



Week 3, Term 3  
09 August 2022



*"Never see a need  
without trying  
to do something  
about it"*

*Mary MacKillop*

Kia ora whānau,

Yesterday we celebrated the feast day of St Mary MacKillop. This is a very special day for our school as St Mary MacKillop is one of our patron saints. We gathered in the hall for a beautiful liturgy led by our Year 6 Young MacKillop Leaders. Mary is remembered for her compassion and her tenacity. She is quoted as saying "**never see a need without doing something about it**". These words of Mary MacKillop are well recognised by our children and staff and underpin much of what we do at our school.

Here is a very good link with stories and videos if you would like to learn more about [Mary MacKillop](#).

Coinciding with this Feast Day our children will also participate in schoolwide Peace Week. During this time children will engage in a variety of fun activities that focus on the concept of peace. Please ask your children what they have done for Peace Week as I know they love to share their news.

Over the last couple of weeks, several junior children have been sent to me to share their excellent RE writing. They have been learning about David and Goliath. The children have really engaged in this story and have presented outstanding recount writing and some awesome artwork. It is so rewarding to see RE integrated across the curriculum.

### KNOWLEDGE-A-THON FUNDRAISER - LAUNCHING THIS FRIDAY

The PTFA's first fundraiser for the year is a Knowledge-a-thon and it is **launching this Friday!**

Each child will bring home the knowledge they will learn over the next 3 weeks. **All the information they need to set up their fundraising page will be emailed out directly to families via eTap.**

Then, on the **2nd of September**, the children will have the opportunity to show what they have learnt.

For the fundraising side of things we are working with Raise It, who have an easy online platform and each child can set up their own fundraising page to share with friends of family. Look out for all you need to know on Friday.



## **PTFA COMMUNITY BEATS BY BINGO**

Tickets are still available via Kindo for the PTFA parent's social event this Saturday night, Beats by Bingo. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

## **MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

We will be celebrating Mass together as a school next Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9:15am to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. You are all warmly invited to join us.

The New Zealand Bishops have dedicated New Zealand to Mary giving her the special title – Mary, Patroness of New Zealand and Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is her special patronage Feast Day and National Feast Day of New Zealand.

It has always been a tradition in the Church to decorate Our Lady's altar with flowers on her special Feast Day. The children can bring a flower from your garden to school next Monday. Please do not go to any expense buying flowers. What is important is the feeling and thoughtfulness.

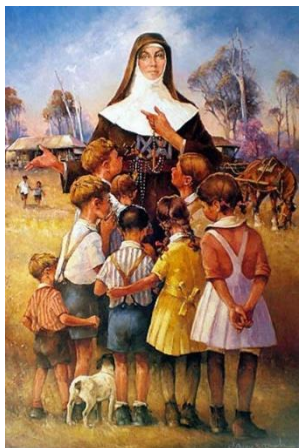
## **FABULOUS DAD'S DAY OUT**

Celebrating Father's Day is a time to celebrate and acknowledge our dads and father figures. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September we would like to invite fathers or a father figure to join us at school from 8:50am until approx. 11:00am. Children will be bringing home a personal invitation this Friday. We ask that RSVPs are returned to each class teacher by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

We acknowledge that Father's Day can be an emotionally difficult time if your father has passed away. While no one can replace dad, whether it is a grandfather, a godfather, an uncle, an older brother or a family friend, we hope that someone will be able to come to help the children celebrate. We also realise that, for some, fathers may not be able to join us due to distance or unavoidable commitments. Please be assured that no child will be left out.

Please feel free to contact the class teacher, Mrs Trainor or Miss Binns if you have any questions or concerns.

God bless,  
Viki Trainor, Principal.



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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Feast of Mary MacKillop- 8th August

On Monday, we celebrated the Feast day of St. Mary of the Cross, Australia's first saint. Being a Josephite school, Mary MacKillop is very special to us. St Mary of the Cross also known as Saint Mary MacKillop made several visits, by ship, to New Zealand from 1894- 1902. In 1897 she stayed for some time with the sisters in Arrowtown while travelling in Otago and Southland. A woman of faith, courage and vision. Mary McKillop had an impact in New Zealand with her Sister's founding and working throughout New Zealand and in Otago. We are waiting for our own Suzanne Aubert to be made New Zealand's first saint.

Loving God, we thank you for your unending love. May we be filled with your Spirit and, like St Mary MacKillop, may we welcome those who feel unloved, uncared for and unaccepted. Help us to reach out to others who need our help and support. Amen.

God bless,  
Laura Baddeley - Director of Religious Studies

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# St John's School

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## Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Names:

Ricky-Jean Curteis

Andrew Moore

Anne-Marie Percy

Stefan Sagar

Gordon Simpson

Signed: 12.05pm 3 August 2022  
Michele Nash - Returning Officer

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### NEXT MEETING

The next PTFA meeting is this Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm in the staff room. All are welcome to attend.

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

As per the whole school email circulated last week the PTFA are offering an opportunity for local business people who have a child or children at St. John's School, to advertise at the back of the weekly Newsletter. For further information please read this [letter](#).

Please direct all responses or queries to  
[ptfa@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@sjmb.school.nz)







# Beats by Bingo and a Boogie with Disco Dad aka Comedian Darren Jardine

The night will be a mixture of bingo – but rather than numbers – songs will be played, and you must mark them off on your bingo card. Following the bingo DJ Dad will turn up the music – we'll push the tables back and have a good old-fashioned boogie!

**When :** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Doors open at 7 pm

Bingo starts promptly at 7.30pm.

Disco Dad will turn off the tunes at 11.30pm.

**Where :** School Hall, St John's

**Cost:** Tickets - \$25.00 per person

Purchased via Kindo.

Please note no physical ticket required.

We will have a list of names at the door.

**What to bring:** a plate for sharing

Finger food only please

**BYO drinks**

In case this is your first St Johns social event - alcohol is allowed!

To encourage as many people as possible to attend, we want to break down as many barriers as possible, therefore there is no dress up (dress is casual) & no requirement to decorate the table. The PTFA will decorate the hall and the tables. Come along with friends or by yourself and everyone will be able to find a seat at a table.

So please support your school and PTFA and come along for a great social evening.

Any questions please contact Vicky Billings (021485204) or Emma Simpson (021415299)

**singalongs!** **music!** **prizes!**

**BEATS BY BINGO**

*Guilty Pleasures*

<del>Like a Virgin - Madonna</del>	Like a Virgin - Madonna	Everybody Get Up - Five	Jessie's Girl - Rick Springfield	Club Tropicana - Wham!
<del>Doctor Jones - Aqua</del>	Doctor Jones - Aqua	Ice Ice Baby - Vanilla Ice	S Club Party - S Club 7	Wannabe - Spice Girls
Live! On A Prayer - Bon Jovi	Macarena - Los Del Rio	<del>FREE TICKET NO. 30</del>	It Wasn't Me - Shaggy	Tainted Love - Soft Cell
Respectable - Kim	You Got It - New Kids On The Block	<del>Stay</del>	Mickey - Toni Basil	

**featuring:**  
**BEATS BY BINGO**

**NZ's best Musical bingo show!**

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**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](mailto: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.

Please encourage your friends, family members and other families you know at pre-schools and daycare centres with new entrants who may qualify for Preference Enrolment to lodge their applications before 31<sup>st</sup> August or to ring Michele at the school office if they have any questions regarding enrolment. Online applications can be made on the tab on the home page of the school website. Enquiries can also be made by email [michelen@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:michelen@sjmb.school.nz)



### NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - *UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK*

Please ensure that all clothing items coming to school are clearly named. There is a growing amount of uniform and non-uniform items in the lost property. Please feel free to come and check for any missing items.

LOST AND FOUND... We have a pair of children's glasses with lime green arms in the office. Please contact the office if you think these may be yours.

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### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

For any urgent needs please contact our parent co-ordinator: Fran Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279.



### Kupu o te Wiki

#### WORD OF THE WEEK

**mōhiotanga** (noun) meaning knowledge, knowing, understanding, comprehension, intelligence, awareness, insight, perception.

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### PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Xavier Hayward – Player of the Day in both Basketball and Rugby.

Violets Netball awards go to:

Lucy McQueen - Player of the day

Pippa Allen. - Coaches award

Orlaith Burns - Player of the Day Netball

Isla McQueen – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Eastern Suburbs Gymnastics Competition



Basketball Champions: St John's Jaguars (Yr 3) placed 1st in their grade finals.

Happy kids with their medals are: Louie, Josh, Luca, George, Finn, Mark and Michael. Well Done Team!!







# LIBRARY NEWS



## SJMB YEAR 5 AND 6 BOOK BATTLE

Congratulations to all the competing book battlers. It was a close battle and showed plenty of promise for next year's battle with many fine Year Fives doing remarkably well in the competition. Please continue with your reading of a variety of books.

I'd like to wish the two teams representing St John's all the best in the North Shore Competition taking place on **Friday 26th August**. A special thanks to Mrs Marsh for taking the time to ensure our participation each year in the Book Battles.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Reminder that the close off date for orders to be delivered to the school is this **Sunday 14th August at 4pm**. If you prefer for deliveries to be made to your home, with a shipping fee, please order between Tuesday, 16th August and Friday, 23rd September. All orders will benefit the school rewards program.

Our School library often issues books to children that are borrowed from the National Library. Should you see a national library barcode on the back of your children's borrowed books, please treat it as you would a normal St John's School library book and return it to the school library on your child's library day.



The following is an excerpt from Raising a Reader; How comics and Graphic Novels can help your kids love to read

## Comics!

by Meryl Jaffe, PhD

### Graphic novels provide exciting reading experiences for all kinds of readers.

Graphic novels' short bursts of text (often in **Fun Fonts**) and vivid images are accessible to all kinds of readers and language learners.

*For weak language learners and readers,* graphic novels' concise text paired with detailed images help readers decode and comprehend the text. Reading is less daunting (with less text to decode) and concise verbiage highlights effective language usage and vocabulary while the images invite and engage readers.

*For skilled readers,* graphic novels offer a different type of reading experience while modeling concise language usage. Because the text has to be succinct, graphic novels model how to efficiently communicate stories, lines, and ideas in short, pithy text.



## PARISH NEWS



### Service Opportunity: Parish Finance Committee

Our Parish Finance Committee is called to support the Mission of the Church and work with the Parish Priest by helping with resourcing, planning, operations, and accounting. We are looking for new members. If you are financially literate, know your way around a P&L and balance sheet, are familiar with strategy and operations, and are willing to serve the Church by using your gifts in these areas then please get involved. Potential candidates are appointed by the parish priest after they are Police vetted. Please contact: Beate Matthies, Operations & Finance Manager, East Coast Bays Catholic Parish. Email: [beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:beate@ecbcatholic.org.nz). Tel: (09) 478 4565.

**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** 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**



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**ALONE AGAIN?** Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change" for adults. The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date Friday evening to Sunday afternoon 23-25 Sept. Cost \$350 or early bird price of \$325 if paid by 18 Aug. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Lynda 0274898003 and (09)478-9742 or Kelly evenings 027-686-4416 [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

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### DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN WILL MEET

ON WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> AUG, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. AT ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 336 WAIRAU ROAD, GLENFIELD.

TOPIC: **BE TRANSFORMED**

Scripture: **2 Cor 3: 18**

SPEAKER: PAM WOOD

COME, MEET AND FELLOWSHIP with WOMEN FROM THE NORTH SHORE. Please wear a mask. For info please contact Sylvia 021 088 22990

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Jane McClurg  
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