



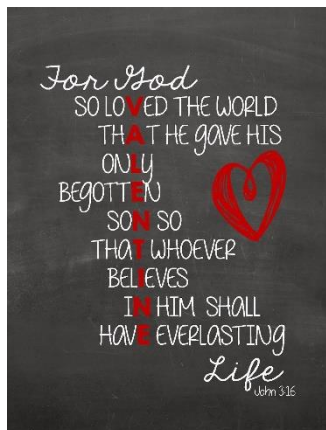
Week 3, Term 1
09 February 2021



Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoāni

The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whanau
ngā mihi o te tau hou



As it was Valentine's Day yesterday, I thought the little message beside was very apt. God is our special Valentine every day!

Whilst we had some rough weather over the weekend, the sun has returned and so has the heat and humidity. Fortunately, our school pool is now open for our children to use during school time.

Due to Covid restrictions we are still unable to offer use of our school pool to the community.

Ngā mihi nui,
Viki Trainor, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Feast of St Valentine

On Monday 14th February, we celebrated the feast day of St. Valentine. Saint Valentine, lived in 269, a time when Claudius II was the ruler of Rome. Claudius II did not like Christians, and he needed soldiers to fight in his wars. He made a law that people couldn't get married because he thought that if men got married and had families, they would not want to go off and fight in his wars. Saint Valentine was a priest and would marry the men and women who were in love, and this was against the law. So, St. Valentine is the patron saint of love and marriage.

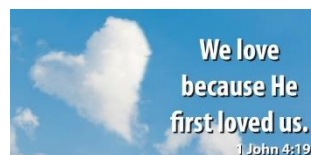
Prayer for St Valentine's Day

God of love, you give us St. Valentine as an example of love.

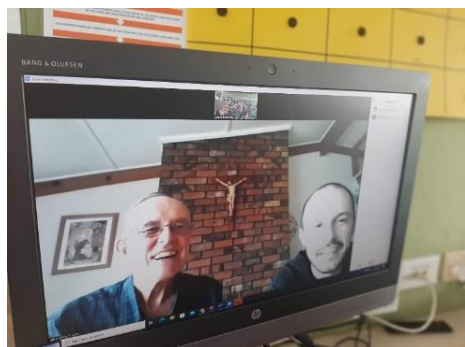
As we celebrate the feast of this loving and caring saint, we ask you to bless our friendships.

May the love and affection we share with each other, always come from a sense of care and respect.

May we always follow the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



Priest 'visit' to Room 2

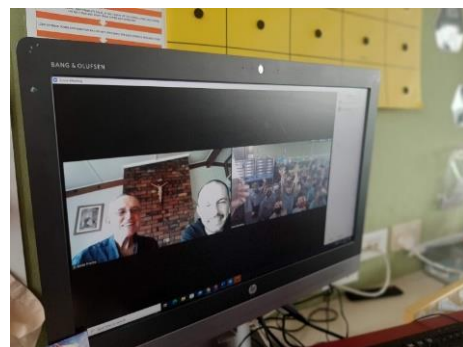


Last week, Mapou Room had a Zoom meeting with Fr. Emile and Fr. Alejandro. We enjoyed spending time with our two lovely Priests.

We learnt about why they both chose to become Priests and how they've kept themselves busy during lockdowns. Fr. Alejandro was very impressed with the variety and colourful masks that the children were

wearing. He asked us to do a mask parade!

How blessed we are to have such caring and devoted Priests.



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Tonga Fundraiser – Non-Uniform Day

On Friday, 25th February we will have a Tonga fundraiser to support the ongoing tsunami relief effort.

Tonga Tsunami Fundraiser



Wear red for Tonga on Friday 25th February.
Please bring a gold coin donation.

Children may wear non-uniform clothing and are encouraged to wear something **RED**.

Gold coin donation or donate via Kindo
(www.mykindo.co.nz)

CLASSROOM LIASION PARENT VOLUNTEERS

It has been a long-standing tradition at St John's that each classroom has a parent volunteer known as a Classroom Liaison Parent (CLP) to assist our teachers in sharing information and co-ordinating classroom pastoral events. I would like to say a big thank you to the parents that have stepped forward to assist in 2022. For information they are as follows:

Rm 1 – Sasha Grayson (Conrad)
Rm 2 – Rachel McQueen (Isla)
Rm 3 – Linda Rotaecche (Teresa)
Rm 4 – Francine Gilchrist (Carter)
Rm 5 – Teachers
Rm 6 – Vicky Billings (Megan)
Rm 7 – Shelley Kingston (Violet)
Rm 8 – Ricky Curteis (Bronson)
Rm 9 – Rachel McQueen (Lucy)
Rm 11 – Eva Huebner (Stella)
Rm 12 – Laura Mudford (Eliza)
Rm 13 – Amanda Dixon Mclvor (Xavier H.)

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Just a reminder that any queries around learning should be addressed directly with the classroom teacher.

NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Please ensure that ALL items belonging to your child(ren) are very clearly marked with both first and last names. The office checks our lost property box regularly and endeavours to return items as quickly as possible but all too often this is not possible as names are either missing, not clear or incorrect (e.g., on items purchased 2nd hand).



Now that our school pool is open for classes, please ensure that your child brings their swimming costume, towel & goggles to school every day. PE Gear should also be brought to school on Monday and go home on Friday dependent on use.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Aroha nui Meaning 'much love' or 'with deep affection'

Kupu o te Wiki

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>

2022 EOTC WEEK PERMISSION, ASSISTANCE AND PAYMENT NOW ON KINDO

Charges for activities during the 2022 EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) week have now been loaded against Kindo accounts.

Please complete the questions and make payment as a matter of priority to ensure that we have the necessary permissions, time for payments to be processed and enough parent helpers.

We would appreciate EOTC transactions being completed by next Wednesday, 23rd February.

Families new to St John's If you have not already set up an account with Kindo please visit www.mykindo.co.nz as soon as possible to sign your child(ren) 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).



KINDO Charges – Further Information

The following items will be charged via our online Kindo shop (www.mykindo.school.nz). Please login to your account at your earliest convenience to pay for these items to enable us to provide your children with a rich and broad school experience.

Personal Folder On entering St John's each child has a folder set up for administrative purposes. This folder then follows your child throughout their time at St John's. All children new to the school in 2022 should pay this charge.

Maths E-Learning Mathletics and Maths Buddy are online mathematics programmes designed to allow children access to interactive, fun, and individualised mathematics activities. Each child is issued a username and password that will enable them to access their individual programme from any computer with internet access. The PTFA generously sponsors both programmes at \$10 per child.

Religious Education Digital Resource This digital resource enables our teachers to deliver the current Religious Education programme in a clear and fun way to all our children and is an integral part of our Faith based school.

Dance Programme To teach the dance component of our curriculum the school uses a fulltime dance teacher who will be coming into the school during the year to instruct the children.

Prime Maths Workbooks All Year 1 – 5 children will be provided with a student workbook as part of the Prime Maths programme that will be part of our school curriculum this year. The book issued will be commensurate with the level that your child is currently working at. If a child completes a level and requires another book an additional charge will be added to your account to cover the cost.

Seesaw Online Sharing

We have found that the Seesaw online platform is a versatile way for our students to share their work with family and friends. This was especially useful during the times when home and online learning was a requirement.

Magic Caterpillar Hand Writing book As part of the Junior literacy programme (Years 1 & 2) the school has sourced a specialised exercise book which will be issued to the children when they begin the handwriting programme.

Junior School – shared art and Play Based Learning Resources In our Junior (Years 1 & 2) classes we often use photocopied worksheets and resources. We now charge a small donation towards the school's photocopying costs as part of this programme. We also find that providing each class with a large box of good quality crayons at the beginning of each year ensures all children have easy access to art materials. There are also costs associated with our Play Based Learning. This is an equally shared cost across each child in the Junior school.

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STEPS Spelling programme After a trial with a small number of children taking part in the STEPS online spelling programme, we have chosen to have all students in Years 3 - 6 use this online programme for spelling rather than sending home paper sheets/books.

Garden to Table Our Year 4 – 6 take part in the Garden to Table Programme about planting, growing, harvesting, and cooking with garden produce. This charge covers some of the costs for consumables they will be using.

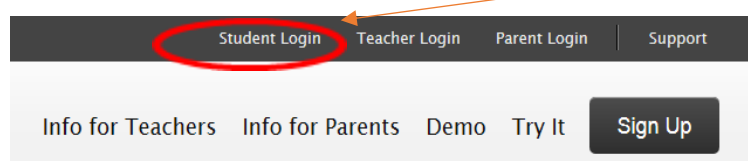
School Badge (Year 6 only) All Year 6 children are issued with the school badge as an indicator of their senior status during their last year at St John's. They are expected to wear them every day and we encourage them to take pride in this mark of leadership.

Year 6 Faith Diary (Room 6 only) All Room 6 children are issued with a Faith Diary as part of preparation for self-management at Intermediate and to support their Faith Journey.

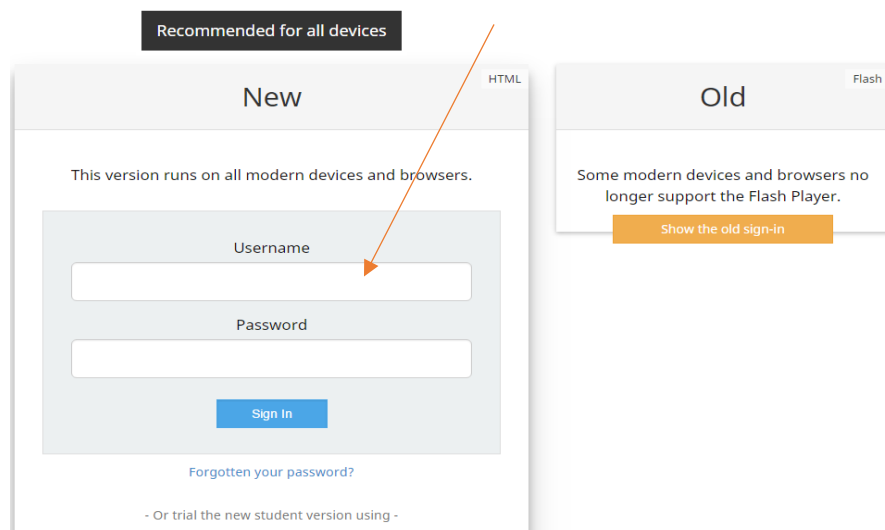
MATHS ONLINE E-LEARNING

MATHS BUDDY, Years 3 – 6

To see what your child will experience go to www.mathsbuddy.co.nz



Then ask for your child's login details and insert them here



MATHLETICS, Year 1 & 2

On the Mathletics homepage www.Mathletics.com click



Enter your child's username and password

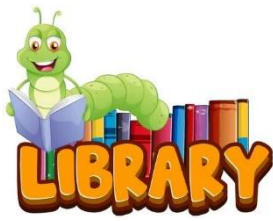
Sign in Mathletics

Username/email:

Password:

With Single Sign On capabilities, users can choose an option to link a Mathletics account to a range of providers such as Google or Office 365 for simpler, faster access.

Students enter a space where they are given agency to choose their own learning pathway. They have the choice to independently **LEARN** through curriculum-aligned topics, learn through **PLAY**, and **REVIEW** their results and progress.



A big welcome to all the families as we return from our summer holidays, here's hoping that you all managed to find some time to read old favourites or discover new ones and found some cool places for shared reading with your children. The library is ready to receive students and has had its first few classes through. It has been lovely catching up with our tamariki and seeing the enthusiasm for reading.



Library Bags

Each child will need their own named waterproof library bag. This should be navy blue and is available for purchase from the school office, \$6.50. The bag will have a library barcode attached when they first visit the library. Children will use this attached barcode for issuing their books. Bags can be reused each year.

Borrowing books

Each class visits the library once a week with their teacher. Library books are issued for two weeks and students can borrow up to five books. If they have not finished reading them, they can renew them for two more weeks. They can also reserve books. **There are no fines for overdue books**

Returning books

Children can return books during their class visit, or by placing them in the returns box in the library. **Please encourage your child to return their library books as quickly as possible.**

Lost and overdue books

You will receive an overdue notice on Friday if your child has an overdue library book. Please look out for these in your children's bags. If you cannot find the book and think it may be lost, please email the Librarian on Library@SJMB.school.nz. We can then double-check in the classroom and on the library shelves.

Scholastic Lucky Book Club



Families choosing to take part in this opportunity will enable the school to receive rewards from Scholastic. Last year the school was able to purchase over 100 new books for the library. Thank you for the generosity of our school whanau. We have chosen to do one issue per term. This means we will be doing issues 1,3,5, and 7. A catalogue will come home near the beginning of each term for these issues. Issue #1 will be coming home

this week. You will still be able to purchase from the other issues i.e., 2,4,6 and 8 through your Scholastic LOOP app or the Scholastic web page, but these will be delivered to your home and will have an added \$4.99 shipping fee, likewise if you miss the cut-off date for the school order. All catalogues can be viewed online at <https://scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> when they are published. Each issue will have a range of books from \$3 available to purchase.

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Please use Scholastic LOOP to place and pay for your order.

By using LOOP there is no need to fill out any forms or receipt numbers. All orders can be made through LOOP on the Scholastic NZ website <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> or by using the Scholastic LOOP app which is available on Google Play or the App store.

Using the Scholastic LOOP App or the Website

- you need to register yourselves.
- on the registration pages you need to add your child/ren,
- place order, making sure that you are ordering from issue #1

Should you still have any difficulty you can call the Scholastic book club line on 0800 266525. LOOP orders must be placed online by Sunday 4pm 27th February. All LOOP orders ordered before the schools closing date of 27th February come directly to the school and will be distributed by the Book Club Coordinator. Delivery to school will be approximately three weeks after this date.

Any orders received after 27th February will not be processed through the school but will be delivered to your home, incurring a \$4.99 shipping fee. Any queries or questions can be directed to Library@SJMB.school.nz or you may call the Scholastic Book Club Helpline on 0800 266525

Ngā mihi

Chantelle Dunn (Library Manager) and Francine Gilchrist (Lucky Book Club Co-ordinator)

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:



PARISH NEWS

ECB St. Vincent De Paul

NO clothes or furniture, please: The VINNIES SHOP is full to overflowing and is unable to accept donations of clothes or furniture at present. Please continue to donate money and food items.



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.*

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, Diocesan Services – staff vacancies Applications close 20th February 2022.

Extraordinary Kids

Is your child struggling at school? Or do they just need a confidence boost?

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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



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.

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!
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ROSDALE, AUCKLAND
0211658188

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021 034 1488

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RECRUIT EDITION

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.



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