



Week 4, Term 2
24 May 2022

NEWSLETTER

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

REMINDER... Our school will be closed:

Friday, 3rd June due to a Teacher Only Day
Monday, 6th June due to the Queen's Birthday public holiday.

Kia ora whānau



Yesterday we held a pōwhiri to welcome our new families and our special visitor, Louise Malins from the Education Review Office (ERO). Our Year 6 children and our Kapa Haka attended. They performed whaikorero and waiata beautifully. I wish to thank our teachers and our Māori whānau for supporting our students so well. It was such a pleasure to welcome our new whānau and I look forward to getting to know them all.

Ms Malins will be working alongside our school for a period of time. The Education Review Office (ERO) has changed the way in which they evaluate schools. In the past, two Review

Officers would visit the school once every three years or so for a few days to evaluate practice and process. They would then provide the school with a report of their findings. However, the new process is one in which schools' partner with an ERO Evaluation Partner to further develop the evaluative processes in the school.

The Senior Leadership had a very productive meeting with Ms Malins yesterday and are looking forward to working with her. We are very proud of our school and are always interested in ways to improve learning outcomes for our children. An information sheet from ERO is attached at the end of this newsletter if you care to read more.

Before School Procedures

Any child arriving at school before 8:30am is required to wait on the top court area. This is because there is no active supervision before this time. If children are at school to attend an organised sports practice they are allowed to be on the turf or court with their coach. Coaches' children are obviously welcome to be in this space too with their parent as they are under their parent's supervision. We ask that friends of players or siblings remain on the top court as per before school procedures. We ask that children of coaches and managers refrain from using the playground, turf, and field areas before 8:30am as there is no active supervision of these areas and this causes confusion for other children.

Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This week, Pope Francis has declared to be 'Laudato Si' week. This is the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care. This global celebration will unite Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of creation, rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, please [click here](#) for more information.

Religious Education continued...

Masses

This term, we will be trailing Class Masses, which will replace the House Masses as a way to further support our children in their Faith journey. Due to a very disruptive few years with gathering restrictions, many of our tamariki have been unable to attend Masses with their whānau.

Beginning Week 6 on Wednesdays, one class will attend the Parish Mass at 9.15am at St John's Church as parishioners. Families are welcome to attend the Mass. After Mass, the class will remain in the Church and Father will come and talk to the class. Families are invited to stay for this discussion. Following on from this special time together in the Church, the children will have a shared morning tea together. Teachers will communicate this individually with their classes.

Week 6	Wednesday 8 June	Room 9	Week 7	Wednesday 15 June	Rooms 12 and 5
Week 8	Wednesday 22 June	Room 2	Week 9	Wednesday 29 June	Rooms 11, 6 and 10
Week 10	Wednesday 6 July	Room 13			

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 office. We will need the laces tied together 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 in one of the best ways 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*

HAUORA WELLBEING



Our hauora is not just our mental wellbeing but our family, physical, and spiritual wellbeing. Maybe now is the time to try a new hobby, join a club or meet some new people? Follow these links to find some interesting clubs or groups in Auckland / on the North Shore.

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/venues/north-shore/club-society2>
<https://www.clubsnz.org.nz/find-a-club/clubs/greater-auckland/all>

NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Socks – these should be plain black and long enough to reach to just under the knee cap.

As indicated in the newsletter earlier this term, during Terms 2 & 3 children must bring a change of clothes if they are intending to play on the field during the lunch break (12.40 – 1.20pm). I ask that you support us in this effort by ensuring that your child has a change of old clothes in their bag each day. Children are also not permitted to play on the field either before school or during morning tea break.

Another reminder is for all children to have their PE gear at school Monday to Friday inclusive each week, no matter which day they are timetabled for PE as occasionally timetables change for a variety of reasons. Should they need to take their PE gear home for after school sports please ensure it is returned to school the following day.



WORD OF THE WEEK

pōwhiri meaning 'welcome'

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.

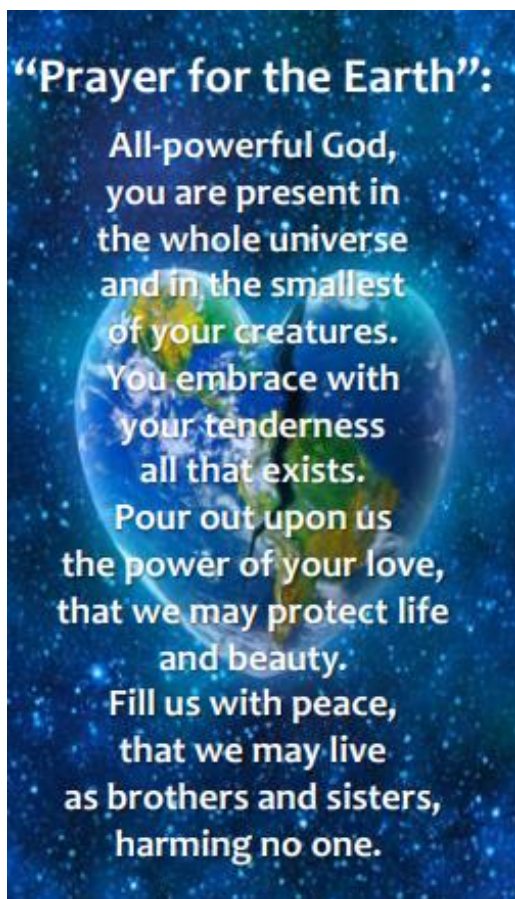
KINDO – OUTSTANDING CHARGES

To check if you have paid all outstanding expenses, please login to www.mykindo.co.nz and click on the 'my orders' tab at the top of the screen. All 2022 EOTC and online learning charges (R.E., Athletics, Maths Buddy, Steps, SeeSaw) are now overdue.

If anything is outstanding for your child(ren) we would greatly appreciate payment prior to **the end of Term 2**.

If you have any questions or queries regarding Kindo please either contact Kindo directly at Tel: 0508 454 636 or Email: hello@mykindo.co.nz or Anneliese Bridges in the school office Tel: 09 478 7734 or Email: office@sjmb.school.nz

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5th June 2022



Let us celebrate nature: Take the time to marvel at her beauty. Visit a local park, beach, or volcanic cone - try a new path or cycle way or just rejoice over nature for her beauty and for all she provides us with. Let us consider what we can do practically to live a sustainable lifestyle and this way protect our "One Earth".

Practical things you can do;

Polystyrene

Mitre10 has a free polystyrene recycling scheme, visit <https://www.mitre10.co.nz/news/expol-recycling-cubes> to find your nearest store.

EWaste

There are several local companies who will take various Ewaste either for free or for a small charge. They break the items down and recycle as many parts, rare metals etc. as possible. Consider supporting the non-profit incorporated society <https://www.abilities.co.nz/> who employ neuro diverse and disabled staff. They are based at 91 Hillside Road, Glenfield, Auckland and are open 7 days a week, excepting public holidays

Soft plastics

Some of our local supermarkets have started accepting soft plastic for recycling again. Look out for the clear bins at your local store. Countdown in Browns Bay have a bin located near the exit.

Cardboard & paper recycling

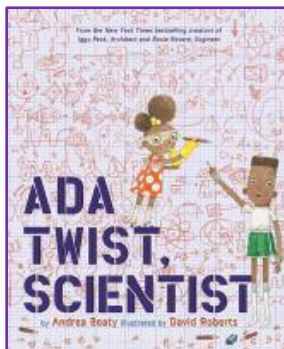
Be mindful that not all cardboard and paper can be recycled. Food contaminated items, for example takeaway coffee cups, pizza boxes, burger boxes etc. should be placed in general waste.

If you are unsure of what can and can't go in your recycling bin at home check the Auckland Council guidance at <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/rubbish-recycling/bin-requests/Pages/what-put-your-recycling.aspx>

Every little thing we can do to protect our home planet helps.



LIBRARY NEWS



To celebrate NZ Primary School Science Week, we read the picture book **Ada Twist, Scientist** by Andrea Beaty.

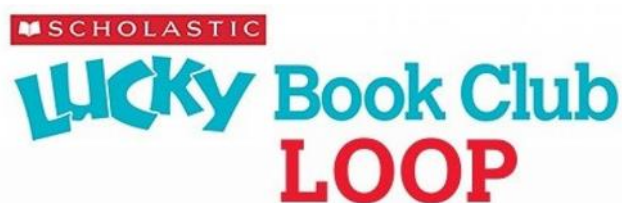
Andrea Beaty has also written an early chapter book series called **The Questioners** based on curious, questioning children. *Ada Twist, Scientist* is a story of a girl who shows all the traits of a great scientist by being curious, asking questions and developing hypotheses. Creating chaos from her working outs is just a small consequence of it.

Thank you to all our whānau who have purchased from Scholastic Lucky Book Club throughout the years.

Your purchases have enabled us to buy each class a copy of the book **The Family Tree** for their Class Library using our Scholastic rewards. Each class has had this book purchased to take part in the National Simultaneous Story time. This takes place THIS Wednesday, 25th May at 1.30pm and is when more than a million children across Australia and New Zealand will be reading the same story at the same time. This will be our first year participating in this reading event.



The orders you placed from the #Issue 3 catalogue have now been delivered to school and will be sorted out for delivery by our parent co-ordinator, Mrs Fran Gilchrist, this week.



Keep an eye out in your children's school bags if you are expecting an order!




Here is a little sneak peek at more new books which will be available for the children to borrow from the Library shelves thanks to the Scholastic rewards earned from the Lucky Book Club.

ABSENTEES

Please ensure that you inform the school office if you know your child is going to be away from school for any reason. If you are planning on taking a holiday during term time this should be notified in advance, in writing, to the Principal, Viki Trainor (copy to the office) at VikiT@sjmb.school.nz and office@sjmb.school.nz

You can notify an unexpected 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.

In the case of **Covid** isolation due to your child being positive for infection, day zero is the day your child started having symptoms. They should not return to school until day eight. If you are unsure please refer to the government guidance at <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

HEARING & VISION TECHNICIAN

A Hearing and Vision Technician will be at school on **Friday, 10th June**. Children eligible to be tested include our New Entrants who have not had a B4 School Hearing and Vision test at Pre-school, children who need rescreening or were absent from previous testing and children new to the school who have not been tested in New Zealand.

CONGRATULATIONS

Elena Rotaeche – Evolution Kids Tennis, Team Runner Up
Elena Rotaeche – PoD Netball
Teresa Rotaeche – Evolution Kids Tennis, Team Winner
Teresa Rotaeche – Evolution Kids Tennis Rafa Award, Paris World Tour 2022
Orlaith Burns – PoD Netball
Grace Abbot – PoD Netball (Sportsmanship)
Alena Jayasekera – PoD Netball (Excellent shooting)
Alba Mowbray – Coaches award Netball (Good shooting)
Jonathan Ichwansyah – PoD Basketball
Ella Lester – PoD Hockey
Connor Baddeley – PoD Soccer



PARISH NEWS

Working Bee at St John's Church Saturday, 28th May at 9.30am. Email beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz

Our **Conversational English Group** begins meeting again at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 25th May in the Fr. Quinn Chapel, Saint John's Church, Mairangi Bay. We welcome new and existing members who are keen to improve their English-speaking skills. For information call Mary on Tel: 09 444 7156.



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 12 3059 0241398 00**

Parish News Continued...

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

My name is Carla, a parishioner at Saint Francis. I am wondering if there may be someone who lives close to Glenvar Rd who would be able to help with a lift to Mass once or twice a week? Email; great1trades@gmail.com

Housekeeper wanted – Torbay To help out our busy household 10-12 hours per week over 2-3 days. Flexible days/times. Tasks would include washing, folding, ironing, cleaning, making/changing beds, vacuuming, mopping etc. Looking for someone cheerful, hardworking and energetic. Contact Katie on Tel: 02041315129.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Drumadiddle North Shore

Drum lessons for children aged 8 – 18yrs of age with Mark Pinto de Menezes. Visit www.drumadiddle.co.nz or Telephone Mark on 021 265 1975 for more information.

FURTHER ERO INFORMATION

The Education Review Office (ERO) has shifted to a more developmental approach to evaluation that supports each school's improvement over time. Key features of the new approach, Te Ara Huarau, are that ERO will:

- work with all schools in an ongoing way rather than as a one-off event
- connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of their improvement journey
- work in partnership with schools, collaborating in support of equitable and excellent outcomes for all learners

As a result, each school will:

- have a dedicated ERO Evaluation Partner who works alongside the school
- have a different experience depending on needs, strengths, and their school's specific evaluation focus
- be on a three-year evaluation cycle

What will public reporting on ERO's website look like?

As schools' transition into the approach, ERO will work with schools to publish a one-off **Profile Report**. This will focus on the strategic goals schools have in place to improve learner outcomes and what the school is seeking to achieve through the evaluation.

Within a three year cycle all schools will then have a **Te Ara Huarau | School Evaluation Report**. This report includes information about the school's improvement journey, what the school has achieved for learners and their future priorities.

All schools will receive a **Board Assurance with Regulatory and Legislative Requirements Report** about their board's attestation to meeting those requirements. **Provision for International Students and Hostel Reports** will be published where applicable.

Other reporting

Progress Reports - These reports are not published on ERO's website. Progress reports will provide specific information for specific audiences such as your board, the community or the Ministry of Education.
