



Week 10, Term 1  
5 April 2022

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau



*E te Ariki o te whakaaroa, God of mercy, pray for us.*

God gives all of us a personal invitation to follow him and desires that we maintain that beautiful and intimate relationship that he has personally called us into.

Last week I may have been a little hasty in my comments about how well our school has fared with Covid to date, whilst the student numbers remain somewhat steady, the number of our staff affected by Covid is increasing. We are blessed to have great relievers and are doing our very best to get to the start of the holidays without having to have classes learning from home. Please keep us in your prayers.

Mrs Lyn Ryan, our Board Chairperson shared this photo with us. It was taken during a walk through our school grounds. I thought it was very relevant during this time of Lent as we prepare ourselves for new beginnings, a fresh start, a more authentic relationship with Christ.



Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor, Principal

COVID-19 Update	CURRENT CASES OF COVID-19 IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY	CURRENT CASES OF ISOLATION IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY
	15	9

We pray for the families in our St John's whānau who are unwell and isolating.



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](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)) and arrange for payment of these items.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Parish Sacramental Programme

The preparation and presentation of children for the sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is the responsibility of their parents who are the primary educators of their children in their Catholic Faith. They are supported in this role by Sacramental Programmes run by the Parish.

### First Reconciliation



Over the last few weeks, a number of our children have participated in the Parish's Sacramental Programme and last Wednesday made their First Reconciliation. What a special step in their Sacramental journey. Liz George coordinates the Sacramental programme for East Coast Bays Parish. On behalf of the children and families, we thank Liz for her work in our Parish community. We also thank Beverley Harper and Anne Howard who, as parishioners, support Liz and give up their time to help.

### First Holy Communion

**Year 5** children who were unable to make their First Holy Communion due to Covid, are going to be doing their First Holy Communion in June. Please register **now** by emailing Liz George on [liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz).

**Year 4** children who have made their First Reconciliation will be doing their First Holy Communion in August. Registrations will be in August.

### 5th Week of Lent

*Tender and loving God, your gift of friendship lifts our hearts in hope and gratitude.*

*Our relationship with you calls us to relationships with our friends and with all those in our community.*

*Continue your friendship with us, Lord.*

*Lift us up and keep us faithful in friendship to one another and that your healing ways may shine through in the world.*

*Amen*



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

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Every year we review and report to the diocese on our Special Catholic Character.

We have received the following feedback from the Catholic Schools Office which we would like to share with you. We thank our DRS, Mrs Laura Baddeley and our Proprietor Representatives from the school board for their work in preparing this report.

*“Catholic education is above all, a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others. Your governance role is instrumental in realising this Mission and providing support to create a vibrant faith community where students and their family/whānau receive an excellent Catholic education. Your report highlights how each of the school values has been lived out over the 2020-2021 period. Covid-19 has had a huge impact on the normal functioning of the school and its community over this time. Your report details the many ways in which staff, students and their families have been supported in innovative and meaningful ways to traverse the difficulties they have had to face. It is truly impressive.*

*You have continued to maintain a close and positive relationship with the parish and your new parish priest. You have highlighted many ways in which this relationship enhances and strengthens the Catholic Character of your school. With strong and faith-filled leaders guiding each arm; the parish, the Board and the School, the school can only continue to grow and strengthen its Catholic Character.*

*Your positive efforts and ongoing commitment as a board are evident in the life and vibrancy of your school. You work hard to develop and progress the Catholic Character of your school. Thank you for the important part you each play in safeguarding Catholic Education.”*

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## PTFA Annual General meeting – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 7.00pm in the school staff room.

As restrictions ease, the PTFA are starting to think (excitedly) about ways to get us together socially as a community... and to make sure our kids have some cool events to look forward to.

Why not be part of the fun and come along to our AGM on May the 3<sup>rd</sup>? We'll have wine and cheese on offer and would love to hear your ideas and thoughts. As it's the AGM we're also taking nominations for the following roles:

- LEAD TALKER** commonly known as a Chairperson, someone who can chair the meetings and take charge where needed.
- LEAD NOTE TAKER** commonly known as a Secretary. Someone who can take minutes of the meeting and deal with any incoming correspondence.
- LEAD MONEY COUNTER** commonly known as a Treasurer, someone who will look after the PTFA Bank Accounts, bank money & reconcile the accounts.

Please email [ptfa@simb.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@simb.school.nz) with your nomination or pop along to the meeting to offer your support.

There are also a few pop-up jobs that would be perfect for anyone who is keen to help with a one-off event. These include the ANNUAL KIDS DISCO, the PARENTS NIGHTS, SCHOOL BBQ'S and one-off fundraising events.

We look forward to seeing you!  
Rachael O'Brien – PTFA committee Chairperson

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## 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, 14<sup>th</sup> April and re-opens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

**Board** – The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.

**PTFA** – Hopefully our first face to face meeting in Term 2 will be on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the staff room (government restrictions permitting). This meeting will also include the AGM.

**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@simb.school.nz](mailto:michelen@simb.school.nz) as soon as possible.

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## HAUORA WELLBEING

We are all aware of feeling stress or know of someone who tells you they are feeling stressed. The Neurological Foundation, is a NZ charity researching neurological conditions such as Alzheimer's etc. Their website has five tips for reducing stress which we can all try, do one today!

<https://neurological.org.nz/news/five-ways-to-reduce-stress/>



The next second-hand school uniform sale will be held **THIS Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 – 3.00pm** in the school hall. CASH ONLY.

This is the perfect time to sell or purchase winter uniform ready for Terms 2 & 3. Items for sale can be dropped off at the school office during office hours. A sale form (available on the school website [here](#)) should be included.

If you are in need of specific items our parent co-ordinator Fran Gilchrist, can be reached via email at [fkilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:fkilchrist@gmail.com) or Tel: 021 488 279.

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## 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.simb.school.nz](http://www.simb.school.nz)



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

Contact ▾

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

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.

## MESSAGES FOR THE CHILDREN OF UKRAINE

Our Year 6 children in Room 5 have been learning about Refugees and have written some messages for the children of Ukraine who are coming to live in Aotearoa. We wish the Ukrainian children well and hope they love living in New Zealand as much as we do.

Ngā mihi, - Room 5 & Mrs Perry



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## WORD OF THE WEEK

**hararei** Meaning 'holiday'

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Kupu o te Wiki

## 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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 non-uniform clothing.

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## CONGRATULATIONS



**Isla McQueen** – PoD Splash Polo (great attacking & staying strong when you got hurt)

### Splash Polo News!

*Very many congratulations to our **Year 3, SJMB Dolphins** who are through to the final this Sunday as the undefeated champions of their first season playing Splash Polo!*

*The team are very excited and have all been training hard. They even gathered before their semi-final game on Sunday night and prayed to God that they would all try their best.*

*We are very proud of how hard the team has worked, and how much they have learnt and been great team players.*

Report from Mrs Michelle Burdett







# LIBRARY NEWS



Lovely seeing **Room 3's Class Library visit** with the children making the hard decisions of which books to issue and the class librarians doing their job so diligently.



The children really enjoy being able to take up to five books out during the week. First, though, they must make the decision of how many books they think they will be able to read in a week? It is delightful watching the children choose their books and how many. We currently have just under 800 books issued to our students and teachers.



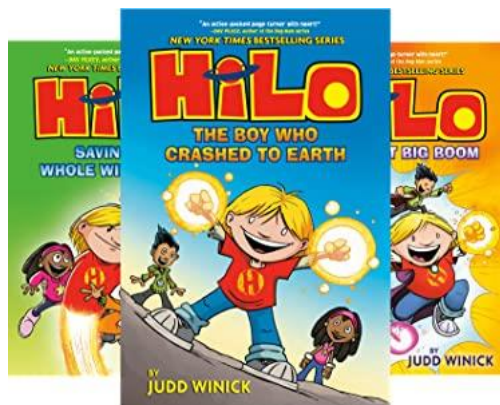
## New Books in the library

This week we have added more books to a graphic novel series in the library - HiLo.

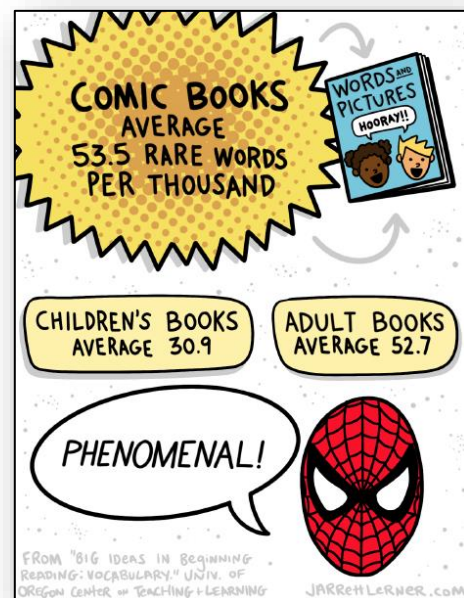
We now have the first seven books in this series.

Watch creator Judd Winick introduce the series [here](#)

**Take off on an action-packed adventure with HILO Book 1! Dog Man meets Big Nate in this hilarious *New York Times* bestselling graphic novel series!**



*BOOM! CLANG! CRASH! D.J. and Gina are totally ordinary kids. But Hilo isn't! Hilo just fell out of the sky and doesn't know where he came from, or what he's doing on Earth, (or why going to school in only your underwear is a BAD idea!) But UH-OH, what if Hilo wasn't the only thing to fall to our planet? Can the trio unlock the secrets of Hilo's past? Can Hilo survive a day at school? Find out in HILO-a laugh-out-loud, epic story of friendship! Adventure! And the occasionally mutant space robot.*



Two of our new Student Librarian Technicians, Maria Hale (Rm 6) and DeAngelo Alsabie (Rm 5) have recently interviewed Mrs Mountjoy to find out what book she was reading and why. They asked her to describe the book and whether she was enjoying it. You can watch their interview [here](#).

I look forward to seeing more interviews of other staff members by our wonderful Student Librarians.

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



## PARISH NEWS



**Tuesday Morning Catch-up:** Join us at the White Flower Café any Tuesday between 9.30 & 11.00am if anyone would like to join us. This is an opportunity just to meet socially and chat. Email Liz for more information.

**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](mailto: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



*This week the angel award goes to... Bev & Anne for all their help throughout the Reconciliation classes, to Laura and Helen and especially to the families for their prayerful participation*

## PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI – COMMUNITY NOTICES

**GAME ROOST**  
COLLECTIBLES • GAMES • HOBBIES

*A Fantasy filled...*

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**19th - 22nd April**  
**26th - 29th April**  
**9am - 3pm**

Early drop-off & late pick-up option available!

**BOOK NOW!**  
33F TRITON DRIVE,  
ROSEDALE, AUCKLAND  
[team@gameroost.co.nz](mailto:team@gameroost.co.nz)  
0211858188

**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!

ELYVISH EARS  
POKEMON  
ILLUSTRATION & BOARD GAMES  
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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS  
SLIME MAKING  
TERRAIN MAKING

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## Kids Choice

Autumn Holiday Programme  
18th April to 29th April 2022

Church Hall  
Presbyterian Church  
10 Penzance Road  
MAIRANGI BAY

Open daily : 7am - 6pm

Contact : Barb 027 440 6363

or

09 478 3705

Email : kids.choice@infogen.net.nz

www.kidschoice.co.nz

WINZ SUBSIDY APPROVED

Application forms available from Barb or Tash

\$ 60 Full day

\$ 55 Full day

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Mon 18th

Easter Monday

NO  
PROGRAMME

Tue 19th

Easter Tuesday

NO  
PROGRAMME

Wed 20th

Sailing, Maritime Museum & Alberton



Thurs 21st

Fish & Cats



Fri 22nd

Tech Day



Mon 25th

ANZAC DAY

NO  
PROGRAMME

Tue 26th

Movies, ANZAC Arts & Crafts



Wed 27th

Magic Loft



Thurs 28th

Sculptureum



Fri 29th

Cup cakes, Pizza & Party





放課後アドベンチャークラブ

# After School ADVENTURE QUEST CLUB

STARTS 3rd MAY  
3:30pm - 5:30pm  
Late pick up option available.

## TRADING CARD GAME TUESDAYS

Enjoy playing famous trading card games like Magic: The Gathering and Pokemon. Battle and trade cards with others!  
No experience required.

**3rd May - 5th July**  
**\$15 per session**

**BONUS:**  
Get a 10% discount on MTG boosters to be opened & used during the session.

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



## WARHAMMER WEDNESDAYS

Build and paint a Warhammer miniature to take home each week! Learn the tricks & techniques and have fun along the way!

**4th May - 6th July**  
**\$20 per session**  
(or \$10 per session - BYO miniature & paints)



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS THURSDAYS

The world's most famous fantasy tabletop roleplaying game, adventure awaits in the Forgotten Realms!

**5th May - 7th July**  
**\$18 per session\***

**UPGRADE:**  
Get your own D&D miniature and paint with any of the paints in our library for just \$15!

\*Note that we need at least 5 participants to run the D&D club.



ONE LOCATION FOR A  
WORLD OF THRILLS!

THRILL  
ZONE

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Keep your kids busy with fun times at Thrillzone!

**19th April to 1st May 2022**

Buy your \$35 pass for our school holiday program today! Keep your  
kids busy with fun activities.  
Offer valid for online bookings only.

### AUCKLAND

VR Horse Ride/ 360 VR  
Hologate VR  
Race Car Simulator

**Book Now**

# HOLYMOLY

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES 2022

**3.15 to 4.30pm Mondays**

**Where** – Waterwise Boat shed (behind Milford Primary – end of Otakau)  
**Cost** - \$179 term **Ages** - 5 -11yr **When** – Start- May 9th (8 weeks)



**TERM 2 – ART** Every term is different.

**POTTERY** – Clay based projects, Hard fired, acrylic painted, sculptural and artistic.  
**FABRIC CRAFT** – Art with Fabric. Sewing also. From landscapes to teddies!  
**ART** - 2D large art works, using charcoal, ink, pastel, paint, watercolor etc.

**www.holymoly.co.nz**

All enquires go through Yolande, and not the school. Thank You.

**YOLANDE LIGHT 0274 230 173**  
**yoly@holymoly.co.nz**

### HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS.

**9am to 3pm Art all day!**

**Cost** - \$60 day **Where** – Waterwise boatshed - Milford  
**Ages** - 5-12yr Boys & girls. **When** - April 19, 20, 26 & 27th.

**BEAUTIFUL . FUN . NURTURING**