



Week 9, Term 1
29 March 2022

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

We have been able to have our wonderful Dance instructor, Omar, come into school this week to teach dance in person. Omar from "Dance Curriculum" has an upbeat, fun, child centred approach to teaching this curriculum learning area that really engages all our children (even our reluctant dancers!)

I wish to also thank this company as during lockdown they continued to provide us with online dance lessons. It's great to see our school slowly getting back to 'normal'.

On Friday I attended the Auckland Catholic Primary Principals Forum Day. The North Shore Principals gathered at St Mary's and joined the larger group on Zoom as we felt it wise not to all gather in one place, just in case! It was a very worthwhile event, as it always is. A time to engage with my local Catholic colleagues to discuss our tamariki and the learning that is happening for them. We also viewed a presentation about the new Religious Education Curriculum that is due in schools next year. It is a beautiful document, written in consultation with iwi. The document retains much of the current knowledge content but also includes new content that is vibrant and relevant to NZ society. I am really looking forward to sharing this document with our children next year.

Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor, Principal

Parade

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

— Catherine Doherty

COVID-19 Update

CURRENT CASES OF COVID-19 IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY

20

CURRENT CASES OF ISOLATION IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY

12



Fees for **SPLASH POLO** (Term 1) have now been added to Kindo accounts
Please look out for **BASKETBALL & NETBALL** Fees in due course

Prompt payment is appreciated.

We would appreciate it if families would login to their Kindo account
(www.mykindo.co.nz) and arrange for payment of these items.

REMINDERS and CALENDAR DATES

You are reminded that:

- **School closes for Term 1 and in readiness for the celebration of the Easter Festival at the usual time on Thursday, 14th April and re-opens on Monday 2nd May.**

Board – The next Board meetings will be Thursday, 31st March and Thursday, 5th May at 6.30pm.

FEES – As we near the end of Term 1 we ask that any queries with regards to school fees be raised with Michele Nash (Principal's PA) (michelen@sjmb.school.nz) as soon as possible.

SCHOOL DUES – IRD Tax Receipts

Please email Michele Nash, Principal's PA, michelen@sjmb.school.nz if you would like a one-page full year tax receipt to support your IRD tax deduction donation claim to 31st March 2022. Provided School Dues for Term 1 2022 have been paid and the receipt dated on or before 31st March, that amount will show on the receipt and can be processed in the tax year 1 April 2021 to 31st 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 having trouble with paying the Attendance Dues if 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.

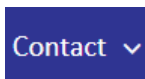
Families facing financial difficulties can contact the Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3069 for further information. Application forms for this assistance can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

DO WE HAVE YOUR UP-TO-DATE CONTACT DETAILS?

As a school community we are becoming more reliant on email to communicate with each other. We rely on the records held in our Student Etap Database being up to date. If you have had a change of address, phone number or, most importantly, EMAIL address you can inform us via the school website www.sjmb.school.nz



Go to the drop-down menu next to Contact on the front page of the website



Select **Update Your Contact Details** to get to the following page:

[Update Your Contact Details](#)

Do we have your up-to-date contact phone numbers, home address and email addresses? If not please complete the form below.

Thank you.

Complete the form and click

SUBMIT

You should then see

[Confirmation – Updated Contact Details](#)

RECEIVED

Thanks for contacting us! Your contact information on our database will be updated and you will receive an email shortly confirming the details of these changes. If you do not receive this email within 10 minutes, please check your junk or spam folder.

Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pope Francis prayer intentions for April are for health care workers.

*Lord Jesus,
We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly,
especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by
governments and local communities.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



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

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.

WORD OF THE WEEK

kanikani Meaning 'dance'

Kupu o te Wiki



HAUORA WELLBEING

Our hauora or wellbeing may be significantly challenged by the Covid situation in NZ at present. Follow the link to The Mental Health Foundation of NZ website which provides resources to support our wellbeing and learn about different ways of taking care of ourselves.

<https://mentalhealth.org.nz/getting-through-together/wellbeing-for-parents-and-whanau>

Some of our families may additionally benefit from the support offered by

<http://tepuna.org.nz/introduction>

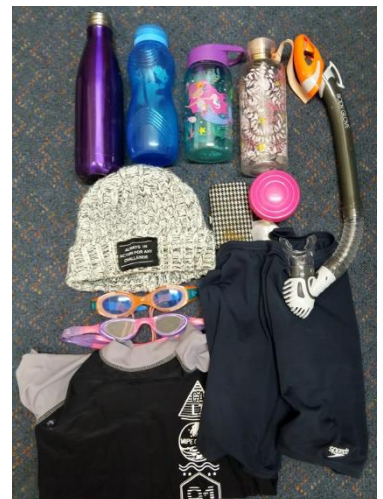
<https://www.asianfamilyservices.nz/>

<https://www.vakatautua.co.nz/our-story>

LOST PROPERTY

We never seem to see the bottom of the blue box of lost property items which is stored in the Sick Bay! As we near the end of term this is a reminder that any items left on the last day of term will be donated to those in need or passed to second-hand uniform sales.

Some of the items currently in Lost property:



Plus, the following unnamed items;

4 x fleece jackets

2 x towels

NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK



You are reminded that the changeover to winter uniform takes place from the beginning of Term 2. Due to the fluctuating warm weather, there will be a period of two weeks when either full summer or winter uniform can be worn, the exception is that summer hats are not worn in Term 2 or 3. All the children should be in winter uniform for the third week of Term 2, beginning Monday, 16th May.

WINTER:

Tunic:	Drop waist and pleated skirt
Shirt:	Freight blue polo shirt
Jumper:	School polar fleece
Ribbons:	Blue or black
Shorts	Charcoal grey or blue shorts and freight blue polo shirt
Shoes:	Black knee-length socks and black shoes

School Winter Shoes When purchasing these, please buy conventional leather school shoes, lace up, buckle or velcro fastening. Ankle boots and black trainers are not part of our school uniform.

School Beanies for Winter

School beanies are an optional uniform item which children can wear to and from school, during break times, and at school sporting events in Terms 2 and 3. The beanies will be on sale at 2nd hand uniform sales and also available from the office in Terms 2 and 3. They are still priced at \$12.50 and come in three colours as pictured below.



Two reminders:

- All children should have their full **NAMED** St John's PE gear at school Monday to Friday every week.
- If children wish to play on the grass field during the lunch break in Terms 2 & 3 they need to bring a change of mufti clothing.

CONGRATULATIONS



Teresa Rotaecche – Tennis, World Tour Team Runner Up

Orlaith Burns – Red Beach Surf Living Saving, Junior Surf Season Under 10, Certificate of Recognition

Isla Lumsden-Blincoe – gymnastics extension programme at North Harbour Gymnastics



LIBRARY NEWS

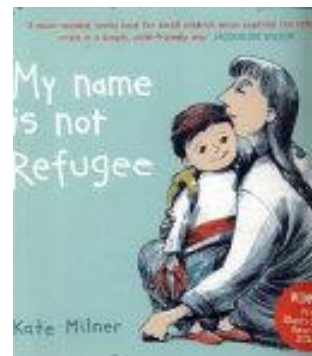


What we have been reading in the library

This week we have been reading about refugees.

In the junior school we read the picture book **My Name is Not Refugee** by Kate Milner

A young boy discusses the journey he is about to make with his mother. They will leave their town, she explains, and it will be sad but also a little bit exciting. They will have to say goodbye to friends and loved ones, and that will be difficult. They will have to walk and walk and walk, and although they will see many new and interesting things, it will be difficult at times too.



In the senior school we read **The Journey** by Francesca Sanna



What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange? A mother and her two children set out on such a journey; one filled with fear of the unknown, but also great hope. Based on the author's interactions with people forced to seek a new home and told from the perspective of a young child.

We discussed NZ helping refugees with humanitarian aid.

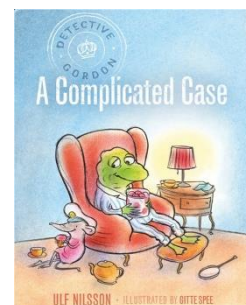
It has been wonderful this week to talk about the new books coming into the library and the children immediately wanting to issue them.



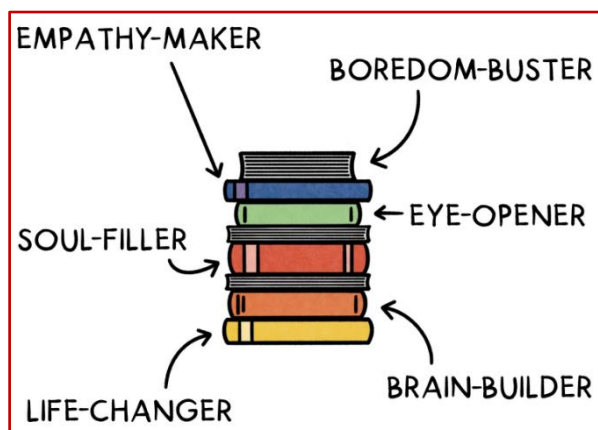
Gecko Press competition

This month's giveaway is a hardback edition of **Detective Gordon: A Complicated Case**. The animals in the forest are being bullied, and Gordon reconsiders some rules in the Book of Law: *"It is permitted to be nice but forbidden to be nasty,"* he decides.

To enter, [Email us](#) with "Complicated Case" in the subject line and include your postal address.



We'll pick a winner at random after **Sunday, 10th April 2022**.



Reading journals

Would you like to receive a free reading journal (for yourself or any young readers you know)?

[Email us](#) to receive a free reading journal and send us photos of the journal all filled out – entries will go in a draw for spot prizes!

(Produced with support from the Wright Family Foundation).

Ngā mihi,

Chantelle Dunn - Library Manager
Library@sjmb.school.nz

PARISH NEWS



CUPPA' TEA & a TALE. Stay after 9:00am Mass, 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.

Baptism Preparation Course: Parents wanting their first child baptised, held at St John's Church; Tuesday April 5th; 7:15pm. Attendance is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their 1st child baptised. Email liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz

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



Wave Warriors

Holiday Surf Programme

The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the autumn holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | 5 & 4 Day Programme | \$195 per person
19 - 22 April | 25 - 29 April | AM or PM session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Orewa Beach

Limited spaces | Please email to book
surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz
www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz



'Sea' MERC Day! Sunday, 3rd April 2022 Entry by donation.

Join us at Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre to Celebrate Connecting with our Seas for Seaweeek 2022.

We will have a range of activities on offer dependent on marina forecast and conditions on the day. Possibly sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkelling or surfing!

<https://www.seaweeek.org.nz/events/sea-merc-day>



Fantasy filled...

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

19th - 22nd April
26th - 29th April
9am - 3pm
Early drop-off & late pick-up option available!

THERE BE DRAGONS, ELVES & WIZARDS IN THIS PROGRAM.

If you're looking for your child to hone their creativity and imagination, or keen for them to try out some new hobbies, our program just might be perfect for them. They will go on an adventure, battle sorcerers, tame monsters, build armies and so much more, all in the confines of a safe haven and in the company of friends, old and new!

BOOK NOW!
33F TRITON DRIVE, ROSEDALE, AUCKLAND
team@gameroot.co.nz
0211858188



ELVISH EARS



POKEMON



ILLUSTRATION & BOARD GAMES



PAINTING



MAGIC: THE GATHERING



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS



SLIME MAKING



TERRAIN MAKING

FREE BURGERFUEL BURGER VOUCHERS FOR THE FIRST 20 BOOKINGS!

POWERED BY 

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM April 2022 9am-3pm		TUESDAY 19th APRIL	WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL	THURSDAY 21st APRIL	FRIDAY 22nd APRIL
MONDAY 18th APRIL	MONDAY 25th APRIL	TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 26th - 27th APRIL	THURSDAY 28th APRIL	FRIDAY 29th APRIL	
EVERYTHING POKEMON! ✓ Learn to sculpt using baking clay to make your own Pokemon keychain. ✓ Learn to play and enjoy Pokemon trading card game! ✓ Enjoy PC game time (if there's time) \$50 Recommended for ages 7+	ELVISH EARS ✓ Learn how to take a plaster casting of your ear, then sculpt, mould & paint your very own wearable latex elvish ears. ✓ Enjoy PC game time (only if there's time to spare!) \$110 (total for 2 days) Recommended for ages 9+	MINIATURE BUILD & PAINT ✓ Learn how to build & paint your own miniature model to take home! ✓ Enjoy PC game time. \$50 Recommended for ages 8+	DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ✓ Let loose your creative imagination as our Dungeon Master takes you into the forgotten realms for an adventure! ✓ Enjoy PC game time. ✓ Pizza lunch provided. \$55 Recommended for ages 10+ <small>*Optional: Paint your own D&D miniature to take home for an additional \$15 *Note we require 3 participants to run this</small>	TERRAIN MAKING & ROCK MOULDING ✓ Create a miniature modular terrain using your imagination and techniques you will learn such as moulding a rock from plaster and applying clear resin. ✓ Enjoy PC game time (if there's time) \$55 Recommended for ages 8+	
ANZAC DAY! No program on this day.	ARTS, CRAFTS, & BOARD ✓ Learn how to illustrate your own Kaiju (or any giant monster of your choice) and get to use it afterwards in a game of Tokusai Boardgame! ✓ Enjoy making your own slime! \$50 Recommended for ages 8+	MAGIC: THE GATHERING ✓ Learn how to play Magic: The Gathering trading card game ✓ Enjoy PC game time. ✓ Pizza lunch provided. \$50 Recommended for ages 8+			


*Participants will be using some equipment and ingredients that they may be allergic to. Please advise us of any allergies.

APRIL HOLIDAYS

NVL DANCE CAMP

DANCE CAMP ENDS WITH A FINAL FUN SHOWCASE!

JAZZ
HIP HOP
ARTS & CRAFTS
MUSICAL THEATRE
LYRICAL CONTEMPORARY
ALL WORKING TOWARDS OUR END OF WEEK SHOWCASE



JOIN THE PARTY!

9-5PM EACH DAY
DROP OFF FROM 8.30AM

NORTH - TUES 19 - FRI 22 APRIL
27 APOLLO DR, MAIRANGI BAY

EAST - TUES 19 - THURS 21 APRIL
247 MOORE ST, HOWICK

\$240
4 DAYS

\$185
3 DAYS

SINGLE DAY CHARGE
9-3PM - \$65
9-5PM - \$75

NVL DANCE CAMP IS OPEN TO EVERYONE AGED 5-12 YEARS - BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES AND DISTANCING WILL BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES.

GET IN QUICK AS SPACES ARE LIMITED!
SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.NEVERLANDSTUDIOS.CO.NZ

PITA PIT LUNCH INCLUDED!

