

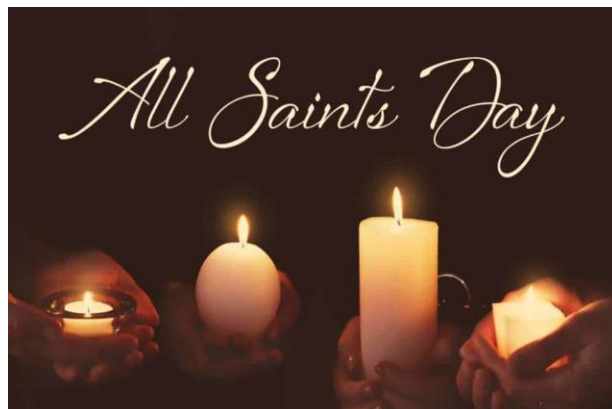


Week 3, Term 4
01 November 2022



Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni **The voice of St John's School**

Kia ora whānau



Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Yesterday many families participated in Halloween. Whilst our children love the fun and sweet treats that Halloween brings, the full story is somewhat cut short.

As Christians we have the full story with the feast of All Saints, formally known as "All Hallows". The world celebrates the eve of our feast with us, but they don't stay for the end of the story which is the triumph of life over death celebrated today.

As Catholics we celebrate life and the feast of All Saints is just that, the celebration of all those who have made it to Heaven. Unfortunately, there are not enough days in the year for every canonised saint to have a feast, so they have this day as theirs. We can also include all those who are in Heaven who lived Christian lives in a less public way. We can think of our deceased relatives who passed on the faith to us as some of those who might be enjoying this great feast in Heaven.

Sports at St John's School

Mrs Dorrington, Miss Binns, and I are currently reviewing sport organisation at our school. We are looking closely at how we can improve the timeliness and efficiency of current communication. Over the years, school communication has become increasingly digital, and as a community we are relying more and more on our emails and online platforms such as Kindo rather than the older method of paper permission slips and parent helper forms. As a result of our review, in 2023, we will move to distributing and collecting information digitally.

We also aim to provide an overview of sporting opportunities for our children to assist our parents with planning ahead. Whilst we will endeavour to provide timely information pertaining to events, there may be occasions when we are working on tight time frames due to external sport organisations providing us with confirmed dates.

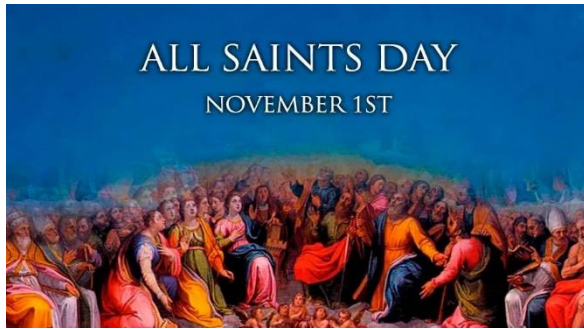
We are truly grateful for the wonderful support that our parents give to sport at our school and without people giving of their time and energy to co-ordinate, coach, manage, transport and supervise, many sporting events would not be able to go ahead for our children.

Change and new learning takes time, therefore we ask that you continue to support us and bear with us as we work through this process.

God bless,
Viki Trainor – *Principal*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All Saints and All Souls Day



This week we have two significant days on our liturgical calendar. We have All Saints Day today and All Souls Day on Wednesday. These days remind us that we are part of a faith and church that has always existed and is eternal, and that we need to pray for those who have gone before us.

The Feast of All Saints is the day on which we celebrate the lives of those who have given their lives to Christ, who have lived their lives for Our Lord, known and unknown. Those known, have been canonised by the Church. We pray for them all, known and unknown.

On the Feast of All Souls, Pope Francis asks people to pray for the world's forgotten dead, "those who no one remembers", the "victims of war and violence; the many little ones' of the world crushed by hunger and poverty" and "the anonymous who rest in common graves". We pray for all the souls of the dead, known and unknown.

Dear Lord, we pray for our own loved ones, family, our relatives, and friends who have died. Many of them are not famous, their statues are not in the church, but their pictures are in our homes and hearts. Their stories are alive in our families. We remember them with love. Amen



Andrew Chinn Concert



What a spectacular day we had last Thursday with a visit from Andrew Chinn.

Each year level had workshops with Andrew learning songs and actions. On Thursday evening, the hall was packed and the children enjoyed performing alongside Andrew. It was so great to see our Catholic Special Character so vibrant and alive! Many thanks to whānau for coming and celebrating this wonderful event.





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

Only 10 sleeps to go until Gala Day. YAY!

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.

Donations and Cake Stall

We're focused on those final donations this week. All those things you've meant to bring in, that keep getting left on the kitchen bench in the morning rush. Bags of lollies, bars of chocolate, bottles of wine, boxed chocolates and other new items you think would be ideal for a raffle.



As we get closer to the big day, we are turning our attention to the FABULOUS cake stall.

The Gala is famous for the cake stall full of home-made baking created by you, our St John's families. We ask you to get creating your best cakes, cupcakes, fudge, caramel slice, brownie, biscuits... your mixing bowl is endless!

Cake boxes (one per child) will come home with your children this week on Thursday (Yr 6) and Friday (Yr 0-5). You then have a week to create your donation. If you require more boxes, these will be available from the hall on Tuesday 8th November at 2.30pm

It's great to have a variety of cakes, so make your favourite, or if you're not sure, take a look at the recipes sent out by your CLP this week. Please deliver your cakes and wonderful creations to the hall **the morning of the Gala from 8.30am** and children will receive House points for each contribution.



Stall and Gala Day helpers

We are still searching for helpers for our Gala Treasury - this team is central to the day making sure that Gala Day money is well managed. We still need helpers for the quick-fire raffle and the first aid room. Please contact your CLP or Rachael on 0278 757 095 if you can help.

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 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

Before the end of the school year we need to reconcile all Kindo charges as the resources and activities have already been paid for by the school. Therefore, several reminders were emailed to families last week regarding overdue payments. There is a great deal of administration involved in reconciling all the school's accounts and we therefore greatly appreciate your early and prompt attention to paying for any items currently outstanding on your child/children's accounts.

We do appreciate that we are still living in unprecedented times financially and we do not wish to add any further pressure onto family life. If you are having difficulty in meeting your payments or if we can be of any assistance, please feel free to personally contact Viki in confidence.

If you have any questions please 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@simb.school.nz

Sports Registration Fees

Please look out for the following sports fees that will be loaded onto Kindo accounts on the dates indicated.

Interschool Swimming Trials	1 st November	\$7.00
Senior Netball, Spring League	1 st November	\$30.00
Junior Netball, Spring League	1 st November	\$30.00
Interschool Swimming	2 nd November	\$10.00
Hockey, Summer League Yr 1 & 2	4 th November	\$25.00
Hockey, Summer League Yr 3 - 6	4 th November	\$30.00
Term 4 Touch League	8 th November	\$45.00

Termly School Fees continue to be dealt with separately by Mrs Michele Nash, MicheleN@simb.school.nz and should be paid either via bank transfer (12-3042-0320348-00) referenced with your child's name and 'Fees', or via EFTPOS at the school office. Any families paying in instalments should ensure that fees have been paid in full by the end of November to allow enough time for the school to reconcile accounts prior to the end of the school year.

WORLD TEACHER DAY

Last Thursday, we celebrated World Teacher Day. A tasty morning tea was put on by the support staff where the teachers were presented with homemade bliss balls courtesy of Mrs Michele Nash, Mrs Rachael Chandler and Mrs Fran Gilchrist. A special part of this year's celebration was provided by seven ESOL students. Introduced by Clara Kim, prayers written specifically for the teachers, were reverently said by Mayan Awrooj in Arabic, Angelina Lavender de le Garza and Amelia Boxall in Spanish, and Meesol Tak in Korean. Our prayer time closed with the Sign of the Cross spoken in Korean, by cousins Joseph and Noel Bae.



Thank you to these children. Special thanks to Ms Faten Bazi and Ms Jane Lee for the prayer translations into Arabic and Korean respectively.

Mrs Kathy Williams and Mrs Christine McFadzean – ESOL Teachers



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



All children should be in summer uniform for the remainder of Term 4, this includes leather sandals.

If your child has a medical reason for wearing non-summer uniform footwear please ensure you have informed the Principal, office and classroom teacher.

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.**



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

There will be a sale **THIS** Thursday, 3rd November 2:30pm in the hall. Cash only. For any urgent needs please contact our parent co-ordinator: Fran Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279.

CONGRATULATIONS

Roxelle Feng – 3rd in NZ Water Polo Festival of Olympic Hopefuls
Stella Huebner – PoD Netball

*The Daffodils started the Spring League Netball season with a strong win against Upper Harbour Primary School winning 22 – 2. The stellar result was due to a lot of work during the winter season getting the ladies to work as a team. This, in turn, made it very difficult to select a **Player of the Day** but given **Harriet Ashton** was new to the team and slotted straight in on her first game with the team to make a contribution, it was a well-deserved award for Harriet. Well done Daffodils!*

Report from Clifton Madgwick



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.

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.



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