



Week 11, Term 1  
12 April 2022

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau



This Sunday Bishop Michael celebrated Palm Sunday Mass on Waiheke. Glenn and I had our grandchildren with us for the weekend and were so thrilled when Bishop asked our little grandson, Joseph, to assist him with blessing of the palms. This started a great conversation on the way home about the story of Palm Sunday. It never ceases to amaze me how much children love to hear stories about Jesus and just how well they comprehend. Currently the children will be learning about Holy Week in class so it is the perfect time to continue these conversations at home with your children. A really special time.



*"Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross."*

This will be our final newsletter for Term 1. It has been a great term, one where I think we have all learnt to adjust and make the most of every situation. I wish to thank our staff for their resourcefulness and flexibility and our children for their endless joy regardless of the situation. I also thank you, our community, for supporting us with the many changes that have taken place this term.

A highlight for me last week was being able to go and visit our Year 5 classes at the Millennium. This trip had to be postponed due to a Covid outbreak so we were thrilled that it could finally go ahead. It was such pleasure to watch our children navigate a kayak in the swimming pool (quite hard in a confined space I thought), climb a rock wall and work as team to solve physical problems. They had such fun and it is a great build up to the Year 6 camp the following year. Many thanks to the parents who supported this event.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Easter and safe and happy term break.

God bless,  
Viki Trainor – Principal

## COVID-19 Update

CURRENT CASES OF  
COVID-19  
IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY

8

CURRENT CASES OF  
ISOLATION  
IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This week is Holy Week.

The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. You see it at the front of the church. The candle is lit during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night in Holy Week.

The pure beeswax, of which the candle is made, represents the sinless Christ. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body.

Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.





Cross outside Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.  
(Photo by Jay Blossom)

### A PRAYER FOR Holy Week

BY JAY BLOSSOM

Jesus of Eden,  
You made our frail world, but we have despoiled what you made good.  
Yet what we have broken, you are renewing.

Jesus of Calvary,  
You know our deepest selves, our petty weaknesses and our gravest sins.  
Yet you forgive us our sins and restore our relationships.

Jesus of Gethsemane,  
You have washed our feet; now empower us to wash the feet of those we do not understand. You have fed us with spiritual food; now strengthen us to feed those we cannot love on our own. You allowed yourself to be crucified; now enable us to go with you:  
As you are lifted up on the awful tree,  
And as you overcome death,  
And as you rise to new life again.

Spirit of Pentecost,  
Send us out into the world to walk in your ways, to welcome the stranger,  
to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep,  
And always, everywhere, and in all things to give thanks.

Amen.

## The Stations of the Cross

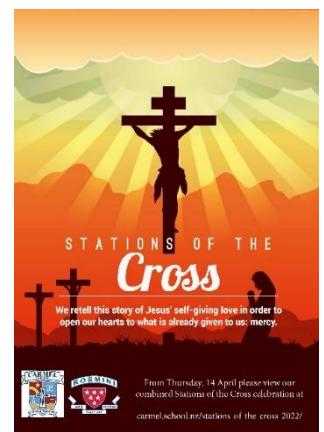
1. Jesus is condemned to death	2. Jesus takes up His cross
3. Jesus falls the first time	4. Jesus meets His mother
5. Simon helps Jesus carry the cross	6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls the second time	8. Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls the third time	10. Jesus is stripped of His clothing
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross	12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross	14. Jesus is buried in the tomb

Each year Carmel and Rosmini Colleges hold a joint Stations of the Cross re-enactment by their senior students, accompanied by their combined choir and orchestra. It is very powerful to see their young adults share in this long-standing Catholic Tradition.

This year due to the Covid restrictions they are going to pre-record and release it online to the community on Holy Thursday. We would like to invite all our families in our community to watch this event.

Follow this link: [carmel.school.nz/stations-of-the-cross-2022/](https://carmel.school.nz/stations-of-the-cross-2022/)

Good Friday is the traditional time for Stations of the Cross and we understand that some families may not be able to attend their usual Stations or Good Friday service in their parish this year, so this could be another way to mark this important time in our Church calendar.



Ngā mihi, Laura Baddeley – Director of Religious Studies





## 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@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@sjmb.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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## DATES FOR TERM 2, 2022

Below are some key dates for this term. 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
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Hearing & Vision Technician on site
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Science Roadshow for senior students
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Teacher Only Day – school closed
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – school closed
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Mass for St John the Baptist – TBC
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St John the Baptist
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki Public Holiday – school closed
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Teacher Conferences – school closes at 12.00 noon
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 2 ends at the usual time of 2.50pm

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## WRITERS CORNER

### GOLD DREDGES.

What is a gold dredge?

A gold dredge is a machine that puts pipes in the ground and uses air to pull out mud, dirt, soil, and rocks. Then the machine has to identify the gold from in the rocks and mud. Then it will separate the gold and the mud, and you will end up with a ton of mud, stone, soil and dirt on the other side of the dredge. It will end up looking like this



## How does the dredge work?

After the other paragraph, you are probably wondering how these big water machines work. It's actually quite interesting. So those people that don't like boring facts, don't give up on me just yet because I am about to tell you how these work.

To start off they use strong air to suck in everything that is nearby the pipe. After that, it gets pushed on a conveyor, which then leads up to a box that weighs the dirt. It can sense gold is heavy, but mud and dirt is not heavy at all. So then how does it get the gold out? It will move the pile out on to land where people will manually dig the gold.

*Finn Brannigan, Room 1, Year 5*



## LIBRARY NEWS



I would like to wish all our lovely families a very Happy Easter! I hope that you can take some time to relax and enjoy the days by reading a great book with your children.

**The tamariki from Room 8, Karo and Room 9, Pohutukawa enjoy reading and sharing some books in the library during their library time.**



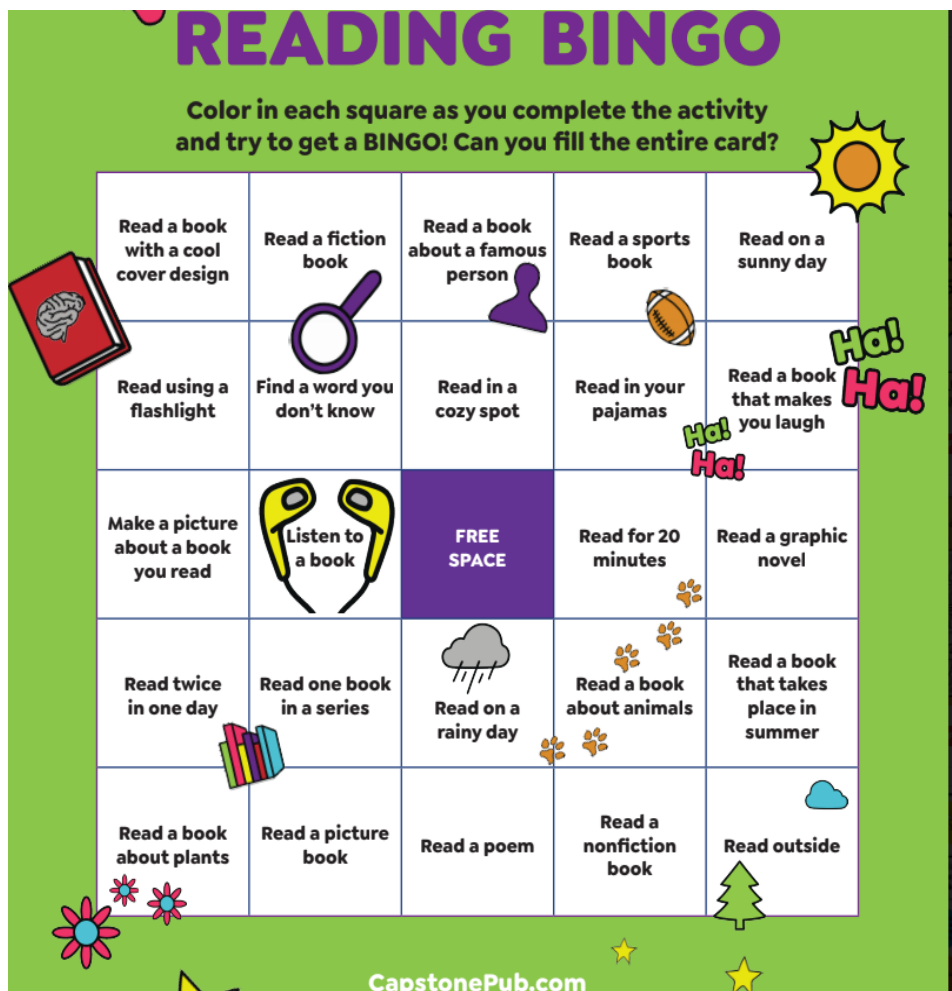
The unexpected hit of last week is a book that arrived in the post on Monday morning and was read to classes during their library time. It is a beautifully detailed illustrated book.



### **The Eight Gifts of Te Wheke by Steph Matuku and illustrated by Laya Mutton-Rogers**

Tamati and his little sister, Aria, are playing on the beach when Aria hurts herself and can't stop crying. Te Wheke, an octopus, hears her and says he can help. But he tricks Tamati by throwing him a gold coin and a shiny pearl, and while both Tamati's hands are full, he snatches Aria. To save his sister, Tamati devises a plan to give the octopus eight gifts - one for each of its arms - so that he is forced to let go of Aria to hold them all. With the last gift, though, he tricks the octopus, throwing a snare that wraps around its body, and Tamati, Aria and Mum capture Te Wheke.

Here is a little holiday activity should you need any reading inspiration!



To listen to a book you can use the Libby App

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Ngā mihi, Chantelle Dunn - Library Manager

[Library@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:Library@sjmb.school.nz)

## GARDEN TO TABLE

With our Garden to Table programme getting into full swing from the beginning of Term 2, the Year 6 children have been helping me plant our winter seedlings, feed our worms, and collect seeds from our summer crops. **We are very short of potting mix, compost, and soil in general so if anyone has any lying around at home that you no longer need [donations](#) would be gratefully accepted.**



Ange Moore – Garden Specialist



## HAUORA WELLBEING

Looking for some fun, free activities including learning to ride a bike or E-bike, walking the sculpture trail in the Botanic Gardens, or following the Panmure Basin Pirate trail, then follow this link for the details.

<https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/events/>



## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Aranga** Meaning 'Easter'

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 must bring a change of non-uniform clothing.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Teresa Rotaeché** – Tennis, Graduated from Mission 2 to Mission 3



### Splash Polo

Congratulations to our Dolphins, Kingfish, Stingrays and Orcas teams on their outstanding Term 1 Splash Polo results. Many thanks to our coaches and managers and parents. St John's continues to perform strongly in this sport due to your continued support and the enthusiasm of our players.

**Just a reminder that registrations for Terms 2 and 3 for all players are due TODAY.** Any forms not already returned to the office may be e-mailed to Karen Dorrington ([Karend@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:Karend@sjmb.school.nz)) or returned to the school office before end of school tomorrow.

Thank you, Leanne Deuchrass – Splash Polo Parent co-ordinator



*"On Sunday our children played a wonderful final game against Murray's Bay. Before our game we did our team prayer then we also had a special video call and prayer from Father Emile. Unfortunately, we didn't take home the gold, but we only lost by one point! Dave has agreed to coach our team again next term and on Saturday he had a Player of the Day trophy made for our team! It was awarded to **Oonagh Burns** for her great throwing arm during the game. We are also delighted to have Michelle managing our team again."*

Report from Ricky Curteis



## Te Whau Pathway Competition Winner

As part of Auckland's Level 4 Delta Lockdown, the Trust ran a Design a T-Shirt Competition in support of World Car Free Day. The winner, Bonnie Davey, was announced on World Car Free Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The judges thought her design had clear messaging and they liked that it featured the pathway. Bonnie won her design on a t-shirt and two for her friends.

Bonnie said, "I designed a t-shirt, which was a little bit difficult since I could only use three colours. I created a simple drawing, coloured it in and sent a picture to Te Whau Pathway. Then a few weeks later, I found out I had won! I have finally got my prize after winning the competition".

<https://tewhaupathway.org.nz/event-gallery/design-a-t-shirt-competition/>



## 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.

**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



### **EASTER SERVICES - limit of 200 people for each service.**

<b>Holy Thursday 14th April:</b>	<b>7.00pm</b> - Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Francis
<b>Good Friday 15th April:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Stations of the Cross - St. John's Church
	<b>3.00pm</b> - The Passion of Our Lord - St. Francis
	<b>3.00pm</b> - <b>The Passion of Our Lord - St. John's Church</b>
<b>Holy Saturday 16th April:</b>	<b>7.30pm</b> - Vigil Mass - St. John's Church
<b>Easter Sunday - 17th April:</b>	<b>7.30am</b> - Mass - St. Francis Church
	<b>9.00am</b> - Mass - St. John's Church
	<b>10.30am</b> - Mass - St. Francis Church



**HAPPY EASTER FROM YOUR  
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## Kids Choice

*Autumn Holiday Programme  
18th April to 29th April 2022*

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Presbyterian Church  
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**WINZ SUBSIDY APPROVED**

Application forms available from Barb or Tash

## SUPPORT ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE

During the month of April, St John will be appealing to the public to show their hearts of gold by supporting its [Annual Appeal](#). It is centred on raising much needed funds for the emergency ambulance service, which has experienced a significant increase in demand over the past year and needs your help more than ever. Proceeds will help provide our frontline teams with ambulances and lifesaving equipment.



## KUMON Free Trial – May 2022

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

19th - 22nd April

26th - 29th April

9am-3pm

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

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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!

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