

Week 1, Term 2 03 May 2022



e Reo o te Rui a o Hato Hoari

The voice of St John's School



Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei Seek the treasure that you value most dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

Kia ora whānau

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I do hope you have had a lovely break with your children. Glenn and I had the family over to Waiheke for the first week which we always love and then embarked on a little road trip to New Plymouth. We had never spent time in New Plymouth and really enjoyed it. Mount Taranaki was stunning, I took this photo from just below the first hut.

Orange Setting

We have come back to school at Orange setting which is great. Below are the key differences for our school:

- 1. Mask wearing, whilst encouraged indoors, has become **optional** for all year levels.
- 2. Parents are welcome back on site; however, I am kindly requesting that while Covid numbers remain high that you refrain from entering the classrooms unless necessary or with prior arrangement. This is to hopefully keep our teachers extra safe by minimising the adults present in the room, so we can continue to keep our classes running. Once Covid numbers drop this will be revised as we really do look forward to having our community fully involved once again.
- 3. Drinking fountains have been turned back on for our children to use.
- 4. End of day pick up procedures are back to normal. The children will independently make their way to the various pickup points. Alternatively, you are welcome to collect them from outside their classrooms.

The most important message being that if your child is unwell, please keep them home.

Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor, Principal

DATES FOR TERM 2, 2022

Below are some key dates for this term, please note these may be subject to change or cancellation. 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 th May	Hearing & Vision Technician on site
Tuesday, 24th May	Science Roadshow for senior students
Wednesday, 25th May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Friday, 3 rd June	Teacher Only Day – school closed
Monday, 6 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – school closed
Thursday, 23 rd June	School Mass for St John the Baptist (9.15am)
Friday, 24 th June	Feast of St John the Baptist
Friday, 24 th June	Matariki Public Holiday – school closed
Tuesday, 28 th June	Parent Teacher Conferences – school closes at 12.00 noon
Friday, 8 th July	Term 2 ends at the usual time of 2.50pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are excited to be joining together with our Parish this term for Masses. We look forward to welcoming back our two lovely Parish Priests for classroom Priest visits. This week, we wish Fr. Alejandro a very Happy Birthday!

	Date	Mass
Week 6	8 th June (9.15am)	Liston House Mass
Week 8	23 rd June (9.15am)	St John the Baptist Whole school Mass

This term the **Waitemata** team will be learning about God - Te Atua. Through this strand, the children will gain and apply knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values to understand and integrate into their lives:

- That people are created in the image and likeness of God and are called to believe in God, share in God's
 work of creation, as they build up the Kingdom or Reign of God on Earth as it is in Heaven, as members of
 the Catholic Church Katorika Te Whānau a Te Karaiti living according to the Principles of Catholic Social
 Teaching.
- That God's revelation began with creation, was continued through the history of Israel, and was revealed fully in Jesus Hehu, the Son of God.
- That God wants all people to be saved and through the Holy Spirit Te Wairua Tapu, God is at work in their histories and cultures, but most fully in Christ and His Church where they can encounter God Te Atua.

This term, the **Rangitoto** team will be learning about Jesus Christ - Hehu Karaiti. Through this strand, the children will gain and apply knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values to understand and integrate into their lives:

- That Jesus Hehu is God Atua, fully human and fully divine the second person of the Trinity.
- That Jesus' life, as Mātāmua firstborn, and Tuakana elder brother of all, is a model for all Christians.

Beginning of Term reflection

John (20:1-9) Early on Sunday morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him!" Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but



he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.) Then the disciples went back home.

The empty tomb is a busy place... not unlike here! People left, right and centre. The women running to share the news of Jesus' disappearance, the men running to verify their story, pressure to be there first! Everyone wondering where the heck they have 'put Him'. Confusion, cautious hope that Jesus may actually be alive, fear He has gone for good, the prophecy of Jesus and the earlier prophets all but forgotten.

We can take a moment to think about what this story we heard on Easter morning means for each of us... how it has changed our lives... who we are... what we believe... the hope we share.

God's Blessings, Laura Baddeley – DRS

NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

You are reminded that applications for New Entrant enrolment for next year (2023) will close on 31st August 2022. Children applying for enrolment after applications have closed for the forthcoming year will not be considered until the following year unless vacancies still exist on the roll after all previous applications have been accepted. If you have not yet made application for a New Entrant enrolment for 2023 then please email Michele Nash (MicheleN@sjmb.school.nz) for the application forms. Confirmation, or otherwise, of New Entrant enrolment will be sent to all applicants by mid-September 2022.

PTFA Annual General meeting – Thursday 12th May* 7.00pm in the school staff room.



*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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 children have some cool events to look forward to.

Why not be part of the fun and come along to our AGM on May the 12th? 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 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 CHILDREN'S DISCO, the PARENTS NIGHTS, SCHOOL BBQ'S and one-off fundraising events.

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

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 <u>full summer or winter uniform</u> 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.

<u> WINTER:</u>

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

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.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Ngahuru meaning 'Autumn'





SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held **THIS Thursday**, **5**th **May** in the school hall **From 2.30 – 3.00pm**, **CASH ONLY** please.

Please contact our parent co-ordinator, Francine Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279 or email: fkgilchrist@gmail.com if you have any specific requirements.

ATTENDANCE DUES: Providing for Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese

Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese.

Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools.

Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

2022	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$468	\$916
per term (incl. GST)	\$117	\$229

For more information:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/Compulsory-Chargesand-Contributions



CATHOLIC SPECIAL CHARACTER CONTRIBUTION: Supporting Catholic Education in our Schools



The Catholic Special Character contribution is used to fund the staff and services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board who are responsible, on behalf of the Proprietor, for safeguarding and strengthening the Catholic Special Character of our schools.

The contribution is \$12.50 per term per student or \$50 per student per year.

The contribution is tax deductible and a 33% refund can be claimed from the IRD.

For more information:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholiceducation-services/

Phone: (09) 3603091 Email: ces@cda.org.nz

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

We have a lovely new handrail to help us get up and down this very steep slope to and from the swimming pool.

Many thanks to Mr Paul Dixon for finding all the materials and to Mr Doug George for his skill and time assisting in completing this project. The Year 4 children were the first to test it out and gave it a 10/10!

Many of the staff have also expressed how happy they are to see this improvement.



We really appreciate it!





HAUORA WELLBEING

If your family might benefit from some professional assistance as 2022 progresses, then these organisations might be able to help - or refer you to another organisation that can meet your needs.

You can https://www.govt.nz/browse/family-and-whanau/separating-or-gettingcontact divorced/relationship-counselling/ for a list of local counsellors or visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau (in Takapuna, Glenfield, Birkenhead and Northcote and 29 other locations around Auckland) for agencies or counsellors in your neighbourhood.

If you have experienced domestic abuse or violence during this stressful time then specialist assistance is available for you, your children, and the perpetrator of the violence at https://www.2shine.org.nz/ or call the helpline on Tel: 0508 744633 (Seven days a week 9.00 – 11.00pm)

Shine provides specialist intervention including support for victims, and for children who have witnessed domestic abuse and a "No Excuses" 20 week stopping violence course for perpetrators for domestic abuse. Shine support staff can link you to other community services and government agencies. They can provide a safe house or refuge if you need it.

Or if you require more culturally specific assistance then you can contact https://shaktiinternational.org/. Shakti (meaning "strength") provides support and advice for women and children of Asian, African, and Middle Eastern origins including those living in fear or abuse.

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

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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, 200kg of tags are needed 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/

Over the holiday Mrs Bridges sorted the Bread Tags that the school has collected since the Auckland lockdown last year!

Red 856g Orange 781g Yellow 775g Green 900a Blue 800a Pink 873g White 1,940g

TOTAL 6.93 KILOGRAMS

Please only the colours and styles pictured here:





LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to Term Two! I hope that you all had a refreshing break and were able to sneak away to read a chapter or two of your latest read, or snuggle in a warm sunny spot to share a book with your children. Today I have been hearing about how many books our children have read during the break and I am AMAZED!! We have some prolific readers at our school, so good to see them devouring books.



When our students applied to be Librarians, they did not realise the job included putting together some flat pack furniture. They assembled two new picture book racks for our junior section of the library. It was very good to see them working together to solve this task. We were fortunate enough to have our caretaker, Mr Paul Dixon, turn Lynella into our expert assembler and she in turn assisted our Wednesday librarians to become experts too.





Scholastic Lucky Book Club

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HURRY, ENDS MIDNIGHT FRIDAY

SCHOLASTIC

The Lucky Book Club catalogues, Issue 3, will be coming home with children this week.

Kids READ MORE with Book Club!

May is <u>National Family Reading Month</u> and a fantastic time for students to READ MORE IN MAY! There is a fun reading log on the back page of this catalogue, and a challenge for the chance to **WIN book packs**!

Get \$5.00 off until Friday to celebrate National Family Reading Month

To encourage family reading and kick-off this exciting issue, Scholastic will be emailing parents registered with LOOP \$5.00 off when they use promo code *READEVERYDAY*. Valid on Issue 3 orders placed before midnight, **THIS Friday**, **6**th **May**.

The close off date for orders to be delivered to the school is Sunday, 15th May at 4.00pm. If you prefer for deliveries to be made to your home, with a shipping fee, please order between Tuesday, 17th May and Friday, 1st of July. All orders will benefit the school rewards program.

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

- #1 You need to register yourselves.
- #2 on the registration pages you need to add your child/ren
- #3 place order, making sure that you are ordering from Issue #3

Should you have any difficulty you can call the Scholastic book club line on Tel: 0800 266525

Comicfest - Saturday, 7th May



Some of you may want to register your interest for the free <u>Comicfest</u> that is online *THIS weekend*. They have an interesting line-up of events planned for the day.

Ngā mihi, Chantelle Dunn - Library Manager Library@sjmb.school.nz

CONGRATULATIONS

Lucy McQueen – Gymnast of the Term (Amazing work in Term 1)





Netball

On Sunday our St John's **Daisies** netball team took part in their first tournament and they all played so well. Teams involved in the tournament were from Years 4,5 and 6. Well done girls!

Report from Amanda Dixon-McIvor

FOUND

The items picture have recently been found on the school grounds, please contact office@sjmb.school.nz or Tel: 09 478 7734 and speak with Mrs Anneliese Bridges if you believe any of them may belong to you.







St John's is using the online 'shop' Kindo for additional charges for trips, stationery items, online learning subscriptions etc.

mykindo

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 children 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).

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Anneliese Bridges in the school office or if you have difficulties with the Kindo website their helpdesk is but a phonecall away (Freephone 0508 454 636).

TERMLY SCHOOL FEES will continue to be dealt with separately by Mrs Michele Nash, michelen@simb.school.nz and should be paid either via bank transfer (12-3042-0320348-00) referenced with your child's name and 'Fees', or via EFTPOS at the school office. Any families paying in instalments do not need to make any changes to arrangements already in place.

PARISH NEWS

ECB St. Vincent De Paul FOODBANK

Last year we gave out 91 food parcels plus 23 Christmas food & gift hampers. Our stocks are very low; we especially need **BAKED BEANS AND TINNED FISH**. 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



Society of St Vincent de Paul: If you have any clothing donations for the **Society of St Vincent de Paul,** please drop them off at the St Vincent de Paul Shop in 75 Ellice Road, Glenfield. Opening hours - Monday - Friday 9:30am to 4.00pm & Saturday 10.00am to 2.00pm.

DOVE Fellowship for Women meet Wednesday, 18th May, 7:30pm. St Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. Topic: Be His Light, Scripture: 2 Cor. 4:5-6 Speaker: Judy Olsen *Please wear a mask.*

For more information please contact Sylvia, Tel: 021 088 22990

De Paul House Vacancy for a caring & experienced community support worker/social worker to join their growing & passionate team. Ideally, you will have some experience in the community/social work sector, but if not, they would still love to hear from you if this is a career you want to pursue and you have the right 'can-do' attitude. Applications will remain open until the right candidate is hired. Visit: www.depaulhouse.org.nz/work-with-us then submit your CV & cover letter to admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

Catholic Education Services – Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor: Vacancy for a full time Religious Education & Catholic Character Advisor, starting Term 3. The role is to develop, strengthen & support the leadership role of the Directors of Religious Studies & HOD's Religious Education in Catholic Schools. The role will also provide professional development, formation, and resources for teachers in Religious Education and Catholic Special Character. Applicants will have a tertiary qualification in Religious Education or a commitment to undertake appropriate study, hold current NZ Teacher registration, interest in and experience in teaching religious education in Years 7 to 10, would be advantageous.

Please visit our website https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/ to view the full advert and to apply. Applications close 13th of May

COMMUNITY NOTICES



To Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends of families who drop off or pick up children at St. John's

CARPARKING AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

There are three alternative carpark areas for you to use.

1.





SCHOOL CARPARK

Access via
East Coast Road going
down the hill from
Rangitoto College

2. **CHURCH CARPARK** Access via Hastings Road Please do not use the Church driveway off East Coast Road.

Please use this carpark for long term parking only if you are using the Church or staying on at school after you have dropped your children off.

For short term drop off and pick up of children, parents are asked to use the School Carpark or the school side of St. Ives, Penzance or

3. Hastings Roads.







Hastings Road

Penzance Road

St. Ives Terrace

Children are not allowed in the carparks unless accompanied by an adult.

CHURCH CARPARK

Children wait by the church and must be collected from there.

PENZANCE / HASTINGS / ST IVES

Children wait at Penzance Road front gate and must be

collected from there.

SCHOOL CARPARK

Children will wait in the carpark shelter.

<u>Parents using the No Parking Pick Up / Drop Off Circular Zone :</u> Children will be able to move to your car via the footpath at the instruction of the Duty Teacher. If using this service you are **not permitted to leave your car.**

SOME FINAL MATTERS

- 1. Cars are prohibited from parking in the circular drop off and pick up area of the School Carpark and along the driveway to the carpark.
- 2. Please obey the signs and yellow 'No Parking' lines.
- 3. Drive slowly and safely in all carpark areas.
- 4. Use the DISABLED park only if you can display a disability parking pass.
- 5. Access to the school via the Penzance Road entrance is prohibited.
- 6. The School Carpark will be closed after 4pm and on the weekends.

SCHOOL CAR PARK AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

THE CIRCLE

- There is space for 6 cars in the circle. Cars are to move forward to fill all 6 spaces.
- You may not park and exit your vehicle if in the circle area.
- As cars leave the circle, move forward to the front of the circle; It should always be full.
- 'After School Care' vans park in a parking space while waiting for the children.



PARKING

- It's best to arrive at school between 2.30 2.45pm if you wish to park.
- Fill car parks from the top (near circle) back. Do not leave gaps, as these will be difficult for others to access once the queue moves into the car park.
- If you arrive at school after 2.45pm and all spaces are full, please join the queue, or find alternative parking.



THE QUEUE

- If you arrive at school prior to 2.45pm, and the circle is full, and you are not parking, stop and queue just before the car parks begin.
- The car park is usually mostly full by 2.45pm. Once all parking sports are full waiting cars may move up to the circle
- No pushing in/cutting in front of first car in queue unless parking.
- Those in the queue, please keep in mind those queued right back to the entrance so move forward as soon as is appropriate.



- If the queue is right out to the entrance,
 please consider looking for alternative parking elsewhere to minimize the blocking of traffic coming down the hill.
- Do not use the right turn into the drive if driving north up East Coast Road if cars are already queued up to the entrance as this blocks the vision of those trying to exit.

DRIVING OUT

 Cars driving in (queuing) please be aware of parked cars wanting to leave and leave room for them to do so.



and a final reminder...



and please watch your speed!