



**Week 4, Term 4**  
**11 November 2022**



## **Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni**

### **The voice of St John's School**

Kia ora whānau

Our staff and children are looking forward to the Gala this Friday. Our PTFA work very hard to make this fantastic event happen so come along and enjoy the fun. Please pray for good weather!

**Email protocol** A gentle reminder to think twice about the way in which emails are worded. It can be terribly upsetting to our teachers to read rude or blunt emails. A rule of thumb I refer to is to ask myself 'would I be happy to read this email out loud in person to the recipient'. These emails are extremely rare in our school, but it only takes one to cause irreparable damage to a relationship. Thank you for your understanding.

**Carpark kindness** It was reported to me that grandparents who were dropping off their grandchildren were verbally abused and intimidated by another parent in the church carpark. Please remember that on occasions grandparents support whānau with school drop offs and pickups and may not understand our procedures. A kindly explanation is all that is required. Thank you for your understanding.

God bless, Viki Trainor – *Principal*

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**THE ST JOHN'S TWILIGHT GALA**  
**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022, 4.00 – 7.00pm**

**Only 3 sleeps until you know what!**



Thank you so much for all your generous donations and support of our Gala. We are getting super excited for what is such a happy and fun day. We now need your prayers for sunny weather, with no rain!

Just a few reminders for this week:

- If you have any chipped or cracked crockery (ceramics only please - not glass) that we could use for the 'Smash a Plate', these can be left in the box in the office over the next week.
- Any final toy or book donations can be dropped off in the hall tomorrow morning between 8.00 – 9.00am and again after school on Wednesday. If you need extra cake boxes these will also be available in the hall between 8.00 – 9.00am tomorrow morning.
- Please deliver your cakes and baking to the hall the morning of the Gala and remind your children to get their house points for each donation.
- The Turning Circle carpark will be closed from 9.00am on Friday to allow for Gala set up. If you normally use this for pick up, please make other arrangements for the afternoon.
- Those stallholders and helpers who are available for the day should arrive at the hall at 9.00am for a short briefing. Everyone is welcome and many hands make light work. Please remember to sign in so we know who is on site. Lunch and morning tea is provided for helpers and pizza and a wine/beer will be provided for those who stay after the Gala to pack up. If you wanted to help on the day, it is not too late. Please contact your CLP or Rachael on Tel: 0278 757 095.
- It will be a non-uniform day for all the children on Friday – no coin or donation required
- The Gala starts at 4.00pm. School finishes at 2.50pm and normal pick-up procedures apply. Be aware that the courts and playgrounds will be far busier than normal, so your help in getting the children away from school quickly will also keep them safe. **We ask that you pick up your child/ren promptly as children cannot remain onsite to wait for the Gala to start unless supervised by their own parent.**

**The Year 4 – 6 children will open the Gala with a song.**  
**We ask that those children that can join in are at the busking stage at 3:45pm.**

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## SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY – Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November



Our School Athletics Sports take place on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at the AUT Millennium Stadium. The children will walk to the Stadium via Rangitoto College with their teachers. A Police Officer has been requested to oversee the road crossing at the lights. Children need to bring a good lunch and plenty to drink for the day.

We will be starting our programme at 9:20am prior to the whole schools arrival, with the **800m event for Year 4 - 6** runners. All 800m runners are to be at the track by 9.00am as the event will be run before the rest of the school arrives. **Parents: if your child is in this event, please taken them directly to the stadium where they are to report to Mrs Dorrington.** From 9:50am onwards the children will be involved in a variety of activities on and around the track. For ease of organisation the children will be grouped in their year levels. Each child will have a card pinned to their T-shirt which will record their achievements throughout the day. The programme is detailed below.

**Parent help is required. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Dorrington via email asap at [sports@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:sports@sjmb.school.nz) with your contact details. We require up to 24 helpers between 9.00am & 2.00pm.**

**The children will need** their full School PE uniform including sports shoes, which they may wear to school, school sunhat, a good lunch and drink and **two medium to large safety pins** to attach their House Cards to their shirt.

### SUN SAFETY...

- Slip...** All children must wear their school PE uniform for the day.
- Slop...** Please ensure that your children have sunscreen on **before** they come to school. Please also provide named sunscreen for your child to reapply at lunchtime.
- Slap...** All children must wear their school hat during the day.
- and Drink...** All children need to bring a **named** drink bottle which they will carry around with them for the day. Water is highly recommended to keep the children hydrated during sport.

### AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS

All parents, families and friends are welcome to come along and share the occasion. The AUT Millennium Stadium is in Antares Place. Feel free to sit on the grass bank, behind the track and fenced area, or on the grassy area behind the roped area. Please do not come down inside the track area. Access is via Apollo Drive, off Constellation Drive or Rosedale Road. Lunch will be from approx. 11:20am - 11.50am and your children will be able to join you on the grass bank then. Children are not permitted to leave the stadium during the lunch break.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
800m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays
Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus
Quoit Sling	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump
LUNCH					
400m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
High Jump	Quoit Sling	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump
Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints
Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays	Shot Put
4 x 100m Middle and Senior School House Relays					

**End of Sports Day Procedures...** At the end of the sports day (**approx.** 2:15pm) the children will assemble on the field. Parents wishing to take their children home may do so but will need to collect them from the field as the classes are called out. It is important for the teachers to know which children have been taken by parents and which have not. Please help us in this and follow this procedure. You are reminded that if you wish your children to be collected by someone else, a note **MUST** be given to the class teacher in the morning. All other children will return to school and leave from there as normal.



# LIBRARY NEWS



## Websites

I have been sharing two interesting websites with the children lately and they have asked me to share them with their parents. They build on the discovery of our world, a topic that we looked at last term.

**WindowSwap - Watch windows around the world**

[www.window-swap.com](http://www.window-swap.com)

Open a new **window** somewhere in the world. Look through **windows** shared by real people and share yours to become a part of this global community.

**City Walks Live**

[www.citywalks.live](http://www.citywalks.live)

A virtual platform to **walk** around **cities** of the world and feel the vibes of the **city**.



## Student Librarians

The Year 6 tamariki finished their official Librarian duties at the end of Term 3, the keen Librarians became mentors in Term 4 and are sharing their knowledge with Year 5 tamariki who are considering becoming Librarians next year.

A few of our Librarians have received their silver badges during Term 4 and we have a couple who are very close to being the first ever Student Librarians to receive gold! I hope that you will be seeing their picture here very soon.

## Scholastic Lucky Book club

Issue number #7 is now closed for delivery to school but is still available for delivery to your home with shipping charges.

## Stocktake Timeline

### **Thursday, 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.

### **Thursday, 10th November – Tuesday, 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.

### **Wednesday, 23rd November**

Annual poster and mystery prize draw. Nine to be won.

### **Monday, 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

Students are being asked to look in their classroom, the library and at home for any missing books. If your child is unable to locate their books please contact the Library at [Library@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:Library@sjmb.school.nz) and let them know that you have had a good look for it. This is information that is preferred to come from an adult through our email system rather than a child.

Your email will receive a reply similar to this with a picture of the cover of the book to help 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.*

Ngā mihi  
Chantelle Dunn (Library Manager)



## ZOOVENTURES EXPERIENCE FOR OUR ESOL CHILDREN

Sally from Zooventures came to visit us. We got shown some reptiles like bearded dragons, geckos and tortoises. The tortoise's stomach was really hard as well as the top shell. Its mouth was pointy and small like a beak. Turtles live in the sea and tortoises live on land.

**Jayden - Room 5**

I was surprised that the bearded dragon's stomach was cold and the spikes were not as spikey as they looked. The back was hard and scaly and it can blow up its ribs to make it bigger and scare off predators.

**Jonathan - Room 5**

We saw mammals like guinea pigs, and a rabbit. We got to touch the guinea pigs and they felt very soft and fluffy. The fur made them look bigger than their bodies. The guinea pigs were in a cosy basket and they liked to eat a lot. They are herbivores.

**Kaylie - Room 5**



I held a blue-tongued lizard. He has a blue tongue so when the animals come to eat it, the lizard shows it's blue tongue and every time he can scare them off.

**Bernard - Room 9**

I held a bearded dragon. I wasn't scared. It was spiky and his tummy was a little bit cold. One dragon ate a bug.

**Leon - Room 9**

Sally put the mice in an egg carton to keep them safe when she's traveling. They are very good at hiding from predators. We didn't touch the mice but we touched the turtles.

**Julia - Room 13**

The mice were furry and they like playing but first they are shy so they hide. Then they played on the stairs and the wheel and in their habitat.

**Amelia - Room 13**





# GARDEN TO TABLE

GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE

This term is a busy one in the garden. There have been a lot of weeds to clear and garden beds to prepare for our summer crops. Our home-grown compost has been put back into the garden beds with worms a plenty. We have been planting tomatoes, beans, lettuce, peas, cucumbers, courgettes and corn. The watering cans have also been in use which the children love.



In the kitchen the children are making use of the last of our winter greens with pasta bakes, pesto, kale chips and using our lettuces for some lovely salads. We even have a few strawberries to harvest.

We are hoping to have a gate sale one afternoon to sell some of produce before the term ends. Will keep you posted.

Ange Moore – Garden Specialist



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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. We 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 regarding any charges please contact Anneliese Bridges in the office Tel: 09 478 7734, email: [office@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:office@sjmb.school.nz) or if you are experiencing problems with the app or website contact Kindo directly at Tel: 0508 454 636 or Email: [hello@mykindo.co.nz](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz)

## Year 6 Graduation Dinner

All Year 6 parents will be receiving an invitation to purchase tickets to the Year 6 Graduation dinner. Charges have already been applied to all Year 6 accounts for ONE or TWO Adults. Please select and pay for whichever charge is appropriate for your child depending on how many adults are attending. The other charge will be removed from accounts in due course.

## Sports Charges recently added:

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

**Termly School Fees** continue to be dealt with separately by Mrs Michele Nash, [MicheleN@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:MicheleN@sjmb.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.



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#### For more information:

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Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

#### ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

2022	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$468	\$916
per term (incl. GST)	\$117	\$229

#### For more information:

[www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/Compulsory-Charges-and-Contributions](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/Compulsory-Charges-and-Contributions)

**Phone:** (09) 360 3040

**Email:** acfl@cda.org.nz



St Joseph's Pukekohe







## SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE

The pool will be open for swimming from Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> December when the office closes for the year.

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## UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK



For Gala Day on Friday of this week all children are welcome to wear non-uniform clothes to school.

No donation required.

Please clearly label any item of clothing that may be removed/lost during the day e.g. jacket, hat, shoes etc.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Alena Jayasekera** – PoD Netball (Excellent shooting)

**Lucy McQueen** – PoD Netball (Being in the right place all the time)

**Isla McQueen** – PoD Touch (side stepping dummy half)

**Lucy McQueen** – PoD Hockey



**Netball – Yr 4 Daffodils:** *Another great game with the ladies working as a team to win against the Campbells Bay Swifts 13 – 0. **Martina Mena** stood out as **player of the day**, constantly working the top of the circle creating options for the GS & GA to be well positioned under the net for another goal.*

*After exhausting all reserves for the win, the Daffodils then went on to play back-to-back games, this time against Campbells Bay Tuis. Putting all the energy into the previous match under a 22°C sun, the ladies were unable to follow through with another win this time losing 13 – 0. Nevertheless, the determination was there to keep pushing and of particular note was **Eloisa Duff** for never giving up and deservedly being awarded **player of the day**. Report from Clifton Madgwick*

## Interschool Touch tournament



Our Year 5 Panthers and Year 5/6 Falcons Touch teams took part in the Interschool Touch tournament yesterday and had a great day. Well done to all the children.

*The girls played their little hearts out & had a blast. – Lara Gunn*

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## PARISH NEWS

**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.

**DE PAUL HOUSE Transitional housing and family support.** Food Bank Depleted! Can you help?

Our shelves are looking bare in most products. Tinned fish, corned beef, pasta sauces, biscuits, crackers, rice, long life milk, powdered milk, tinned fruit, muesli bars, tea, coffee, milo. Personal care – shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, baby wipes, frozen meals or meat. We share our food bank with the 45 family's resident with us, but also with a growing outreach in the local communities. This includes elderly pensioners. Proverbs 19'17 'Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD!' Thank you we value your kindness & support, please leave your donations in the basket in the church foyer.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is restarting at 9am Mass at St. John's. At this stage we can only accommodate the older group; ages 6-10yrs. Our aim for next year is to have the younger group as well if we can get volunteers. Contact Bill if you are able to help. [barsfamily@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barsfamily@xtra.co.nz)

### **CHILDREN'S MASS**

**20TH NOVEMBER; 9.00AM**

If you wish to be a reader or a part of the offertory please contact Lindy on [lindy@willplan.co.nz](mailto:lindy@willplan.co.nz) Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass

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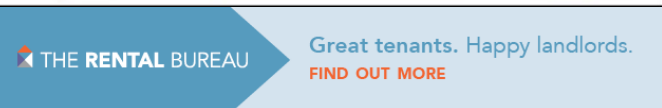
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## DOVE FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

**Share Dinner**, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm  
at St Thomas More Catholic Church Hall, 336  
Wairau Rd, Glenfield.

**Topic:** Adorned with the oil of Gladness  
**Scripture:** Psalm 45: 7 – 9  
**Speaker:** Christine Kornman (from Hamilton)  
**Music:** Wilma Conroy (from Hamilton)

Come dressed in your best and fellowship with  
women from the North Shore