



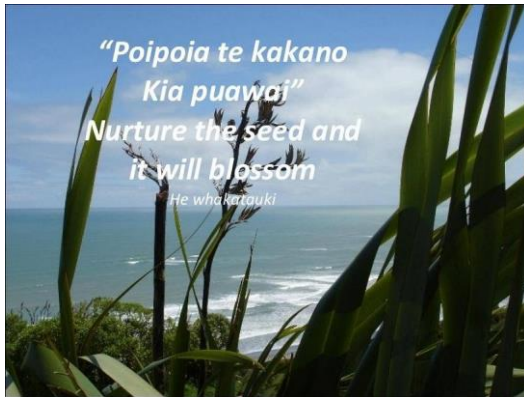
**Week 2, Term 1**  
**08 February 2022**



## **Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoāni**

### **The voice of St John's School**

Kia ora whanau  
**ngā mihi o te tau hou**



Wishing you all the very best for 2022 and a very warm welcome back to St John's. I trust you have all enjoyed this beautiful summer weather. I too have had a lovely break. Glenn and I opted to stay on the Island this year and not to go away. We had a full house with family and friends most of the time. I got great pleasure from teaching my grandchildren to row around our little bay. Lots of fun, laughter and far too much food!

Last week our teachers came together for Professional Development days. We are always pleased to be together again for a good catch up and a bit of collegial fun! We had a Carla McNeil from Learning Matters facilitate a half day workshop on the Science of Reading with a focus on Structured Literacy.

Vivienne Fuaaletoelau, our school Curriculum Leader has a very exciting curriculum planned for our tamariki this year. **"Poipoia te kakano kia puawai – Nuture the seed and it will blossom"** is the whakatauki that underpins our curriculum this year.

At St John's, high expectations for our students, staff and community have always been extremely important, but never more so than now, as we manage our way through what has started as another uncertain year. Our children's wellbeing is always of the utmost importance. It is also very important that our children know that their teachers believe in their ability as learners. They will be gently encouraged to be 'better than before', striving for their personal excellence as we focus on our school value of **excellence** in Term 1.

During the holidays we had more major painting work undertaken. This time it was Rooms 1, 2, 3, 14 and the toilet block. We are hopeful that the refurbishment work of our administration block may begin this year also. Watch this space!

I know our staff were very excited to welcome the children into their new classes and I know that they will be in for a wonderful, fun filled year of exciting learning.

#### **School at Red Light Setting**

We have come back to school at Red Light Setting. We already had robust practices in place that our staff, children, and whanau were familiar with so the transition from Level 3:2 to Red Light has been relatively seamless.

Whilst we still operate under restrictions, we aim to provide our children with as much normalcy as possible. Our staff and children have become quite adept to adapting and changing. We will continue to provide our children with rich, authentic learning opportunities.

We have some distancing measures in place for both students and staff. Minimising the risk of our staff contracting Covid or having to isolate due to being a close contact is imperative to being able to keep our school open.

#### **Vaccine Status of our Children is Private**

Primary schools are not required to ask for information pertaining to the vaccination status of students. This decision is a private, individual family decision and as a school we will not be discussing vaccine status with our students and will strongly discourage students from discussing this should we hear them. I also ask that parents do not approach or ask children about their vaccination status either.

God bless you all for the year ahead,  
Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor, Principal

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## DATES FOR TERM 1, 2022

Below are some key dates for this term. As you can imagine due to the restrictions we are operating under some events have had to be postponed or cancelled.

For further dates, please check the calendar on the school website. If we need to change these dates for any reason, communication will come via email.

Date	Event
Tuesday 15th February	Meet the Teacher ZOOM Conferences (1:00pm - 7:30pm; <b>school closes at 12:00pm</b> )
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) week Yr 6 Camp – Hunua Falls
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ash Wednesday (Observed within class groups)
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Joseph
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Swimming Sports (TBC)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School wide Dance Programme
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 1 at the usual time of 2.50pm

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### MEET THE TEACHER CONFERENCES, Years 1 to 6

Meet the Teacher ZOOM Conferences will be held **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**.

**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 10 minutes.

These conferences are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher(s) to discuss your child; your goals and aspirations for them this year and to ask any questions you may have.

**Bookings can be made online at [schoolinterviews.co.nz](https://schoolinterviews.co.nz)**  
with our case sensitive code being **xepgd**

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Religious Education during the first few weeks, the children will learn and understand our School Charism and what our values look like in action. The charism underpins all we do at school, it is woven into daily life and talked about with the children regularly. We embrace our special Catholic character with the charism of the Sisters of St Joseph. The children spend time learning about our motto: Prepare the way – Whakapaia te Huarahi. We follow in the footsteps of St. John the Baptist as he prepared the way of the Lord.

We hope the Josephite Charism becomes a part of our students' lives and that they take it with them when they leave our school.

### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



On Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we observed the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, honouring Jesus Christ's presentation in the Temple when he was a young child.

Jesus' presentation in the Temple reflects how he fulfils the Old Covenant. According to Old Testament law, a sacrifice had to be offered in the Temple when a child was consecrated to the Lord. Mary and Joseph honoured this tradition.

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## NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK



As part of our commitment to being SunSmart, children are required to wear the school hat when playing outside in Terms 1 and 4. These hats should stay at school during the term to ensure they are able to enjoy their playtimes. The children's health and safety is important to us and therefore, if a child does not have a hat, they will need to play in the shaded area outside the library. Hats can be purchased from [NZ Uniforms](#).

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

**ako** learn, teach

Kupu o te Wiki



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held THIS Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February in the school hall **by appointment only**.

Please contact our parent co-ordinator, Francine Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279 or email: [fkjilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:fkjilchrist@gmail.com) to arrange a time.

Parents attending should go directly to the hall and will need to scan our school QR code on arrival and sign in and out. Please bring cash to pay for your purchases

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## HAUORA WELLBEING

Starting 2022 with ongoing Covid-19 uncertainty is not ideal but there are ways parents and whānau can support their tamariki as we begin the new school year. Follow this link for some suggestions from the Ministry of Education.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-whanau/back-to-early-learning-services-school-or-kura/>



For more general advice about helping tamariki back into the classroom follow this link to an article by Jenny Hale at The Parenting Place.

<https://parentingplace.nz/resources/back-to-school-survival-guide>



## BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

**YES**, we are still collecting **Bread Tags** at the school office! Bread tags come in many shapes, sizes and colours and are made of High Impact Polystyrene. During the recycling process bread tags usually end up in land fill as they are so small they are 'filtered out'. However, gathered together they can make a difference. However, it takes 200kg of tags to buy one wheelchair so lets keep collecting! There is a collection jar located in the school office for you to drop your bread tags into.

For more information visit: <https://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/> or the New Zealand Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/nzbreadtags/>

Please only the colours and styles pictured here:



St John's is using the online 'shop' Kindo for additional charges for trips, stationery items, online learning subscriptions etc.



### FAMILIES NEW TO ST JOHN'S

If you have not already set up an account with Kindo please visit [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) as soon as possible to sign your children up. It is vital that the email address used for your Kindo account is exactly the same as the one the school has listed on our database for your child's first caregiver (in most cases this is usually Mum).

#### Email change required.

We can't find any records at Kindo Demonstration School matching your current email ( amy@tgcl.co.nz )

Please do ONE of the following:

1. Change your Kindo/EZLunch email on the [my details](#) page to be the same as your contact email at the school.
2. Contact Kindo Demonstration School and change your email to be amy@tgcl.co.nz

For now, you can keep shopping on your Kindo account.

If your email address does **not** match the one we have recorded in our student database then you will see a message like the one pictured here. You then have the option to either update your account details on Kindo or to email Anneliese on [office@simb.school.nz](mailto:office@simb.school.nz) to request a change on the school database.

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 at all, please do not hesitate to contact Anneliese 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).

### OUTSTANDING 2021 CHARGES

Please could all families who had children attending St John's last year login to their Kindo account (mykindo.co.nz) at the earliest opportunity and make payment for any outstanding 2021 charges. If there is nothing listed on your account, you do not need to take any action.

**TERMLY SCHOOL FEES** will continue to be dealt with separately by Mrs Michele Nash, [michelen@simb.school.nz](mailto:michelen@simb.school.nz) and should be paid either via bank transfer (12-3042-0320348-00) referenced with your child's name and 'Fees', or via EFTPOS at the school office. Any families paying in instalments do not need to make any changes to arrangements already in place.

### PARISH NEWS



*This week the angel award goes to...*  
our school community, for all the work that has gone on behind the scenes to welcome families back.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:** PARENTS WANTING THEIR 1ST CHILD BAPTISED. The course will be held at St John's Church; Tuesday February 8th; 7:15pm. Attendance at this course is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their 1st child baptised. Email [liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz)

### ECB St. Vincent De Paul FOODBANK.

Last year we gave out 91 food parcels plus 23 Christmas food & gift hampers. Our stocks are very low; we especially need **TEA & INSTANT NOODLES**. We very much appreciate all the donations we receive. *Please leave your donations in the basket in the church foyer.*



Parish News Continued...



As we have started a New Year – **maybe you have thought about contributing to parish life with your skills?** Get in touch with the office to find out how you can **actively support our parish life**. Currently, we urgently need for example: - A person or team to support with the **Rosters** - A person or team to support with taking care of the **Linen** at St. Francis . ***Please consider this call as there are always tasks to do to keep our community alive for future generations.***

**Cook – part time & on-call – St John Vianney House** We are looking for an energetic, keen home cook, who enjoys preparing simple, tasty and nutritious meals, including some home baking. The position is to act as a relief cook, to cover absences & holidays, but could include a regular 5.00 - 7.30 pm shift. The shifts would be either breakfast and lunch, or an evening meal. [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), Diocesan Services – staff vacancies Applications close 20th February 2022.

## PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI – COMMUNITY NOTICES

**GAME ROOST**  
After School  
**KIDS CLUB**

**WED & THURS**  
3:30 – 5PM  
(for ages 9+)  
8 Weekly Sessions  
Starts 16th/17th February

Spark and hone your child's building, painting and sculpting skills at Game Roost!

Build & paint your own Warhammer army every Wednesday or sculpt your very own wearable monster hand on Thursdays!

Here at Game Roost, we love to put the social aspect into the hobbies and crafts that we do, because we reckon doing things you like with others is always better.

**BUILD YOUR OWN WARHAMMER ARMY!**  
WEDNESDAYS

**SCULPT A WEARABLE MONSTER HAND!**  
THURSDAYS

**BOOK NOW!**  
33F TRITON DRIVE,  
ROSEDALE, AUCKLAND  
0211858188

**WARHAMMER RECRUIT EDITION**

**OR**

**WARRIOR EDITION**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**BUILD YOUR ARMY**  
16th February – 6th April

Includes a Warhammer Recruit or Warrior Edition Starter Set for your child to build and paint over the course of 8 weeks!

Both sets come with everything you need to learn to play, and Game Roost will provide all other tools & materials like paints, brushes and pliers needed to get your troops battle ready and looking great!

**\$220**

Should your child prefer a different army set, feel free to choose from our other sets on the next image or talk to us in store for even more options. Additional costs will apply.

**THURSDAYS**  
**MONSTER HAND**  
17th February – 7th April

Learn to sculpt and cast a monster hand of your creation and wear it!

In the course of 8 weekly sessions, participants will be able to learn how to make a hand base and sculpt their monster-rific creations! They will then learn how to make a plaster mould of it and work with latex to produce the end result.

**\$235**

Price is for a single hand sculpt, moulded and casted over the course of 8 weeks. Should the participant choose to do another hand, there will be an additional \$75 fee for the extra materials.

COMBINE YOUR LOVE OF DANCE, SWIMMING & GYMNASTICS AND

**BECOME A SYNCHRONISED SWIMMER!**

Synchronised swimming is teamwork, precision, strength, and grace, not to mention a lot of fun! If this is what you are looking for, talk to us. We offer lessons for everyone, competitive and recreational levels for all age groups.

[www.northharboursynchro.co.nz](http://www.northharboursynchro.co.nz)  
Enquire through the contact page

**HARBOUR SYNCHRO**

**SPANISH FOR CHILDREN**

Lina Carrasco

We offers an opportunity for children to learn Spanish with our native speaker.

The main focus is on spoken Spanish, the children taking part in fun games and activities.

We offer online and face to face lessons.

For more details please contact me:  
[kiwimarynz@gmail.com](mailto:kiwimarynz@gmail.com)  
02108065978

Small groups (minimum of 6 no more than 8)

**ESPAÑOL**

## KIDZ CAN MUSIC COMPANY - We are now open for enrolments in 2022



Kidz Can Music Company, is a local Music School in Takapuna, with 22 years of teaching **North Shore** families. We can offer students the opportunity to learn Piano, Guitar, Violin and Voice after school. Lessons are available after school from Monday to Friday **starting** at 3.30pm until 6.00pm. All lessons are ½ an hour in duration. We offer small groups of **two** students and private lessons depending on your needs.

All small groups \$18.00 per week. Private lessons \$27.00 per week.

For more information regarding times please contact – Susan Fraser on Tel; 09 410 1506 or 021 378 007, Email: [susanf@kidzcan.co.nz](mailto:susanf@kidzcan.co.nz)



Back to school with confidence! Kumon Mathematics and English focuses on students' fundamental literacy and numeracy skills, the building blocks for later learning. Contact us to discuss how we can help your child have a bright 2022. Ph: 021 167 0019, Julie Chan Instructor Forrest Hill & Takapuna Education Centres.

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## 2022 BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY

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We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy! All your child's school stationery list requirements are now uploaded online at [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) to make it easy for you to purchase your child's back to school requirements. Simply 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. The school will also receive a commission on all orders placed via the OfficeMax MySchool service.

- **Shop Your Way** - online at [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz), freephone 0800 724 440 or in your local OfficeMax store.
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over \$46\*. Choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you.  
\* Conditions apply, see [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) for details.
- **Save valuable time** - ensure your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies and is ready to start learning from day one.
- **Multiple Payment Options** - including secure internet banking, credit/debit card and cash in your local OfficeMax store.

If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Anneliese Bridges in the office, email: [office@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:office@sjmb.school.nz) 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.

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## 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 [www.ezcovers.com](http://www.ezcovers.com)
  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.
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**To Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends of families  
who drop off or pick up children at St. John's**

**CARPARKING AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL**

There are three alternative carpark areas for you to use.

1.



**SCHOOL CARPARK**

Access via  
East Coast Road going  
**down** the hill from  
Rangitoto College

2. **CHURCH CARPARK** Access via Hastings Road  
Please do not use the Church driveway off East Coast Road.

Please use this carpark for long term parking **only** if you are using the Church or staying on at school after you have dropped your children off.



For short term drop off and pick up of children, parents are asked to use the School Carpark or the school side of St. Ives, Penzance or

3. Hastings Roads.



Hastings Road



Penzance Road



St. Ives Terrace

***Children are not allowed in the carparks unless accompanied by an adult.***

**CHURCH CARPARK**

Children wait by the church and must be collected from there.

**PENZANCE / HASTINGS / ST IVES**

Children wait at Penzance Road front gate and must be collected from there.

**SCHOOL CARPARK**

Children will wait in the carpark shelter.

Parents using the No Parking Pick Up / Drop Off Circular Zone : Children will be able to move to your car via the footpath at the instruction of the Duty Teacher. If using this service you are **not permitted to leave your car.**

## SOME FINAL MATTERS

1. Cars are prohibited from parking in the circular drop off and pick up area of the School Carpark and along the driveway to the carpark.
2. Please obey the signs and yellow 'No Parking' lines.
3. Drive slowly and safely in all carpark areas.
4. Use the DISABLED park only if you can display a disability parking pass.
5. Access to the school via the Penzance Road entrance is prohibited.
6. The School Carpark will be closed after 4pm and on the weekends.

## SCHOOL CAR PARK AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

### THE CIRCLE

- There is space for 6 cars in the circle. Cars are to move forward to fill all 6 spaces.
- You may not park and exit your vehicle if in the circle area.
- As cars leave the circle, move forward to the front of the circle; It should always be full.
- 'After School Care' vans park in a parking space while waiting for the children.



### PARKING

- It's best to arrive at school between 2.30 – 2.45pm if you wish to park.
- Fill car parks from the top (near circle) back. Do not leave gaps, as these will be difficult for others to access once the queue moves into the car park.
- If you arrive at school after 2.45pm and all spaces are full, please join the queue, or find alternative parking.



### THE QUEUE

- If you arrive at school prior to 2.45pm, and the circle is full, and you are not parking, stop and queue just before the car parks begin.
- The car park is usually mostly full by 2.45pm. Once all parking spaces are full waiting cars may move up to the circle
- No pushing in/cutting in front of first car in queue unless parking.
- Those in the queue, please keep in mind those queued right back to the entrance so move forward as soon as is appropriate.



- If the queue is right out to the entrance, please consider looking for alternative parking elsewhere to minimize the blocking of traffic coming down the hill.
- Do not use the right turn into the drive if driving north up East Coast Road if cars are already queued up to the entrance as this blocks the vision of those trying to exit.



## DRIVING OUT

- Cars driving in (queuing) please be aware of parked cars wanting to leave and leave room for them to do so.

and a final reminder...



and please watch your speed!