

Week 7, Term 2 14 June 2022

Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni

The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

"Just remember that I AM with you always! I will never forget you nor leave you, because your names are written in the palm of my hands.

Just don't forget I LOVE YOU FOREVER" Signed Your God, I AM.

The quote above is an extract from my parish newsletter. Whilst I know it is a verse from Isaiah that many of us are familiar with, I think it is such a great reminder for us all to remember just how very blessed we are to have Gods unconditional love.



New Children

Last Tuesday six delightful little 5 year olds joined the St John's whānau. They visited my office on their orientation walk around the school and they made my day. They were so confident. They loved sitting and spinning in my chair pretending to be the principal. Some up and coming young leaders, I think!







I also attended our first post Covid class/parish Mass last Wednesday and along with Father Alex, joined some of the Room 9 parents for morning tea outside the classroom. It was such a lovely celebration of being able to be together again... and the food was delicious!

God bless, Viki Trainor, Principal.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 28^{th} June. The conference times will be from $1.00-2.50 \, \text{pm}$, $3.30-5.20 \, \text{pm}$; and $6.00-7.20 \, \text{pm}$. Classes will finish at 12.00 on this day and you are asked to make arrangements to pick your child(ren) up promptly at this time. School buses will not be available.

Conference Focus These conferences are for parents and caregivers <u>only</u> and will give you an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how your child is progressing. The conference will be 10 minutes in length and a bell will indicate the end of each. Please be on time. If, after 10 minutes, you feel further time is required with the teacher than please arrange another appointment.

To Book a Conference

- Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code a4pbm (it is case sensitive)
- An email confirming the time of your conference(s) will be sent directly to the email address entered at the time of booking.
- If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office Tel: 09 478 7734 or via email on office@sjmb.school.nz and they can make a booking on your behalf.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Höhepa's 187th birthday

On 19th June, we celebrate Venerable Suzanne Aubert's birthday. The spirit of Suzanne Aubert lives on today in the work of the Sisters of Compassion. At the time of Suzanne Aubert's death there were 70 Sisters of Compassion. In the 1930s, true to her plans, many sisters qualified as nurses and over the years sisters gained further qualifications in specialist areas including the care of disabled children. Today, the Sisters of Compassion continue to work actively towards the relief of human suffering. They are engaged in social work, pastoral care, prison and hospital chaplaincies, education, working with refugee and disadvantaged migrant communities, residential and home care of the sick and the elderly and support of people developing home gardens.

"Let us have a heart like an artichoke, and such a big one that everybody can have a leaf of it"

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, will be recognized in a miraculous healing by the Church and will lead to her beatification. Amen.

Pohutukawa Class (Room 9) Mass

On Wednesday, Room 9 enjoyed their first class Mass together with their whānau. What a special time this was for the class as they came together to pray and experience the rituals and traditions of our Catholic Faith. After Mass, the children were joined by Fr. Alejandro in the classroom, and he spoke to the children about Pentecost.





St John the Baptist Feast Day

On Thursday 23rd June, we will be celebrating the Feast day of St. John the Baptist, the patron Saint of our school. Parents and whānau are invited to join us for a whole school Mass at 9.15am at St. John's Church.

Monogram

Our school monogram invites us to 'Prepare the Way', just as St. John the Baptist did. The St John's School monogram is in the shape of a shield divided into three coloured segments on which are traced the signs.



Left segment: pale blue depicting sea and sky with the rock symbolising the church, surmounted by the cross – faith, the relationship of course being the Catholic School overlooking Mairangi Bay and the sea to Rangitoto Island.

Centre segment: the sacrificial colour – red and symbolises John's revelation: "Behold the lamb of God, the lamb that was slain". The raised foot – the opening of the Book of Revelations.

Right segment: represents the night sky with the four stars of the Southern Cross – our flag.

KINDO - SPORTS REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees for the following sports have now been applied to student's Kindo accounts. As per the registration form, we would appreciate payment within 10 days.



Junior Kidzplay Netball Hockey

\$85.00 \$130.00 Senior NNH Netball \$110.00

If you have any questions or queries 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, Email: office@sjmb.school.nz



EMAIL ADDRESSES AND CAREGIVER PHONE CONTACTS

Please advise Michele Nash (<u>michelen@simb.school.nz</u>) in the office if you have changed your email address or phone contacts. With the increasing use of mobile and email for the school to contact you and/or send documents to you, it is essential we have a robust, up to date database. Thanking you in advance.

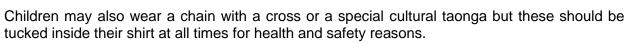
HAUORA WELLBEING



Stress, we all experience it to some degree or another. Here are some tips from the World Health Organisation about how to handle stress – available in more than 20 languages including Chinese, Farsi, Greek, Korean, Tongan and many more. https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240003927

NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Jewellery is not permitted to be worn at school except for plain, stud earrings.





WORD OF THE WEEK

Ki te oma meaning 'to run'

Kupu o te Wiki

CONGRATULATIONS



Aria Honey-Rerekura – PoD Netball
Maria Hale – PoD Netball
Eliza Mudford – Coaches Award Netball
Rocio Deles – Coaches Award Netball
Arlo McGregor – Coaches Award Netball
Isla McQueen – PoD Hockey (finding space)
Maria Hale – PoD Hockey
Thomas Duff – PoD Basketball



LIBRARY NEWS



Student Librarians

Congratulations Ruby on being the first of 28 Student Librarians to attain your Bronze badge!

Ruby and the other librarians work hard learning library skills and showing leadership skills in our school community to earn these badges. The librarians have a skills sheet to tick off as they head up the badge ladder to gold. It is really heartening to see how well the Librarians interact with our junior school whether they need a story to be read to them or somebody to play a game with. It's hard sometimes when your friends aren't at school for lunch but the children know that the library is a place they can find someone to hang out with. Our librarians are great at this!







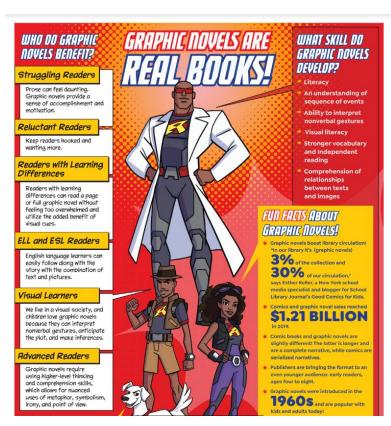
Book Battle

I've had the pleasure of giving away two spot prizes so far. There are plenty more spot prize tickets hidden in the books, so get reading!

Book Help Website

If you are having trouble working out 'What book next?' This website might be able to help you pick your next great children's read. https://whatbooknext.com/

You can choose books by themes, topics, or genres as well as by different reading ages. This site is run by a New Zealand based ex children's librarian who reads all the books listed on her site. If you sign up for the newsletter you can go in the draw for free books.



PARISH NEWS



Midwinter Christmas celebration Saturday, 25th June. If you and your family are keen to join in a fun mid-winter Christmas celebration, please contact Lindsay Brand on the following email address to reserve your places: lindsay.brand3@gmail.com



Tuesday Morning CATCH-UP: Join us at the White Flower Café, Browns Bay on Tuesday between 9.30 & 11.00am. If anyone would like to join us. This is an opportunity just to meet socially & chat.

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**



First Holy Communion Mass, Sunday 19th June 11.00am at St. John's Church for the Class of 2021. This group had to have their celebration postponed, and I ask the parish to pray for the families and especially our 50 children that our parish will support them as they grow in their faith.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Students will rehearse a well-known Broadway Jr musical in just one week and then perform to friends and family on Friday evening. Details below:

The Music Man Kids

Age: Year 2 - Year 9, Date: 11th-15th July, 9am-5pm, Kristin

School, Albany

For more info and to enrol: https://www.encoretheatre.co/sign-up







Please tick the boxes for the days you would like to book PTO for more info and details.

Kids Care runs from 7.30am - 6pm. + Book more than two children and get 10% discount. Book for the full 2 weeks and get 5%. WINZ Subsidy available.





