

Week 8, Term 4 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

"And she shall bring forth a son,

and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

May the miracle of Christmas touch your l

Matthew (1:21)

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# Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

This is our last newsletter for 2021. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the St John's community in this very exceptional year. I thank you all for your support, caring and commitment to our school.

Our children have had a somewhat challenging year with Covid lockdowns but have amazed me with their ability to adapt and bounce back. All of my staff are incredible and have worked so hard for our children during this time. I thank them immensely.

I do hope that we all able to take some time to be with family and friends this festive season. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year. Be happy, be safe and I look forward to seeing you in 2022, rested, relaxed and ready to go!

### GRADUATION

This Wednesday and Thursday we will be acknowledging and farewelling our Year 6 graduates. Whilst we cannot do this in our normal fashion, we will be celebrating a liturgy led by our Year 6 children where they will receive their leavers candles and certificates. These things do not just happen, and I would like to thank our Year 6 teacher team; Mrs Perry, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Marsh and Mrs Whiteman and our DRS, Mrs Baddeley for their time and effort in making this possible and their work organising this beautiful occasion.

Our celebration will be live Zoomed for our Year 6 families and on-site students and also recorded. An invitation to join us remotely at 11:00am on Wednesday or Thursday will be emailed to our Year 6 families in due course. The recording will be available for other members of our school community to enjoy following the event.

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

TERM DATES FOR 2022	<b>Term 1</b> – Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April	
	<b>Term 2</b> – Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May to Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	
	Term 3 – Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September	
	<b>Term 4</b> – Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October to Date TBC	

#### REPORTS

Next Tuesday you will receive your child's end of year report via email. This report will also tell you which class your child will be in for 2022.

### CLASSROOMS 2022

This Year	$\rightarrow$	Next Year	
Room 10 (Kowhai) Year 0 Mrs Grace Atmadji	$\uparrow$	These children will be split between R11(Mrs Fuaaletoelau) and R12 (Mrs Atmadji) with children commencing in 2022.	
Room 10 (Kowhai) Year 1 Mrs Grace Atmadji	1	Room 9 (Pohutukawa) Year 2 Mrs Anne Howard and Mrs Katrina Little	
Room 11(Ti Kouka) Year 1 Mrs Vivienne Fuaaletoelau	1	Room 9 (Pohutukawa) Year 2 Mrs Anne Howard and Mrs Katrina Little	
Room 12 (Mahoe) Year 1 Mrs Beverley Harper	$\uparrow$	Room 13 (Ponga) Year 2 Mrs Beverley Harper	
Room 13 (Ponga) Year 2 Mrs Laura Baddeley	$\uparrow$	Room 8 (Karo) Year 3 Mrs Allison Miller and Mrs Wendy Whiteman	
Room 9 (Pohutukawa) Year 2 Mrs Anne Howard and Mrs Katrina Little	$\rightarrow$	Room 7 (Harakeke) Year 3 Mrs Elizabeth Hames and Mrs Katrina Little	
Room 8 (Karo) Year 3 Mrs Allison Miller and Mrs Wendy Whiteman	$\rightarrow$	Room 3 (Tarata) Year 4 Mrs Carrie Mercer	
Room 7 (Harakeke) Year 3 Mrs Elizabeth Hames and Mrs Katrina Little	$\rightarrow$	Room 2 (Mapou) Year 4 Mrs Laura Baddeley	
Room 2 (Mapou) Year 4 Mrs Cara Mountjoy	$\rightarrow$	Room 1(Houpara) Year 5 Mrs Cara Mountjoy	
Room 1(Houpara) Year 4 Mrs Suzanne Zaisluik	$\rightarrow$	Room 4 (Kauri) Year 5 Mrs Imelda Moss	
Room 3 (Tarata) Year 5 Mrs Carrie Mercer	$\rightarrow$	Room 5 (Whau) Year 6 Mrs Helen Perry and Mrs Wendy Whiteman	
Room 4 (Kauri) Year 5 Mrs Paula Ritsma	$\rightarrow$	Room 6 (Manuka) Year 6 Mrs Claire Taylor	

Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor - Principal



### 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 <u>NZ Uniforms</u>.

REMINDERS

### 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.

### **SPORTS UNIFORMS**

All inventory belonging to the school needs to be accounted for before the end of the school year. Several items are still outstanding. 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**.

Return of items is now URGENT, please send uniforms and school fleeces into school with your children as a matter of priority.

### 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 to charity. If you are looking for a specific item, please contact the school office via email (<u>office@simb.school.nz</u>) with a description of the item, name and room of the child concerned and we will do all we can to trace the item.



There are currently FOUR unnamed fleeces, TWO unnamed beanies and ONE unnamed summer hat in Lost Property all of which I am unable to return to their owners.

If you believe they may belong to your child, please let me know what size you are looking for and anything that might distinguish it from others, Email: <u>office@sjmb.school.nz</u>

These unnamed water bottles and lunch boxes are also in Lost Property.

**Non-uniform items** include a white hoodie, a very small blue rain jacket and an adult sized Diadora jacket.

### 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.

### HAUORA WELLBEING

School holidays again.... Follow this link for some ideas about what's on in Auckland over the holidays. <u>https://www.aucklandforkids.co.nz/</u>

We can all do with some down time, so don't forget that sleeping in and having "no plans" is also a good way to spend some or all of the holiday period.



### 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. This can be paid via cash to the school office or to our school bank account 12-3042-0320348-00 referenced with your child's name and Library

### LIBRARY BOOKS & SCHOOL JOURNAL BOOKS

Please 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.

LIBRARY NEWS						
THE STATS						
Top 10 popular Junior books this year			Top 10 popular Senior books this year $^{\star}$			
1	The bad Guys: Intergalactic Gas	1	Wings of Fire, the graphic novel - The Dragonet Prophecy			
2	The bad Guys: Mission Unpluckable.	2	Dog Man: Unleashed			
3	The Day the Crayons Came Home	3	Sisters			
4	The bad Guys: The Furball Strikes Back	4	Smile			
5	Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild	5	Dog Man: For whom the Ball Rolls			
6	Dog Man: Unleashed	6	Amulet.			
7	Dog Man: A tale of Two Kitties	7	Dog Man: Grime and Punishment			
8	Do Not Open this Book Again	8	Wings of Fire, the graphic novel - The Hidden Kingdom			
9	The Dragon Tamers	9	The Baby-sitters Club - Logan Likes Mary Anne!			
10	Ninja Files	10	Wings of Fire, the graphic novel - The Lost Heir			

 $^*$  As you can see they are all graphic novels, they are extremely popular with our readers.

### SUMMER READING

It's important to keep up reading during the summer break, we want our tamariki reading and enjoying reading. Reading needs to be like chocolate, not medicine! You might like to encourage them to read by providing opportunities to get new reading material from your local library, second hand stores, swapping with friends, or the local bookshop.

You could set a reading challenge or encourage reading by stealth - reading board games, recipes, or the subtitles on the TV. They might read to younger brothers or sisters or snuggle up as an older person reads to them, I don't think anybody is too old to enjoy being read to. Audio books are great to listen to on a long car journey, either shared or individually.

If you haven't discovered Libby yet, the summer holidays are the perfect time to browse through all the Ebooks and Audio books the Auckland libraries have to offer through this App. You just need a library membership number, and you are away.

### LIBBY APP INSTRUCTIONS

The Libby app is an app that allows you to download audio and E-books from Auckland libraries. They remain available to read on your device for 21 days. All you need is a library card. If you do not have a library card you can get an e- membership <u>here</u> for Auckland libraries. Take note of your library card number.

You can then access Libby on a computer <u>here</u> or by using an app on a phone or lpad etc. for <u>Android/google</u> or here for <u>Apple</u> products

This is a getting started section from Libby

I highly recommend finding the preferences and choosing your preferred language as well as juvenile fiction.

This is all available free and does not cost anything

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



We would like all goods to be with us by Monday, 13th December 2021

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS** 

This year we are aiming to give a gift voucher to every child, teenager and adult, so they choose their own gift. Can you help us?

## Vouchers for Westfield and The Warehouse Donate via website <u>https://www.depaulhouse.org.nz/donations</u> Or online bank: De Paul House 02-0278-0059429-02 Reference "Christmas"

Hamper staples	Luxury items for the families include
Large tins $\mathrm{of}$ tuna and corned meat	Shampoo and conditioner
Breakfast cereal	Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Long life milk, Tea, coffee, Milo	Soap Shower Gels and Body wash
Pasta and Rice	Deodorant
Jam, Honey, Peanut butter	Sunscreen
Dish Washing and Laundry powder	
Sweet treats to make Christmas special	Christmas breakfast
Biscuits	Eggs, Bacon
Chocolate / Sweets / Christmas novelties	Bread
Chips / snacks / nuts	Milk
	Cheese

Please join with us to help bring the magic of Christmas to the lives of 181 children and 136 teenagers/adults who have very limited income.

Phone: 09 480 5959 <u>lesley@depaulhouse.org.nz</u> 92 Onewa Road, Northcote <u>www.depaulhouse.org.nz</u>

### ADVENT REFLECTION

There where you are you will find God. Mary MacKillop 1871

# We advent each other



# God is all goodness and love

Mary MacKillop 2 January 1889

Mary MacKillop was able to find God in all. May we, like her, recognise how ordinary is our God-encounter, right at our doorstep, in those nearest to us, wherever we are.

We advent each other in simple steps: smiles, caring inclusion ... polite gestures of reverent affirmation, silently and subtly pointing our way to Bethlehem.

Each journey is singular; a personal mystery, sojourns of paradox waiting yet searching.

We pack our bags differently these days. The travelling itself may seem burden and baggage enough.

The empty crib stands before us hidden at some distant place (always in disguise) patiently awaiting our arrival. The Saviour within us, and about us cries out for incarnated birth, once more to be heart in a land of hopeless hearts.

The desolate winter of our disbelief can be renewed in a manger warm with embrace.

So we follow each other's stars whether bright or dim through dark days this December until suddenly Home where the angels of our gladness shepherd us in. Christmas transforms us newborn yet again!

- Susan Spadinger OSF

# 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 – <u>myschool.co.nz</u>. 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 <u>myschool.co.nz</u> 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: <u>office@simb.school.nz</u> (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, <u>michelen@sjmb.school.nz</u>

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).

### EZ COVERS FOR CHILDREN'S 2022 STATIONERY



Once again we are welcoming the opportunity to use EZ Covers. EZ Covers are a simple and unique way to cover school exercise books. They are reusable, non toxic, PVC free and made right here in NZ. You can order your covers in a few easy steps

- 1. Go to <u>www.ezcovers.com</u>
- 2. Select the cover types and sizes you need
- 3. At checkout, select St John's school (Mairangi Bay) from the drop down box and use the code EZ15 to earn our PTFA a 15 cent rebate for every cover purchased.



### PARISH NEWS

# WANTED VOLUNTEERS :

With our churches opening from Monday 6 December we are going to require volunteers to HELP.

- with the practicalities of implementing the procedures required under the COVID-19 Protection Framework
- Volunteers to look after the parish Facebook page.

Contact: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

### WEEK DAY MASSES FROM DECEMBER 6th

Monday	9.15am	St. John's		
Tuesday	8.ooam	St. Francis		
Wednesday	9.15am	St. John's		
Thursday	10.00am	St. Francis		
Friday	9.15am	St. John's		
WEEKEND MASSES FROM DECEMBER 11th				

Saturday	8.ooam	St. Francis
	5.30pm	St. John's
Sunday	7.30am	St. Francis
	9.00am	St. John's
	10.30am	St. Francis

Fr. Alejandro will celebrate a special Spanish Mass on Sundays. our priests are planning to celebrate Mass for the unvaccinated with the first one on 17 December. Christmas Mass schedule will be available asap. <u>COVID RESTRICTIONS APPLY:</u>

Limit of 100 double vaccinated people.

We are required to scan My Vaccine Pass and the QR code. Check the link to the Traffic Light System on our website: <u>Covid-19 - East Coast Bays Parish</u>

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH & PRIESTS

Thank you so much to those of you have started to donate online!

## This is highly appreciated.

Please continue to motivate and support any other parishioners who haven't yet been able to switch to automatic payments (AP) for their Church donations. Automatic payments are one way of helping our community to continue on a stable basis.

Once we resume Mass on site, there will be collection baskets at the entrance of each church, but we would still ask you to continue donating online.

Many thanks for your support. Bank Details: East Coast Bays Parish,

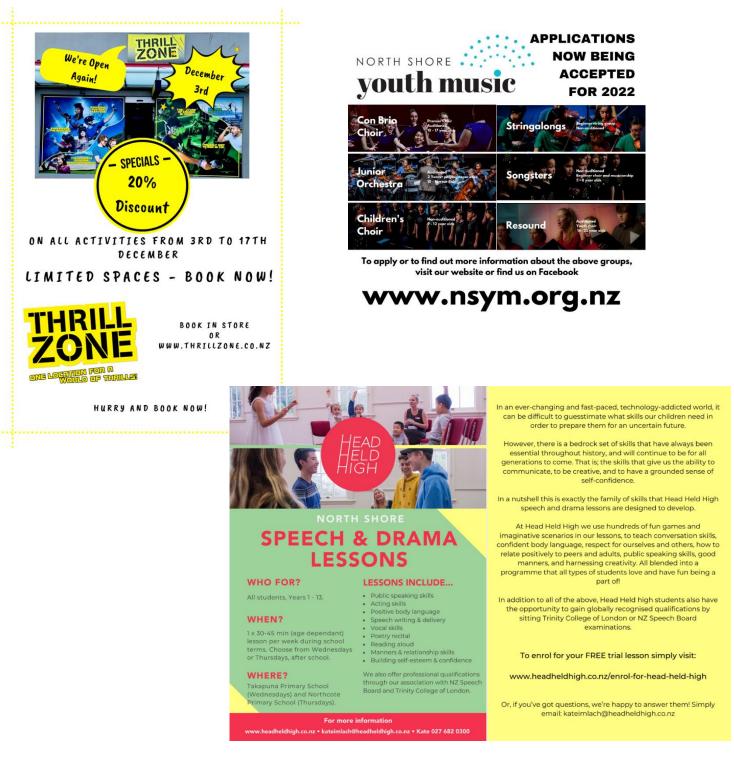
Account: 02-0100-0120958-018 (BNZ)

Please remember to note your pledge number for any donations to the parish so that we can issue a donation receipt for you at the end of the financial year. For any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Beate at <u>beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz</u>.

If you would like to talk to us, please remember that the phones are working.

You can call Fr Emile & Fr Alejandro on their mobile phones, & you can leave a message on the office answering machine. We check the messages regularly.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



# **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



**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 <u>info@brainplay.co.nz</u> or see <u>brainplay.co.nz</u>.

### 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 <u>mbmusic@mbi.school.nz</u> 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. <u>Here is a page</u> 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 <u>www.mbmusic.org</u>. Spaces are limited and some of our instruments have sold out within the first 48 hours! So get in quick!



#### The best gift you can give to your child/children is to allow them to free play in natural settings these School Holidays with CK!

The Conscious Kids Social Enterprise invites your tamariki to a 100% play-in-nature school holiday programme this Summer.

Summer is such a special season! The warmth of the brilliant sun and the display of vibrant colours in nature is here, inviting all of us to go outside, explore, play, and have heaps of fun!

Nature free play has proven physical, emotional, and social health benefits. Our supervised programme allows kids to lead their own activities - mudslides, tree climbing, puddle splashing, hammock and hut building etc. Apart from the obvious safety restrictions and respect framework, there are few instructions for kids. Our number 1 'rule' is to HAVE FUN! Staff are present for supervision and support, but children follow their innate 'readiness meter' to make their own decisions before getting involved in any new situation. Such enhances creativity, child-led play problem-solving, communication (including listening!), collaboration and many other 21st century skills.

Our Holiday Programmes will run in December (from the 20th to the 23rd) and in January 2022 (from the 11th to the 27th), at a cost of \$70/child per day.

Daily programmes run from **9.00a.m. to 3.00 p.m.** and are designed for children aged 5 - 12 yrs old. For booking and more information, please visit <u>http://www.consciouskids.co.nz</u>