



Week 4, Term 3
16 August 2022



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

Kia ora whanau



Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It was wonderful to gather as a faith community in our church. During this special Mass we also thanked our Year 6 Leaders from Term 1 and Term 2 and welcomed our new leaders for Terms 3 and 4. Father Emile shared a lovely homily, reminding us that Mary is not only the Mother of Jesus, but our Mother too.

*Ka waiata, ki a Maria, hine i whakaae, whakameatia mai
He whare tangata, hine purotu, hine ngakau, hine rangimarie, ko te Whaea, o
te ao*

*I sing To Mary, the woman who agreed to bring forth life from her womb,
woman who acquiesced, woman of great heart, woman of peace, she is the
Mother of the world*

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

You will have seen that our school Board has been appointed without having to go to vote. We have two new members. Helen Perry, our Room 5 (Year 6) teacher and Mr Gordon Simpson as a Parent Representative. Our school has a wonderful, committed and skilled Board of governors and I know that both Helen and Gordon will be valuable additions to this highly functioning group.

NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Mrs Francine Gilchrist and Ms Jenny Duff have recently joined our St John's staff whanau as Learning Support Assistants (LSA). Mrs Gilchrist and Ms Duff bring the gifts of love, care, compassion and willingness to support our children in their learning. We warmly welcome them to our team.

PTFA

I wish to thank the PTFA for organising the Beats by Bingo Disco night. Glenn and I had such fun, dancing the night away. The Beats by Bingo was great, and the MC was a real character. It was so good to see our parent community finally able to come together to socialise. From what I could see, an awesome evening was had by all.

BARK NZ is coming

A reminder that BARK NZ (Dogs in Schools) will be visiting next Monday. The cost is \$2 per child. This payment can be made on Kindo.



KNOWLEDGE-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Last Friday every child brought home the knowledge questions they need to answer and learn over the next 3 weeks. This is a great opportunity for our children to work together as a family to find out a bit more about New Zealand and local knowledge.

On Friday you received an email with information on the fundraising side of things. We encourage you to register using the Raise It online platform. The money raised by the children will go towards new playground equipment.

FABULOUS DAD'S DAY OUT

Celebrating Father's Day is a time to celebrate and acknowledge our dads and father figures. On Friday 2nd September we would like to invite fathers or a father figure to join us at school from 8:50am until approx. 11:00am. Children brought home a personal invitation last Friday. We ask that RSVPs are returned to each class teacher by Monday 22nd 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, myself or Miss Binns if you have any questions or concerns.

God bless,
Viki Trainor, Principal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



DAFFODIL DAY- WEEK 5

On Friday 26th August, we will be participating in Daffodil Day.

Daffodil day symbolises hope for the 1 in 3 New Zealanders affected by cancer.

We invite the children to bring in a gold coin donation to place on a coin trail we will be doing next Friday.

Your donations will go towards vital scientific research into the causes and treatment of all types of cancer, as well as providing a wide range of support services for people affected by cancer.

Ngā mihi,
Laura Baddeley
Director of Religious Studies



NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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

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) 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 31st 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



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

LOST PROPERTY the box is overflowing, If you are missing items of your child's uniform please come and check out the lost property box in the Sick Bay. Thanks.

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

tūmanako meaning

1. **(verb)** (-hia, -tia) to hope for, wish for.
2. **(noun)** desire, hope, wish.

Primary Schools Rippa Rugby Tournament #2 – Thursday 11th August 2022

Last Thursday we took 7 teams to the 2nd and final Interschool Rippa Rugby Tournament. The tournament was held at Windsor Park, Mairangi Bay. The weather was perfect for the tournament with clear blue skies and very little wind. All teams played 4 games throughout the day.

Thank you to the coaches and managers of the teams for being available on the tournament days and to the parents who assisted with the transport to and from the venue on both days.

Our teams this year were: Year 3 Condors (Mixed Team), Year 3 Leopards (Mixed Team), Year 4 Panthers (Mixed Team), Year 5 Cougars (Girls Team), Year 5 Jets (Boys Team), Year 5 Titans (Boys Team), Year 6 Vikings (Boys Team).

Below are some of the comments from last Thursday's tournament, as sent through from our coaches and managers, along with some team photos. Well done to all.

Karen Hulena-Dorrington – School Sports Co-ordinator



Yr 3 Leopards (Mixed team)

A great day for the Leopards, they just kept getting stronger as the day progressed with two wins in the last two games. Lots of tries scored across the whole team and some amazing rips. Great fun, rugby, cartwheels, star jumps, smiles, hot chips, and we think this team won the dance off as well! Awesome day, with a great bunch of kids.

Coaches: Cameron Smith & Brien Keegan

Yr 3 Condors (Mixed Team)

The Y3 Condors had a fantastic day full of rips, great runs, and lots of fun. With only 6 players for the whole day they displayed great team spirit and gave 100% on the rugby field and on the dance floor/sideline!

Coach: Nathan Buckley

Manager: Becky Buckley



Yr 5 Jets (Boys Team)

The sun was shining on the St John's Jets for a successful day on the field. It was a festival like atmosphere with loud music and good vibes. Back to a full team for this tournament (after so many boys were down sick last time), they ran, ripped, and scored their way through the day multitasking with a few little dance moves as well.

Coach: Nathan Buckley

Managers: Francine Gilchrist & Lisa Doherty

Yr 6 Vikings (Boys Team)

All the St John's Year 6 boys lived up to their team's name (The Vikings) and played like marauding Vikings at the 2nd rippa rugby tournament. Their attacks were relentless, and their defence was equally steadfast, and they got better and better as the day progressed, convincingly winning games one and two. Unfortunately, we lost Billy Hogan who got injured during game three where we lost by a try. However, the boys picked themselves up for game four to deliver a resounding victory and scoring on the buzzer. All the boys contributed massively on the day, backing each other up and never losing focus with the whole team scoring tries!



Coach: Andrew Neill

PĀNUI WHAKANUIA – CONGRATULATIONS

Kidzplay Netball - Sportmanship Awards to
Eliza Mudford;
Oonagh Burns;
Rocio Deles.



Violets Netball awards go to:
Player of the Day - Maggie-Rose Kingston
Coaches Award - Aria Honey-Rerekura

Splash Polo
Orlaith Burns - Player of the Game.
Oonagh Burns – Newbies Player of the Game.

Hockey
Isla McQueen – Player of the day.
Oonagh Burns – Superstar award.



LIBRARY NEWS



STUDENT LIBRARIANS

Congratulations to our newest batch of Bronze Badge Student Librarians. Not many to go now!

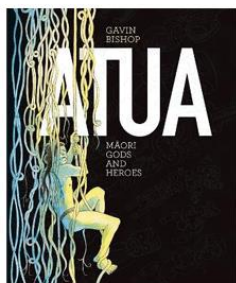
Each year I don't think our librarians can get better and they keep amazing me with their ability for improvement.

It was lovely chatting with a librarian who let me know how hard and challenging the job was AND how much they enjoyed it.

WINNERS OF THE 2022 NEW ZEALAND BOOK CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT AWARDS

All the winners are available for borrowing from the school library.

[For more info about all the 2022 winners](#)



WINNER: Margaret Mahy Book of the Year, Russell Clark Award for Illustration & Elsie Locke Award for Non-Fiction

A book described as taonga for this generation and the next, Atua: Māori Gods and Heroes by Gavin Bishop has been crowned the Margaret Mahy Book of the Year.

Praised by the judges for its sense of magic and the way it validates mātauranga and te ao Māori truths, Atua is a must-have title for every Kiwi library.

Atua also won the Elsie Locke Award for Non-Fiction and the Russell Clark Award for Illustration.

WINNER: Picture Book Award

Masterfully blending words and images, Lion Guards the Cake by Ruth Paul takes home the Picture Book Award. This playful rhyming story about a cheeky stone lion who comes to life is a delight to read aloud and younger readers will adore the bright, bold and expressive illustrations.

The judges called Lion Guards the Cake "confident storytelling of the highest calibre". (*I personally highly disagree with this judging by the way as I think the Eight Gifts of Te Wheke was the winner!*)



WINNER: Wright Family Foundation Esther Glen Award for Junior Fiction

Described as an imaginative, thought-provoking novel with a "bit of creepy stirred in", The Memory Thief by Leonie Agnew wins the Wright Family Foundation Esther Glen Award for Junior Fiction. Following the adventures of a fierce girl and a lonely troll, this wholly original novel grabs the reader and holds them spellbound. The judges praised the author for their skill of writing and craft, as well as the depth and quality of language.

The following is an excerpt from Raising a Reader; How comics and Graphic Novels can help your kids love to read by Meryl Jaffe, PhD.

Comics!

Graphic Novels and Learning:

Graphic novels are entering 21st century classrooms on all levels, for multiple goals and reasons. Here are a few of them:

Graphic novels empower 21st century learners.

Students are engaged in a verbal/visual communication explosion (infographics; icons on phones, computers and billboards; non-verbal image-driven directions; blogs, texting, and emails). Graphic novels clearly reflect this change. Graphic novels, like infographics, texting, and emails, present essential ideas, dialogue and emotions through concise text and images. They also offer enticing multimedia reading experiences to all kinds of readers and learners.

Graphic novels attract all kinds of readers.

From strong language learners to weak or second-language learners, graphic novels attract readers with incredible art and text that unfolds in a multimedia story experience.

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. 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**



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

DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, 17th 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



Play Cricket with East Coast Bays Cricket

Registrations for the cricket season are now open. **Please register online** at eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz

East Coast Bays Cricket is one of the largest clubs on Auckland's North Shore, providing cricket for all ages and all levels. The Club is focused on fun, teamwork and performance providing children of all skill levels a chance to learn the game in an enjoyable environment.

We cater for all children's cricket from Year 1 through to Year 8, both girls and boys.

The uniform comprises a club shirt, club shorts or trousers, and club cap. The Club has the clothing available for purchase and the full range will also be available on muster day. The Club provides all playing equipment required, although you are welcome to use your own.

Please contact the Club for more information at ecbayscricket@gmail.com



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