



Week 3, Term 2
17 May 2022



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

Kia ora whānau,

*"We can really call ourselves Christian's when we learn to love
without counting the cost and expect nothing in return".*



This quote may well apply to our great PTFA who met in person for the first time in many months last Thursday. It was wonderful to share the evening with this dedicated group of parents who give so willingly of their time and energy to our school. My thanks to them as their fundraising efforts ensure that our tamariki have access to so many extra resources.



Disability carpark in the church grounds

Please do not use the disability carpark in the Church carpark as it is designated for those who have a permit and real need to park there. We currently have some families who genuinely need to use this space, so please be considerate of them.

Ngā mihi nui,
Viki Trainor, Principal

The next **Board meeting** will be on Thursday, 26th May at 6.30pm in the Staff room

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Thursday, many of our Support Staff are attending a Support Staff Day led by the Diocese. This special day is a way for us to say, 'Thank you' for all that our wonderful Support Staff do for our tamariki, teachers and school community.

*Te Atua, we lift up to You our support staff in our school.
We thank you for each one of them as we are so grateful for
all they do behind the scenes.
Remind them of the key role they play in the lives of students.
Help them be a light in a dark world.
Give them the energy to face daily challenges and
give them rest before they return each day. Amen*



HAUORA WELLBEING



There are tips and tricks to ensure our own wellbeing and that of those around us that we care for. Check out these services, apps or agencies who might be able to provide the support you and your loved ones need.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/covid-19-mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources>

<https://www.nzdoctor.co.nz/article/new-digital-tools-ramp-mental-wellbeing-support>

<https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/apps/m/mental-health-and-wellbeing-apps-overview/>

NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

ALL children should now be in FULL winter uniform including winter school shoes (NOT trainers) and black knee-high socks.



Additionally,

- 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.**

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 from the school office in Terms 2 and 3 for \$12.50 (EFTPOS & cash accepted). Mum and Dad may want one too! They come in three colours as pictured.

WORD OF THE WEEK

makariri meaning 'cold'

Kupu o te Wiki



ST JOHN'S ALUMNI

Are you a past pupil of St John's school in Mairangi Bay? Perhaps your children attended St. John's? Would you like to be kept up-to-date with what is happening at the school and receive notifications of any fundraisers?

The St John's PTFA are looking to put together a contact list of St John's Alumni. If you would like to be included in this list and to receive notifications of what's happening within the school in a quarterly newsletter please contact: ptfa@sjmb.school.nz and let us know your full name, your years of attendance/association with the school and your contact email address.

BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR TONGA

In early 2022, Tonga was hit by a devastating volcanic eruption and tsunami. Our Young Mackillops invite you to join us in a Blues rugby initiative that supports the people of Tonga rebuild their communities. **Please place your pre-loved sports shoes (all sizes welcome – children & adults) that are in good condition into the shoe bin that will be in the office. We will need the laces tied please before donating so we can keep pairs together.**



Blues players Karl Tu'inukuafe, Ofa Tu'ungafasi, Maiakawanakaulani Roos & James Lay are leading this year's **Blues Best Foot Forward - For Tonga** campaign which aims to help make a difference to the youth in Tonga impacted by the recent events.

Their aim is to help bring some normality to our Tongan whānau the best way we know how. Through sport. Their mission is to collect **20,000** pairs of pre-loved shoes and sporting equipment through the support of our community.

See the [website](#) for further details.

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

Andrea Moore, our amazing garden specialist was inspired by a visit to a well-established Garden To Table set up at Forrest Hill School last week. She has got lots of plans for our school gardens and would like to start potting more plants with the students to get them ready to plant out in the summer. We are short of potting mix at the moment. If you have any part used or full bags in your shed that you would like to donate to our programme, we would be very grateful. We have guidelines for the safe handling of potting mix from the GTT resources, you can see copies of this on the classroom walls and in the potting shed!

Thank you for the kind donation of seedlings from one of our hard-working volunteers last week too, we welcome any seeds or seedlings of plants that will provide edible crops.

If anyone has some large containers or any vessel that could be used as a small garden we would appreciate it as well as wood for building new gardens.

This week the Year 4, 5 and 6 classes have been watering and planting silverbeet, broccoli and leeks in the garden.

The students have been cooking delicious, sweet waffles in the kitchen that have been eaten with fruit salad and the ever-popular spiced mandarin syrup. Some classes have made pesto with the harvest of basil growing in the garden too.

Jill Marsh (Waitematā Team Leader) and Andrea Moore (Garden Specialist)



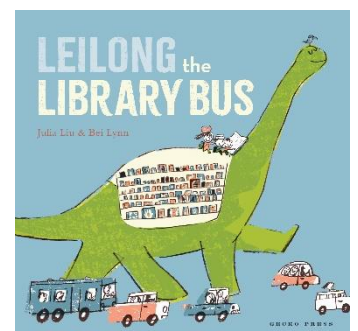
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This month's schools and libraries giveaway from Gecko Press is a copy of picture book *Leilong the Library Bus* written by Julia Liu and illustrated by Bei Lynn

A library-loving dinosaur reminds us how it feels to be transported by story in this picture book for young children.

To enter, [Email us](#) at Gecko Press with 'Library Bus' in the subject line and include your postal address.

Your entry will go into a prize draw and Gecko Press will pick a winner at random after the closing date of Monday, 30th May, 2022.





LIBRARY NEWS



Student Librarians as Storytellers and the Library at Lunchtime



Calling out to our lovely St John's family. If anyone has access to leftover business promotional materials that would be suitable for children, that they are willing to donate to the school library to use as

spot prizes, these would be used to encourage Reading for Pleasure in our tamariki.




Scholastic orders now closed for delivery to school and now open for delivery to home for Lucky Book Club issue 3.



WINTER BUGS

As we move into winter, and the season of coughs and colds, we remind you that any absentees should be reported to the school office as soon as you are aware that your child is not well enough to attend school.

You can notify an absence either by:

- Phoning (09 478 7734) and leaving a message (OPTION 1) with your child's name, room number and the reason for their absence.
- Alternatively, you may notify the office using the button  on the front page of the school website. www.sjmb.school.nz
- You can also notify the school via the Skool Loop app.



Ministry of Health guidelines, in the case of vomiting and diarrhoea, are that you keep your child away from school for 24hrs following the last episode. In the case of Impetigo (School Sores) your child should have begun a course of antibiotics before returning.

CONGRATULATIONS

Xavier Hayward – runner up PoD for the ECB Barracudas U7's (Rugby League)

Lauren Graham – Netball PoD

Jayden Ip – Basketball PoD

Ruby Beresford-Huey-Kher – Netball PoD

Caoimhe Hehir – Netball Coaches award

Orlaith Burns – Hockey PoD

Toby Allen – Hockey PoD



HOCKEY UMPIRES NEEDED

Due to the pandemic, North Harbour Hockey have advised there is likely to be a shortfall of umpires for the Primary and Intermediate competitions this winter. They are calling for anyone who is interested in umpiring hockey games at this level to register and be available on a Monday (Primary) and/or Tuesday (Intermediate) after school. If interested, please use this [link](#) to the Junior Umpire registration page. Hockey umpires will be paid.



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



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@sjmb.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



The **Parish Community Care Group** is available to help parishioners access support to enhance their social and emotional wellbeing. If you would like to be contacted, please email liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz

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**



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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



NORTH HARBOUR SCHOOLS SOFTBALL FUNDAMENTALS

Our fundamentals program takes place at the school grounds making it easy for children and parents to access. These sessions take place at lunchtime or after school, depending on what has been organised with the school. During each session, the children will work on the various skill sets involved with softball. The skills are learnt through interactive exercises and games that help the children stay engaged and have fun. The children will be taught by experienced/qualified coaches who are passionate about the sport and the children have a positive experience.

7 week programme starting...

- Huapai District School - Monday 9th of May 3pm
- Whenuapai School - Monday 9th of May 3:15pm
- Manuka Primary (Softball/Football) - Tuesday 10th of May 12:30pm
- Sherwood School - Tuesday 10th of May 3:15pm
- Westminster Christian School - Tuesday 10th of May 3:15pm
- Forrest Hill Primary School - Wednesday 11th of May 12:45pm
- Sunnybrae School - Wednesday 11th of May 3:15pm
- Vauxhall Primary School - Wednesday 11th of May 3pm
- Orewa Beach Primary School - Wednesday 11th of May 3:15pm
- Kingsway Junior Campus - Thursday 12th of May 3:15pm
- Silverdale Primary School - Thursday 12th of May 3:15pm

Click on the school to register

Harbour Softball is delivering the Softball Fundamentals Afterschool Programme in Term 2. They are offering this programme in several school venues (Primary & Intermediate).

These programmes are run after-school over a 7-week period per term (started last week).

- Cost is \$60.00 for 7 weeks
- All gear supplied by North Harbour Softball for the sessions
- Sessions are run by North Harbour Softball qualified coaches

The Primary schools who are running the programmes during term 2 are on the attached flyer with registration links for parents to register their children.

If any of our St Johns families wish for their child to attend any of the afternoon programmes, please see the attached flyer and enrol your child. Although the programme started last week, there are still spaces available. Once you sign up and register you will then be sent a confirmation email, with an invoice for the cost of the remaining sessions, plus the account number details.