



Week 5, Term 2
31 May 2022



Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoāni

The voice of St John's School

REMINDER... Our school will be closed:

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

Kia ora whānau

Incredibly we are halfway through Term 2! Yesterday Mrs Ashley Shearer joined our teaching team. Ashley will be teaching our new Year 1 and Year 0 children in Room 10. Ashley is a highly experienced teacher with a passion for teaching in the junior school. We are blessed to have Ashley at St John's for the remainder of this year.

We also had Mrs Resie Sayegh, a new Learning Support Assistant, join us last week. We warmly welcome Ashley and Resie to the St John's staff whānau.

Teacher only day

This Friday, School will be closed for a teacher only day. On this day our teachers will receive professional development on a new well-being programme we will be introducing into our curriculum as well as continuing their professional learning on the use of the Learning Progression Framework to further enhance our children's writing.

BAD FEELINGS GO AWAY AGAIN.

Other people can help if you talk to them.

UNHELPFUL THINKING MAKES YOU FEEL MORE UPSET.

NOBODY IS PERFECT. MISTAKES HELP YOU LEARN.

CONCENTRATE ON THE GOOD THINGS & HAVE A LAUGH.

EVERYBODY FEELS SAD & WORRIED SOMETIMES. NOT JUST YOU.

BLAME FAIRLY. WHAT WAS YOUR FAULT, WHAT WAS OTHER'S AND WHAT WAS BAD LUCK?

ACCCEPT THE THINGS YOU CAN'T CHANGE. BUT TRY TO CHANGE WHAT YOU CAN FIRST.

CATASTROPHISING EXAGGERATES YOUR WORRIES. DON'T BELIEVE THE WORST.

KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE. DON'T LET IT SPOIL EVERYTHING.



Mask wearing

As we enter the Winter months at school, we also enter the cold and flu season. While masks are not mandatory at Orange Setting, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that masks remain an important tool to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other Winter germs and public health encourage their continued use. The school supports our parent's decisions around mask wearing and continues to have disposable masks available in the office for both children and adult visitors and staff who wish to wear them.

We continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

Ngā mihi nui, Viki Trainor, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Sunday, we celebrated the **Feast of the Ascension**.

This special Feast day is celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand on the 7th Sunday of Easter and is when Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2.

*Dear Lord Jesus Christ,
Right before your Ascension into Heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to
the ends of the Earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.
May we be similarly inspired to spread Your Gospel message in word and deed,
according to your will for us.*



This weekend, we celebrate **Pentecost Sunday**.

On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit filled the Church with power and added 3,000 new believers.

The account in Acts 2 reports that, after Jesus ascended into Heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4).

Breathe In Me Holy Spirit – St Augustine

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy;
Guard me then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.*
St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

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

SHARING A SACRAMENT

Last week Room1 and 2 attended the Baptism of Mrs Mountjoy's grand-daughter and also Nathaniel (Year 6, 2021). It was lovely for our children to be able to experience this Sacrament in person, making their learning so authentic.

Aww Mass. I find mass boring. When the teachers say line up, I groan slightly. But then I noticed it's Baptism and it is shorter and more important.

When we get there, we sing "Come to the Water". "Come to the water you who are thirsty..." Isaac is the prayer monitor for singing, so he sang loudest, I think.

Then the priest talks and tells a joke, I think, because some teachers laughed slightly. And he said he was born in a cellar and baptized at two hours old at the end of World War II. And then he shows us the holy water. It looks really cool.

Then I noticed that Phoenix is an uncle because his Mum had a child like 30 years ago and that child had a baby already. I'm like "Wow Phoenix, you're an uncle."

Then Nathaniel and his niece get baptized. Wow, being baptized must feel great. And you get a party after, I think. Too bad I will never get it again.



Carlos Poledniok, Room 1



YUMMY APPLE STICKER PROMOTION

We are once again participating in The Yummy School Sticker Promotion.

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool.

Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores.

The more we collect, the more sports gear we get so please start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now! Stickers can be brought into school from tomorrow and placed on the sheets in each classroom.

There are double points for Sweet Tango, Ambrosia and Lemonade apples.

This promotion will run until the end of Term 3.



HAUORA WELLBEING



There are some great local services and agencies right here on the North Shore that can help us to focus on our health and wellbeing.

Try for example, <https://heartsandminds.org.nz/> for wellbeing support and resilience groups (Northcote) <https://www.bais.org.nz/> for advocacy and advice for beneficiaries (Glenfield).

NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

We expect all children at St John's to wear their uniform with pride wherever they may be, after all they are representing our school and our values.

Please remind children that shirts should be tucked into the waistband of their shorts and socks should be pulled up to just under the knee. Hair should be tidy and in the case of long hair secured in a way that it is off the face.



Kupu o te Wiki

WORD OF THE WEEK

pūtaiao meaning 'science'

YEAR 5 & 6 TRIP TO THE SCIENCE ROADSHOW

Last Tuesday the Year 5 and 6 students walked to Murrays Bay Intermediate School to visit the Science Roadshow. There were two science shows and lots of hands-on activities to enjoy. We are grateful for the parent helpers who kept us safe on our walk to and from school. We really appreciate how you helped us to cross the roads safely.

"My favourite part of the Science Roadshow was the Tesla coil. It was shocking". James, Room 1

"I really enjoyed the Science Roadshow, my favourite part was when the gherkin got fried. It had a sizzling affect!" Olivia, Room 1

"The best part was learning all about native plants and looking in microscopes for plants and seeds". Sienna, Room 1

"My favourite part about the Science Roadshow was the electrocuting gherkins. The hovercraft was really good, I got a long turn." Conrad, Room 1

"On Tuesday the best thing for me was the Tesla coil, I liked it when he put his stick on it. It made it arc." Finlay, Room 1

"I really liked it when we talked about climate change." Tiwonge, Room 1



Autumn news from the garden

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!



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5th June 2022

“Prayer for the Earth”:

All-powerful God,
you are present in
the whole universe
and in the smallest
of your creatures.
You embrace with
your tenderness
all that exists.
Pour out upon us
the power of your love,
that we may protect life
and beauty.
Fill us with peace,
that we may live
as brothers and sisters,
harming no one.

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.

KINDO – OUTSTANDING CHARGES

To check if you have paid all outstanding expenses, please visit 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

CONGRATULATIONS

Zander Glinkowski – PoD Hockey (Perseverance)
Sienna Gunn – PoD Hockey
Orlaith Burns – PoD Rippa Rugby (Awesome listening and passing)
Joshua Doherty – PoD Rugby
Nina Harris – PoD Splash Polo (Scored 2 goals, Saved 2 goals)
Amina Deles – PoD Netball (Great shooting)
Pippa Allen – PoD Netball
Lucy McQueen – Coaches Award Netball
Isabella Mitchell – PoD Netball
Tiwonge Shoniwa – PoD Netball
Isaac O’Brien – PoD Basketball



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 12 3059 0241398 00

We now have a new database for the parish. Two parishioners, Jo Ramsay and Anthony Moorcroft have stepped forward to support us in keeping our database up to date. If they call you, please be nice to them. **We will not ask you any personal questions over the phone.** The main task for our two volunteers is to find out who is still part of the parish and who has moved on.

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

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

BASKETBALL CLINIC - 2022

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

Murrays Bay Intermediate School Gymnasium

- ✓ Fundamentals
- ✓ Shooting
- ✓ Passing
- ✓ Ball Handling
- ✓ Offense
- ✓ Defense

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm and participation and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them increased confidence in the future.

For Boys & Girls

PRICE \$126 FOR 9 WEEKS

Address: 37 Sunrise Avenue, Murrays Bay

Session 1

Day: Wednesday

Time: 5pm – 6pm

Age: 5 – 9 years

Session 2

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Age: 10 – 14 years

Check our website for more information - sessions start on 29th June and end on 7th September 2022.

BOOK ONLINE AT WWW.KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

FOOTBALL CLINIC - 2022

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

Murrays Bay Intermediate School Gymnasium

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- ✓ Shooting
- ✓ Passing
- ✓ Ball Handling
- ✓ Dribbling
- ✓ Defense

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