



Week 2, Term 4
25 October 2022



Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoāni

The voice of St John's School

Kia ora Whānau,

God is the wind.
Faith is the sail.
You are the vessel.
May you be blessed
with smooth sailing.



We were truly blessed with beautiful weather this Labour Weekend. Glenn raced our yacht in the Coastal Classic from Auckland to Russell. It was the 40th anniversary of this race and Russell was absolutely packed with visitors. I saw a couple of school families up there and even caught up with a past pupil and their whānau. Happy times in such a beautiful place.

This Thursday, Andrew Chinn will be coming to school to entertain and teach our children some new songs. Andrew Chinn is a well-known Catholic children's singer and song writer. He has a lovely way of engaging the children in his show. Andrew will also perform for an evening concert on the same night. I do hope some of you can come along, it will be great fun.

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

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 4

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday, 1 st	:	Interschool Swimming Tournament
Thursday, 3 rd	:	PTFA Extraordinary Meeting, 7pm (Gala focus)
Monday, 7 th	:	Interschool Touch Tournament
Tuesday, 8 th	:	Year 6 visit to watch Aladdin at MBIS
Wednesday, 9 th – Thursday, 10 th	:	Year 5 Overnight visit to Sealife Kelly Tarlton's
Friday, 11 th	:	Twilight GALA, 4.00 – 7.00pm
Tuesday, 15 th	:	Year 5 Trip to Long Bay Regional Park
Wednesday, 16 th	:	School Athletics Day, Millennium Stadium
Thursday, 24 th	:	Board Meeting, 6.30pm in Staff Room
Friday, 25 th	:	Interschool Athletics competition (Savaday 30 th November)
Monday, 28 th	:	Interschool Tennis tournament
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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mission Fair

What a successful Mission Fair we had on Friday! The children enjoyed playing games, a sausage sizzle and gathering together for Prayers to celebrate World Mission Day.

We raised \$3,112.60. Wow!

St. John's, what an incredible donation this will be to those at De Paul House in Northcote. Thank you for your generosity. Lesley from De Paul House accepted our donation and has informed us that the money raised will provide 100 children staying at De Paul House a \$30 Warehouse voucher for Christmas. How wonderful is this!



Andrew Chinn Concert



We would like to bring to your attention the Andrew Chinn concert that is taking place **THIS Thursday 27th October**. Please be seated by 6.50pm for a 7.00pm start.

Each child will have the opportunity to participate alongside Andrew in the performances that they will have practiced during the day at school.

So that we can keep track of numbers in the hall, please login to Kindo (www.mykindo.co.nz) to 'purchase' a FREE ticket and indicate how many members of your family will be attending. We hope to see you all there.



THE ST JOHN'S TWILIGHT GALA FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2022, 4.00 – 7.00pm

We're counting down the sleeps... only 2 weeks!

To ensure we are on top of everything for the Gala there will be an extraordinary PTFA meeting on

Thursday, 3rd November at 7pm.

Please put this date in your diaries now.

Gala Busking 2022

It's that time of year again when the teachers ask for talented children (in groups or individually) to sign up for the busking stage at the Gala. Children can start practising their Gala items now. The Busking stage is a great opportunity for children to take an active role in their School Gala. Children in the past have done musical items, singing, dancing, drama and played instruments. Mrs Marsh will speak to the students in assembly and if parents have any questions about the busking, please see Mrs Marsh as soon as possible. Please note that this year there is a 2 ½ minute time limit for each act. Disney songs are always popular, and lyrics are suitable for the audience.

Please take note of the guidelines below to ensure that we all have a happy and successful event.

Guidelines for children taking part in the busking:

- It is a **fun** event, not the X Factor.
- All acts must be auditioned by the class teacher.
- Appropriate music to be used.
- The song that is used at the audition must be the song that is used at the performance.
- Participants must be at the busking stage in plenty of time for their slot. (late arrivals may be disappointed).
- Parents, please help the staff by checking the appropriateness of the music.
- 2 ½ minute limit per act

Many thanks for your contribution, Mrs Jill Marsh JillM@sjmb.school.nz

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

ATTENDANCE DUES FOR 2023

The Board has received notice from the Auckland Diocese that Attendance Dues will be raised by \$5 per term in 2023. This means that in 2023, Attendance Dues will be \$122 per term (\$12.20 per week for a 10 week term).

Financial Assistance with Attendance Dues is available to families of Preference students in cases of genuine financial difficulties. Part of the criteria for receiving this assistance is that regular payments have been made at an affordable level. On our school website under INFORMATION – FEES (and ENROLMENTS) there is a full explanation of our fees and information about the Inland Revenue Tax Deductibility of all the fee areas. Attendance Dues are not tax deductible. Please contact Michele Nash MicheleN@sjmb.school.nz if you need any questions answered relating to School Fees.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY 2022



This special day for teachers is celebrated in October in more than 100 countries worldwide. World Teacher's Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

World Teacher's Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thank you for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

We will be saying a BIG THANKS to our teachers on Thursday of this week with all the Support Staff hosting a morning tea for them.



LIBRARY NEWS



SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

The Lucky Book Club catalogue, Issue 7, will be coming home this week. The close off date for orders to be delivered to the school is **Sunday 6th November at 4pm.**

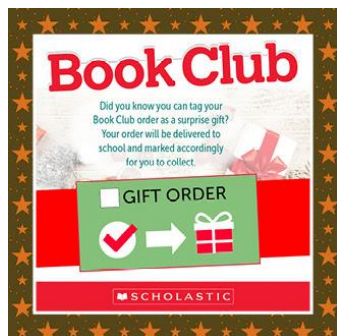
If you prefer for deliveries to be made to your home, with a shipping fee, please order after Tuesday, 8th November and before Friday, 2nd December. All orders will benefit the school rewards program.

This will be the last issue of the year for our school and will include 40 pages of amazing books to help children to love reading, including:

- Christmas and Holiday Gift Ideas
- The Best Books of 2022
- Halloween Reads
- Big Savings on Packs
- \$7 and Under Books, \$3.50 Value Books and much more!



Please **do not** send money or orders to school
instead use Scholastic LOOP to place and pay for your order.



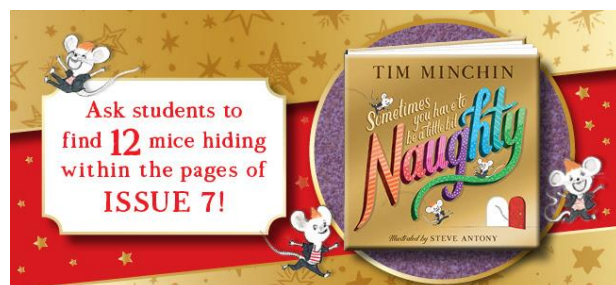
By using LOOP there is no need to fill out any forms or receipt numbers. All orders can be made through LOOP on the Scholastic NZ website <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> or by using the Scholastic LOOP app which is available on [Google Play](#) or the [App store](#).

To use the Scholastic LOOP App or the Website

1. You need to register yourselves.
2. On the registration pages you need to add your child/ren,
3. Place order, making sure that you are ordering from issue #7

Should you have any difficulty you can call the Scholastic book club line on Tel: 0800 266 525

Library News continued...



LIBRARY STOCK TAKE TIMELINE

10th November The library will stop issuing books to children. The children then have two weeks to return their books or resolve any missing or lost books.

10th November - 22nd November - During class visits children receive poster draw tickets after all their books have been returned or accounted for - see below for any lost books.

23rd November - Annual poster and mystery prize draw, nine to be won.

5th December - After the stocktake, if your family has had a missing book, and it has not turned up, you may be asked by email for a koha towards replacing it.

LOST BOOKS

If your child has a Lost book, please contact the Library at Library@simb.school.nz and let them know that you have had a good look for it. We would prefer this communication to be sent by an adult caregiver through our email system rather than a message from a child.

Your email will receive a reply like this with a picture of the cover of the book to help you spot it.

"Thank you for letting me know that you have had a good search for the missing library books I am sure that the book will turn up eventually. I will mark the book as misplaced; this means that your child will be able to continue getting books out during the year. Afterwards, you will no longer receive overdue notices for this book. Should it show up, please return it to the school library and it will be marked as returned.

At the end of the year if it has not shown up you may be asked for a small donation."

After the stocktake, depending on the age of the missing book, if it has not turned up you may be asked for a koha towards replacing it.

INTERESTING READS

[Audiobooks or Reading? To Our Brains, It Doesn't Matter](#)

This article has an interesting link to an interactive map of the brain as it listens to a story as well as some great research on a different way of reading. It is good to see the science and the facts around this often-disputed type of reading.

[NZ's literacy crisis: How 'unpatrolled' reading helps children](#)

This eleven-minute read was certainly insightful for the need of our children to choose their own reading material and find enjoyment and pleasure in reading.

I have included a couple of excerpts as I am aware of this article being paywalled.

"Such measures are intended to improve our literacy rate, but everyone involved in the field is also aware of the importance of encouraging reading for pleasure as a grounding for lifelong reading, learning and enjoyment.

A wealth of academic research has shown that reading for pleasure is correlated with better reading comprehension, better vocabulary, and improved school achievement, cognitive function, and psychological well-being.

Enhancing reading engagement across the country, says a 2021 report by the AUT School of Education, may also improve "informed decision-making, empathy and taking responsibility for others or the environment".

Reading for pleasure appears in both the early childhood curriculum Te Whāriki and the New Zealand Curriculum. Despite this, the focus on raising literacy attainment, says the AUT report, "can overwhelm attempts to support reading for pleasure".

This is reflected in OECD data from 2018 that showed about half of 15-year-olds in New Zealand read only if they had to, up from about 38 per cent nine years previously. About a quarter thought reading was a waste of time."

"Susan Paris defines reading for pleasure as "unpatrolled" reading. "It's unsupervised and exploratory, with a sense of adventure. And all the time, you're imbibing knowledge and immersing yourself in the world and human behaviour without even noticing." It is not only vital for full literacy, she says, "but also means they're much more likely to become lifelong readers and better-adapted, more rounded human beings. Readers become thinkers – and writers."

It is also one of the main indicators, she says, of kids who do well and are achieving at or above the expected level. "Most students who are falling behind aren't reading in their own time."

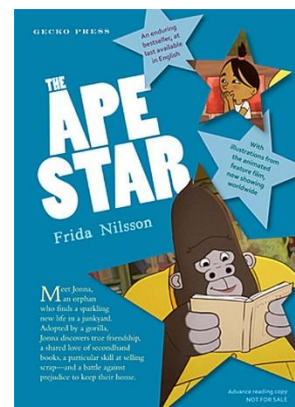


Competition: reading copy of The Ape Star

"Warmth, wit, compassion and insight. A triumph of storytelling by an exciting Swedish writer." *Book-marked*

The Ape Star is a chapter book for 7 to 10 year olds by Frida Nilsson.

To win a copy of a special reading copy edition email Gecko Press with "Ape Star" in the subject line and include your postal address. Your entry will go into a prize draw and Gecko Press will pick a winner at random after 30th October 2022.



SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE

The pool will be open for swimming from Monday, 21st November **unless indicated otherwise by signage at the pool.**

You are offered a family key to take advantage of the pool for family swimming. The cost is \$80 for the entire season plus a \$20 key bond [refundable]. The season end is flexible, around 31st March 2023.



Keys are numbered and must be returned within four weeks of the end of the season when a bond refund will be given. If the key is not returned within this time the refund is forfeited as these keys need to be refigured and replaced each year. Keys can be purchased at the school office up until noon, Wednesday, 14th December when the office closes for the year.

UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK



You are reminded that the changeover to summer uniform takes place from the beginning of Term 4. **All the children should be in summer uniform for NEXT Monday, 31st October.**

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

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.**

what they are wearing.

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

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

Seasonal Uniform Term 1 & 4 only (summer terms)	Seasonal Uniform Term 2 & 3 only (winter terms)
• Blue checked dress	• School Beanie (optional)
• School hat (compulsory)	• Navy blue tunic dress (over polo)
• Black sandals	• Black knee-high socks
	• Black school shoes.
	• Long Sleeve Polo

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.

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ECB St. Vincent De Paul FOODBANK Our stocks are very low; we especially need **CANS OF BEETROOT AND PACKETS OF INSTANT NOODLES**. 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**.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AG DAY 2022 SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

Coatesville School, 24 Mahoenui Valley Road, Auckland



Farm animals, bouncy castles, food stalls, games, climbing wall, face painting, plants, silent auction, baked goods and more!

Judging starts at 9am and stalls open 10.30am

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