



Week 1, Term 4
18 October 2022

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and managed to have some relaxing time together as a family over the school break. This year feels like it has flown by, and it is such a pleasure to look forward to the many school events happening this term, a chance for us to gather together as a school and faith community.

This begins this Friday as we hold our annual Mission Fair for the children. The staff and children love this day as it is full of fun and giving. The recipient of our fundraising this year is St Vincent de Paul House in Northcote.

Make sure that you take note of the calendar of events happening this term.

Teachers and Senior Leadership are now in the process of placing children into classes. Our teachers spend a lot of time getting to know your children as little people and in a learning capacity. Therefore, their professional judgment is critical when placing the children in classes. If you wish to share any information about your child that you think we need to know when finalising placement please email classes@sjmb.school.nz by **THIS Friday, 21st October 2022**. Confirmed placements for 2023 will be included in your child's end of year school report

God's blessings on you all,
Viki Trainor – Principal



REMINDER

School will be closed next Monday, 24th October for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 4

OCTOBER		
Thursday, 20 th	:	PTFA Meeting, 7.00pm in the School HALL
Friday, 21 st	:	Mission Fair for the children
Monday, 24 th	:	Labour Day – school closed
Thursday, 27 th	:	Andrew Chinn Concert, 7.00pm Tickets available on Kindo
NOVEMBER		
Tuesday, 1 st	:	Interschool Swimming Tournament
Tuesday, 8 th	:	Year 6 visit to watch Aladdin at MBIS
Thursday, 10 th	:	PTFA Gala Meeting, 7.00pm
Friday, 11 th	:	Twilight GALA, 4.00 – 8.00pm
Wednesday, 16 th	:	School Athletics Day, Millennium Stadium
Friday, 25 th	:	Interschool Athletics Competition
DECEMBER		
Thursday, 1 st	:	Whole school Christmas show and picnic, 12:30-2:30pm
Wednesday, 7 th	:	EOY & year 6 Graduation Mass, 11.00am
Monday, 12 th	:	Year 6 Graduation Dinner & Dance
Wednesday, 14 th	:	Last Day of Term, school closes 12:00 noon

CLASS MASS AND LITURGY DATES

MASS - at 9.15am on Wednesday in St John's Church unless indicated otherwise

Date	Wk	Room
Wednesday, 26 th October	2	2
Wednesday, 2 nd November	3	5 & 12
Wednesday, 9 th November	4	9 & 13
Wednesday, 23 rd November	6	6, 10 & 11
Wednesday, 7 th December, 11.00am	8	Whole school End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation

MISSION FAIR this Friday 21st October

We are thrilled to be able to hold our annual Mission Fair after a hiatus due to Covid restrictions.

In true Mary MacKillop fashion, *'Never see a need without doing something about it'*, the money raised will go to families at De Paul House in Northcote, who are less fortunate than us.



De Paul House provides housing and support services for those most vulnerable in our community, focusing on families with dependent children. Children will be able to wear non uniform clothes on the day at the cost of a gold coin donation.

We begin our Mission Day Fair after morning tea – this includes games, activities and raffles prepared by the children for the children. They pay to participate in the games and for this they will need 10¢ and 20¢ coins. Please prepare for this as change is not available from the school office. There will also be raffle prizes with tickets costing \$0.50 per ticket. Prizes include soft toys, stationery, arts, crafts, and sweet treats. **Tickets will be on sale all this week at lunchtime and on the day of the Mission Fair.**

The spirit of the day is one of giving to children who are not as well off as we are. We have encouraged the children to do little jobs at home, especially over the holidays, to earn money to bring, spend and donate. Children are invited at the end of the fair to contribute 'left-over' money to the fundraising effort. Please speak to your children about the spirit of the day as being one of giving to others.

There will also be a sausage sizzle at lunchtime kindly sponsored by the PTFA – sausages \$1.00 each.



There will be a total of
TEN
RAFFLE baskets

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All classes will be learning about the Rosary as October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary is a very special prayer to Mary. It is a prayer that we can say together with our whānau and friends and think about the special life that Mary shared with her Son, Jesus, and what this means for our own lives.

Later this term, all classes will focus on the Holy Spirit strand. In their study of the Holy Spirit, the children will learn about the following:

- That the Holy Spirit - Te Wairua Tapu is God, the third person of the Trinity with the very tapu - holiness and mana - power of God - Atua.
- That the Holy Spirit enables them to grow in tapu and mana, through the gifts of grace, understanding and wisdom so they can follow their call to holiness and nurture their personal spirituality.
- That the Holy Spirit is present and affects whānau family, Church, Scripture, Sacrament, and the world.
- That there are titles and symbols of the Holy Spirit - Te Wairua Tapu.
- That the mission of the Holy Spirit is creating, sustaining, and renewing the Church, bringing truth and liberation into people's lives, uniting them with Jesus and continuing his work such as in keeping with the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

You can find out more information about the programme by using the online Faith Alive website [<http://www.faithalive.org.nz>] Simply click on the FAMILIES tab and open the pdf file.

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



ANDREW CHINN

Singer & Songwriter is returning to St. John's on
Thursday 27th October



... and there will be a special **FREE** evening concert for families.

On Thursday, 27th October Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow", "An African Blessing" and "Rise Up!" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. The concert will take place in the school hall, at 7.00pm (please be seated by 6.50pm). We look forward to seeing you there.

So we have an idea of numbers, please 'purchase' tickets from www.mykindo.co.nz

Andrew Chinn:

- Was a teacher for 20 years in Catholic schools in Sydney, taught all grades from kindergarten to Year 6 (was a kindergarten/prep teacher for two years)
- Has been song writing since 1993
- Has released 12 albums, 6 picture books, and 5 DVDs and a new online resource for teachers: www.butterflyhouse.online
- His music is used in schools across Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada and he has visited more than 1000 different schools around those countries.
- His best-known songs are These Hands, Together As One, Rainbow, In the Beginning, Shine Among Them, An African Blessing, God Made Them All, and Rise Up!.
- Lives in Wollongong with his wife, Bernadette and a couple of Shetland Sheepdogs called Mollee and Elbee, who love going to the beach.
- He has four daughters and TEN grandchildren!
- He is a proud Sydney Swans supporter.
- Has his own website: www.butterflymusic.com.au, where you can listen to some songs, watch some video clips, and find out a bit more about his music.
- Andrew's music is available on iTunes, Spotify, Apple Music.

Come and experience the same music your children love to sing, be uplifted, and entertained by this wonderful musician and his supporting cast of the children. It will be a night you will remember for a long time.

We are looking forward to our day with Andrew Chinn. It is a special time of singing, dance, and movement. The children will get an opportunity to perform with Andrew and if they attend the evening Family Concert, they will perform on stage with him.

We recommend you try and get to the Concert and bring your children (who are welcome to attend in non-uniform clothes). They enjoy performing and you will be uplifted by the music and performance.

So that we can manage numbers in the school hall please visit www.mykindo.co.nz and 'purchase' tickets as soon as possible.



THE ST JOHN'S TWILIGHT GALA - FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2022

We're counting down the sleeps... only 4 weeks!

Thank you to all those families who spent time in the holidays going through their toys and books to find those good quality items that have maybe fallen out of use or favour. We had some wonderful donations to the container on Sunday. If you missed out on dropping off last weekend, then don't panic. **You will have a further opportunity to bring your items in on Sunday 30th October from 10.30am to 12.30pm.**

This week and next, we will be taking donations of prizes for our hugely popular quick-fire raffle. Prizes might include boxes of chocolates, bottles of wine, beer or other alcohol, or vouchers. If you have bigger items that you wish to donate, might be more suitable for an auction or raffle, then please email the PTFA at ptfa@sjmb.school.nz

Stall and Gala day helpers: Please remember to let your CLP know if you can help support your classroom stall. The timeslots for helping at the stall are short, meaning you can donate some of your time to the Gala, but still have lots of time to join in the fun with your whānau.

If you can make yourself available on Gala day to help with set up (which takes place during the school day), arrange stalls and then pack down at the close of the Gala, then please text Rachael O'Brien on Tel: 027 875 7095.

Some of our wonderful volunteers are utilizing flexible working options or taking up community/volunteer days offered by their employer. If this is something you could take advantage of, we'd love your help.

Gala PTFA meeting – THIS Thursday, 20th October in the [school hall](#)

This meeting we will be focusing on the Gala. If you are a stall holder, have a role on the day, are interested in getting more involved, or simply have questions/suggestions, then please come along to the hall at 7.00pm. A separate meeting is being held for the food stalls – you will be contacted separately about this.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

As per Term 3, the PTFA are offering an opportunity for local business people who have a child or children currently attending St. John's School, to advertise in the weekly newsletter which is distributed electronically each Tuesday to 235 families. For further information please read this [letter](#).



To advertise, the cost is \$20 per week or for the whole of Term 4, \$140 (7 weeks) payable to the PTFA account 12-3042-0268412-00

Your advert must be in .jpg format

Please direct all responses or queries to ptfa@sjmb.school.nz

UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK



You are reminded that the changeover to summer uniform takes place from the beginning of Term 4. Due to the fluctuating weather, there will be a period when either summer or winter uniform can be worn, however, all the children should be in summer uniform for the third week of Term 4, beginning Monday, 31st October. Please note that for this optional period, the children should wear either the existing summer uniform or the complete winter uniform which includes winter shoes.

HATS - These are a **compulsory item** and must be worn by the children during Terms 1 and 4. Hats must be the school uniform hat. For sun safety we recommend the updated design which can be purchased from [NZ Uniforms](#).

Please ensure they are clearly named.

All St John's uniform pieces can be mixed and matched for all students, so long as the children are in full and correct St John's uniform. We want our children to always feel proud and comfortable in what they are wearing.

Uniform that can be worn all year round (Term 1, 2, 3, & 4)

- Long sleeve polo
- Short sleeve polo
- School shorts
- Culottes
- Polar fleece

Seasonal Uniform Term 1 & 4 only (summer terms)	Seasonal Uniform Term 2 & 3 only (winter terms)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue checked dress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Beanie (optional)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School hat (compulsory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy blue tunic dress (over polo)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black sandals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black knee-high socks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black school shoes.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The sale will be held this Thursday, 20th October 2:30pm in the hall. Cash only.
For any urgent needs please contact our parent co-ordinator: Fran Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279.



PARISH NEWS

PARISH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 2022 – Yes, we're back!

Are you aged 7 or older, **love to sing** (this is very important) and would like to have a special role in our Parish Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St Francis Church on December 24th ?



Come along and learn the songs to lead this special celebration and be part of the dramatization of the Nativity story during the mass.

Practices will take place on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 – 4.15pm at St Francis Church Torbay beginning Sunday, 6th November. You will need to commit to these Sunday afternoon practices during the months of November and December. Boys and girls both welcome.

For enquiries and to register your child and be put on the email contact list for updates, please email Lindy@willplan.co.nz

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.

From The Society of St Vincent de Paul... We appreciate your continued support so we can provide our service without judgement for those in need. Frequently the help required is for items other than food. To enable us to provide the best support we ask you to consider a donation to our bank account to allow us to manage the varied needs of the people we help. Bank account no. **12-3059-0241398-00**. We have Charitable Trust status with IRD & can issue a receipt, when making a direct credit, email us your relevant particulars. **Again, thank you for your generous support.** Email treasurersvdpcb@gmail.com

ECB St. Vincent De Paul FOODBANK Our stocks are very low; we especially need **TEA, RICE AND BISCUITS**. We very much appreciate all the donations we receive. Please leave your donations in the basket in the church foyer.



All Souls: Mass of Remembrance At St. John's Church on **Wednesday 2nd November at 7.00pm**. If you have lost a family member or friend since 2020 we would like to invite you to light an individual candle in their memory. Please contact Liz; with the name of the deceased person, the name of the person lighting the candle and a contact number **no later than 27th October**.

To Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends of families who drop off or pick up children at St. John's

CARPARKING AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

There are three alternative carpark areas for you to use.

1.



SCHOOL CARPARK

Access via East Coast Road going **down** the hill from Rangitoto College

CHURCH CARPARK Access via Hastings Road

2. Please do not use the Church driveway off East Coast Road (this is a private driveway).

Please use this carpark for long term parking **only** if you are using the Church or staying on at school after you have dropped your children off.



3. For short term drop off and pick up of children, parents are asked to use the School Carpark or the school side of St. Ives, Penzance or Hastings Roads.



Hastings Road



Penzance Road



St. Ives Terrace

Children are not allowed in the carparks unless accompanied by an adult.

CHURCH CARPARK

Children wait by the church and must be collected from there.

PENZANCE / HASTINGS / ST IVES

Children wait at Penzance Road front gate and must be collected from there.

SCHOOL CARPARK

Children will wait in the carpark shelter.

Parents using the No Parking Pick Up / Drop Off Circular Zone : Children will be able to move to your car via the footpath at the instruction of the Duty Teacher. If using this service you are **not permitted to leave your car**.

SOME FINAL MATTERS

1. Cars are prohibited from parking in the circular drop off and pick up area of the School Carpark and along the driveway to the carpark.
2. Please obey the signs and yellow 'No Parking' lines.
3. Drive slowly and safely in all carpark areas.
4. Use the DISABLED park only if you can display a disability parking pass.
5. Access to the school via the Penzance Road entrance is prohibited.
6. The School Carpark will be closed after 4pm and on the weekends.

SCHOOL CAR PARK AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

THE CIRCLE

- There is space for 6 cars in the circle. Cars are to move forward to fill all 6 spaces.
- You may not park and exit your vehicle if in the circle area.
- As cars leave the circle, move forward to the front of the circle; It should always be full.
- 'After School Care' vans park in a parking space while waiting for the children.



PARKING

- It's best to arrive at school between 2.30 – 2.45pm if you wish to park.
- Fill car parks from the top (near circle) back. Do not leave gaps, as these will be difficult for others to access once the queue moves into the car park.
- If you arrive at school after 2.45pm and all spaces are full, please join the queue, or find alternative parking.



THE QUEUE

- If you arrive at school prior to 2.45pm, and the circle is full, and you are not parking, stop and queue just before the car parks begin.
- The car park is usually mostly full by 2.45pm. Once all parking spots are full waiting cars may move up to the circle
- No pushing in/cutting in front of first car in queue unless parking.
- Those in the queue, please keep in mind those queued right back to the entrance so move forward as soon as is appropriate.



- If the queue is right out to the entrance, please consider looking for alternative parking elsewhere to minimize the blocking of traffic coming down the hill.
- Do not use the right turn into the drive if driving north up East Coast Road if cars are already queued up to the entrance as this blocks the vision of those trying to exit.



DRIVING OUT

- Cars driving in (queuing) please be aware of parked cars wanting to leave and leave room for them to do so.

and a final reminder...



and please watch your speed!