



**Week 8, Term 1**  
**22 March 2022**

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau



***He iti hau marangai e tū te pāhokahoka***  
***After the storm the rainbow appears***

I thought this whakataukī seemed appropriate after the heavy rainfall and thunderstorms we experienced on Monday. Whilst I was grateful that my tanks on Waiheke were filling with water, I was also a little concerned that my ferry might be cancelled!

This week I give thanks as it appears that our Covid numbers within the community are diminishing. Hopefully, this suggests that we may have reached our peak and are now on a downward trend. I thank you all for the way in which you have supported our Covid practices and processes and kept children home when unwell. I think this has made a significant difference to case numbers at our school which seem relatively low in comparison to some other schools.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Viki Trainor, Principal

**COVID-19**  
**Update**

**CURRENT CASES OF  
COVID-19  
IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**6**

**CURRENT CASES OF  
ISOLATION  
IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**6**



## 2022 EOTC WEEK PAYMENTS ARE NOW OVERDUE

Charges for activities that took place during the 2022 EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) week are now outstanding.

We would appreciate it if families would login to their Kindo account ([www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)) as soon as possible and arrange for payment of these items.

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### SCHOOL DUES – IRD Tax Receipts

Please email Michele Nash, Principal's PA, [michelen@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:michelen@sjmb.school.nz) if you would like a one page full year tax receipt to support your IRD tax deduction donation claim to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Provided School Dues for Term 1 2022 have been paid and the receipt dated on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March, that amount will show on the receipt and can be processed in the tax year 1 April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Alternatively, if you are missing a receipt, please ask for a replacement, it is no trouble at all to duplicate. Attendance Dues are the only fee item that are not tax deductible.

All Term 1 Attendance Dues need to be paid over to the Diocese Auckland Common Fund Ltd before the end of the school term and in that regard, please feel free to contact either Viki Trainor, Principal, or Michele if payment of Attendance Dues will be delayed. He waka eke noa – we're all in this together and financial assistance from the Diocese is available for families who may be experiencing difficulty with paying the Attendance Dues as long as they have demonstrated an effort has been made to make payments at a level they can afford.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES – Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact the Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3069 for further information. Application forms for this assistance can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### World Day of Prayer for Ukraine

This Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, we have been invited to join with Pope Francis in a World Day of Prayer for Ukraine. Please click [this link](#) to read about this special invitation.

### Prayer for Ukraine

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,  
Protect our beloved Ukraine,  
Bless her with freedom and light of your holy rays.

With learning and knowledge enlighten us, your children small,  
In love pure and everlasting.  
Let us, oh Lord, grow.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine.  
Grant her people and country all your kindness and grace.

Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,  
Guide us into a kind world,  
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune  
Forever and ever more.



## Outreach



In Year 4, our Religious Education focus for Lent is turning back to God through fasting and almsgiving.

We decided to bring in cans and rice for the Church to support those who access St. Vincent de Paul services.

Thank you to the children for donating these items.



## St Patrick's Day

It was great to see so many children wearing a green adornment in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.



## Feast of the Annunciation – Friday, 25th March



This Friday, we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. The Annunciation celebrates the appearance of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce of the birth of Christ. Mary does not understand the announcement but has faith and accepts God's trust in her and the difficult journey ahead. How often do we need to have faith and trust even though we may not completely understand? The Church recognises Mary's courage in this feast.

Making decisions is integral to living. Some decisions concern the daily ebb and flow of our lives. But others are more challenging: addressing the uncertainty and effects of a pandemic, choosing a partner or a career, negotiating puzzling behaviours of those we love, or facing our own vulnerabilities.

What and how we decide has far-reaching consequences! This can then be our touchstone: A young woman in Nazareth is suddenly blown off course when invited by God's messenger to move in a totally unforeseen direction – to share in God's desire to give birth to Jesus – Life for the world! Grounded in the Jewish scriptures, Mary knew that God's call could be trusted no matter how unexpected. But, even so, a confronting invitation is not easily resolved; it engages us in a process.

Mary's response was to open her heart to listen deeply, to engage with God, discerning the import of what this new call could mean. May she inspire us in these last days of our Lenten journey.

Ngā mihi,  
Laura Baddeley – *Director of Religious Studies*

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## KEYS

If anyone within our school community has at any stage borrowed a key for the school hall or any other building, please could you have a good look at home to see if you still have it.

We would appreciate return of any keys belonging to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.



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## WORD OF THE WEEK

**āwhā** Meaning 'storm'

Kupu o te Wiki

Following the phenomenal storm we experienced yesterday morning this is a timely reminder to provide your child(ren) with a raincoat to carry in their school bag, especially as inclement weather becomes more frequent.



## HAUORA WELLBEING

If you or someone you know needs additional help with housing or financial support, there is help available through Work and Income NZ. Follow this link to see what support you might be eligible for <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/>

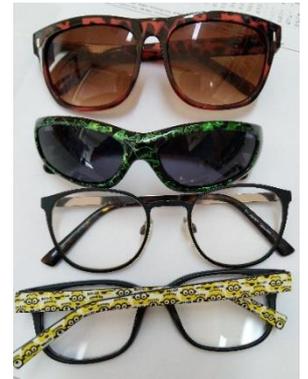
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## LOST PROPERTY

As we near the end of term the blue box of lost property items in the Sick Bay is FULL yet again!

School uniform items (including several unnamed fleece jackets), non-uniform clothing, shoes, towels, swimming costumes, goggles, water bottles etc. At the end of term, remaining items are given to those in need or recycled through the second-hand uniform sales.

We have also accumulated a few pairs of glasses, pictured here:



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



**EVERY item that your child(ren) bring to school should be NAMED** with both a first and last name to enable the office to return lost items as quickly as possible.

Lost Property is stored in the Sick Bay in the school office either in the large blue 'bin' or in a small box on top of the bench. Items with no name that remain unclaimed after several weeks are either donated to charity or to 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sales.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Victor Guan** – PoD Basketball (fantastic shooting)

### St John's Year 2 Rockets

Mrs Dorrington has received a report that the boys are really enjoying their practices and getting into their stride. They have shown great pride in representing St John's and have been wearing their basketball singlets to training! The boys are all enjoying themselves and are developing into a great team, who are looking out for each other on and off the court. Well done boys!



Bernard Han, Xavier Howard, Dominic Kim, Felipe Joseph, Nicolas Joseph, Lorenzo Mansour, Cody Thornton

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# LIBRARY NEWS



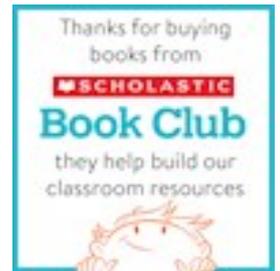
## Student Librarians

Our new Year 6 student librarians have been settling in very well and using their rostered lunchtimes to learn the very useful skill of shelving. We are very lucky to have added a new Student Librarian position of Tech Support and Content Creator to our rostered librarians. Be on the lookout for items in the library newsletter section from them.

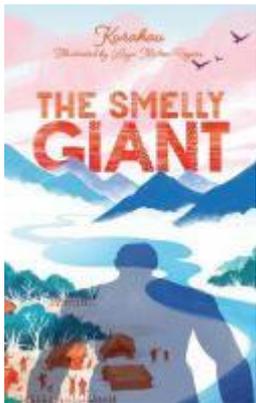
## Scholastic



With our Scholastic rewards budget we added some new books to our school library and a new book for Mrs Marsh and our students to work with.



We have read a couple of different books during our story time this week. Depending on the class they may have had



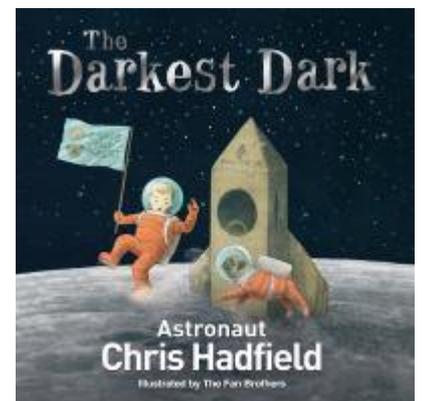
### The Smelly Giant by Kurahau

Gentle, clever Toe Jam grows to be huge, and this causes a problem because his feet smell. The bigger he gets the worse the smell. Toe Jam is kind, but the people tease him and avoid him, and finally, they make him leave and live far away. Toe Jam never loses his kind heart, and when there are floods, wild winds, and droughts, he returns to help his people. But afterwards, the people always send him away again. Until, one day, when Toe Jam saves the people from an eruption, they finally see Toe Jam's goodness.

Or

### The Darkest Dark By Astronaut Chris Hadfield.

The story of a boy who faced his fears and went on to reach the stars. Six-year-old Chris is an astronaut. A very busy astronaut. Saving the planet from aliens is much more important than taking baths or going to bed. Because at bedtime the worst sort of alien appears - darkness. But when Chris watches the first televised moon landing, he discovers that there is a dark out in Space that is much darker than he's used to. It's the darkest dark ever, and he realises that the unknown can be... exciting! Inspired by Chris's decision to become an astronaut after watching the Apollo 11 moon landing at age nine, The Darkest Dark is an inspiring story about facing your fears and following your dreams.



## Virtual International Children's Book Day 2022 Launch Event Hosted by IBBY Canada and IBBY New Zealand/Storylines

Join us March 26, 2022 (in New Zealand) for a special online event to kick off a week of International Children's Book Day celebrations.

Co-hosted by IBBY Canada and IBBY New Zealand/Storylines, this live-streamed event on Bibliovideo features special guests Te Awhi Rito Reading Ambassador Kaumātua Ben Brown and Edmonton Public Library Elder in Residence Jo-Ann Saddleback and exceptional Indigenous authors and readers from Canada and New Zealand.

This is a global event with participants from around the world!

The entire event is approximately two hours long. **Families with little ones may want to tune into the storytime only, which starts at 12:45 pm NZDT.**

### Programme – Times are in New Zealand Daylight Time

**12:00 pm:** Opening comments. Special guest to be announced.

**12:10 pm:** Join us for a special conversation with Te Awhi Rito Reading Ambassador Kaumātua Ben Brown and Edmonton Public Library Elder in Residence Jo-Ann Saddleback about Māori and Cree children's storytelling, and blessings for a week ahead.

**12:45 pm:** Grab your little ones for a one-of-a-kind children's storytime featuring six exceptional Indigenous picture books read by readers from Canada and New Zealand.

To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/international-childrens-book-day-tickets-288917729707>

Ngā mihi,

Chantelle Dunn - Library Manager  
[Library@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:Library@sjmb.school.nz)

## A Guide to Book Chat

Research indicates that parents who regularly read with their children at home lay solid foundations for language and literacy development. It's a precious time for you both to relax, share your thoughts and feelings, have fun and chat together. Whilst sharing books, your child has your undivided attention, and the conversation, connection and enjoyment they experience is invaluable.

To promote children's pleasure in reading and foster the habit, we need to read **to** children and **with** them and to **talk** to them about books. These conversations are crucial as they help children to engage and think deeply.

There are several ways to prompt book chat, these are our Top Tips.

Watch and listen carefully to follow their interests

**Observe and respond:** Pay attention to what captures your child's attention and build on their interests, for example, 'Oh, you've spotted the...!'.  
**Leave pauses:** So they can look closely and think, this will lead to comments on the pictures or questions. Respond to their lead and let the book chat flow.

Invite your child to get involved

**Pose questions:** Open questions encourage thinking and discussion, such as, 'How do you think the boy is feeling?'. Try to avoid closed questions, such as 'What colour is that?'; these have a single answer and don't keep the conversation going.  
**Draw attention to illustrations:** Encourage your child to notice details in the pictures and think what they might mean, for example, 'Look! What's that hiding, what do you think it might be?'.

Wonder and connect to your lives

**Ponder and wonder:** Encourage your child to think about what might happen, using phrases such as, 'I wonder if/ whether /who/ why/ what ...'.  
**Make personal connections:** Picture storybooks not only allow children to empathise with the experiences of fictional characters but enable them to make sense of events in their own lives. Talk about connections, for example, 'That reminds me of when...!'.  
**Comment on your feelings:** By sharing your emotional response to a character or something that's happened you encourage your child to do the same, helping them engage and learn to express their emotions.

Share your emotional responses!

Keep it light and enjoyable!



Book chat develops language, comprehension and pleasure



**PARISH NEWS**



**Cuppa' Tea & a Tale** Stay after 9:00am Mass, next week Sunday, 27th March. We are inviting people to join for tea after Mass and to bring your own mug. Hopefully one that has a story attached, which can be used as a starter conversation. Tea will be served outside, under cover, with social distance and safety in mind.

**ECB St. Vincent De Paul**

Our stocks are very low; we especially need **COFFEE AND PASTA SAUCE**. We very much appreciate all the donations we receive. *Please leave your donations in the basket in the church foyer.*



**ALSO:** Monetary donations are very welcome and can be deposited into a/c number 12 3059 0241398 00

**PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI – COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Website:** kellysports.co.nz/ecb-takapuna-devonport  
**Contact:** Felicia Martis  
**Email:** felicia@kellysports.co.nz  
**Phone:** 022 5335 420 / 09 390 5000  
**Facebook:** @KellySportsEastCoastBays  
**Address:** 37 Sunrise Avenue, Murrays Bay

## APRIL 2022

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

### MURRAYS BAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

	Mon 18 April	Tues 19 April	Wed 20 April	Thurs 21 April	Fri 22 April
WEEK 1	 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>EASTER MONDAY</b> Happy Easter! No programme today, see you on Tuesday!	 <b>EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA</b> Compete in our Easter challenges and rabbit relays! Then join in a scavenger hunt, play Capture The Flag and create sand art.	 <b>BOUNCY CASTLE</b> Roll up, roll up and join us for a day at the carnival! Have fun on the bouncy castle then take part in fairground games, juggling and clown races! (Extra \$10)	 <b>GOAL DAY</b> Who doesn't love scoring for their team? Today score as many goals, tries, touchdowns and hoops as you can! Even better, try and score against your coaches!	 <b>KARATE &amp; BOOT CAMP</b> Join us for an awesome day with GKR Karate. Today is all about toughness (mental and physical) and teamwork! Get your team together and test your fitness with some fun boot camp challenges.
WEEK 2	 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b> Public Holiday No programme today, see you on Tuesday!	 <b>ANZAC REMEMBRANCE</b> Today we will remember our soldiers and compete in some fun challenges, games and an army obstacle course. Plus take part in some wacky Minute To Win It activities.	 <b>TAG YOU'RE IT</b> Play all of your favourite tag-tastic games like Master Tag, Rippa Tag, Octopus, All In Tag and many more!	 <b>ALL BALL DAY</b> If the game needs a ball we will be playing it - Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Tennis, Dodgeball, Four Square, Gaga Ball, Kickball and more.	 <b>SPORTS MASH UP</b> Two sports are better than one so combine your favourites to create a whole new game! Make up the rules to 'basket-football' or 'rippa-tennis' and play with friends.

**FULL DAY:** \$55 8am-5:30pm  
**SCHOOL DAY:** \$45 9am-3pm  
**HALF DAY:** \$40 8am-12:30pm or 1pm-5:30pm  
**EVENT DAY:** Extra \$10

**BRING/REFER A FRIEND AND GET \$5 OFF YOUR TOTAL INVOICE.**

PRE~LOVED KIDS MARKET

# SAT 26 MARCH

CLOTHES ~ TOYS ~ BOOKS ~ NURSERY FURNITURE

**OREWA COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
 9.00 AM - 12 PM

The market is a fun morning for the whole family, a great opportunity for families to on-sell things their kids have outgrown and for new families to pick up bargains.

Under the COVID 19 red protection framework we will be restricting numbers of shoppers at any one time in the Community Centre and asking everyone to wear a mask and be mindful of social distancing while shopping.

**Good as New Pre-Loved Kids Market**  
 Orewa Community Centre  
 Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 9am - 12 noon  
 40+ stall  
 Free Admission but you will need your mask and vaccine pass  
 Inquiries 021 217 7904  
<https://www.facebook.com/Goodasnewprelovedkidsmarket/>

## Studio 246 Holiday programmes

April 26th - 29th 9am - 4pm



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY

Contact Lenore on  
info@studio246.co.nz

Each day a different theme, each day dance, vocal, drama and craft; with games, movies, and so much fun. Cost \$60 per day, (before and after care available)

Programme held at Studio 246  
246 Forrest Hill Rd

Cost is \$60 per day or \$220 for the week  
\$200 for additional siblings (full week discount only)

Students to provide morning tea and lunch

Ideal for Ages 5 and over

Before and after school care available from 8.30am - 9am (Free) for all  
4pm - 5.30pm for \$10 per day per family with afternoon tea provided

Experienced teachers in drama, vocal and dance

### Typical Daily programme

9am Warm up and welcome  
9.15am Drama class  
10am Dance class  
10.45am Morning tea  
11am Vocal class  
11.45 Craft  
12.30 Lunch  
1.15pm Themed games  
2.15pm Movie and Popcorn  
3.30pm Show and Tell and wrap  
4pm Finish

Interested? Email : Info@studio246.co.nz with childs age for details on paying \$10 (per child) daily deposit to secure your place

## CONSCIOUS KIDS

Little Seeds for a Better Future

are excited to announce

Our 100% Nature based School Holiday Programme

@ LONG BAY



APRIL HOLIDAYS 2022

\$70/child per day

Week 1 / 19th - 22nd April Week 2 / 26th - 29th April

9am - 3pm for children aged 5yrs - 12yrs

Conscious Kids is proud to be safeguarding children's right to free play in nature. Our Holiday Programmes are designed as an antidote to the fast paced technology filled world our children now inhabit. A chance to unwind and play as their parents did, climbing trees, building huts, exploring and of course playing bullrush!

Book now!

Spaces are strictly limited.  
For more information visit our website or email info@consciouskids.co.nz

www.consciouskids.co.nz

# CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP

## DRAWING & PAINTING

One-day workshop for ages 7-12yrs

If your child loves drawing and painting they'll love this one-day workshop with artist Eion Bryant. With step-by-step instruction they will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused

### VENUE

St. Anne's Hall, Browns Bay, April 26th

Hours: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Cost: \$55

### BOOKINGS

eion@eionbryant.com

Ph. 0211327033 or 0210606641

