: office@sjmb.school.nz (this email address will also be checked sporadically over the summer holidays) or speak directly to the helpful team at Officemax.

For New Entrant children joining St John's between Term 2 and 4 and **for additional stationery items** needed throughout the year for all year levels, these will still be available to purchase from the school office.

SCHOOL LEAVERS 2021

School Leavers

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.



If your new school is NOT on the list, use the 'close account' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to St John's or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

FROM THE BEGINNING OF 2022 Please ensure you login to your Kindo account regularly to make payments for Back to School expenses, Trip permission forms, Sports Registrations etc. **Termly School Fees will continue to be dealt with separately** by Mrs Michele Nash, michelen@sjmb.school.nz

Kindo enables parents:

- To pay anytime, anywhere – mobile friendly website.
- Complete permission forms electronically – no more lost bits of paper, more environmentally friendly!
- Fast one-click ordering: all siblings on one page – know what all your children are doing.
- Pay-as-you-go
- POLi – pay now with your bank account using internet banking (Free option)
- Use Visa/ Mastercard /American Express/ China UnionPay to top up (incurs charges)
- Flexible payment amounts

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bridges in the school office or if you have difficulties with the Kindo website their helpdesk is but a phonecall away (Freephone 0508 454 636).
