



Week 5, Term 4  
15 November 2022



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

**DEAR GOD,  
I SINCERELY  
THANK YOU  
FOR THE  
GOOD  
PEOPLE  
AROUND ME**

Kia ora whānau

This message must begin with thanks for the great success of our school gala last Friday. Our very tenacious PTFA would not give into the weather or adhere to the evening forecast which was really bleak. Instead, they came together to plan how they would go ahead regardless. From my perspective it was one of the best galas I have seen in my six years. I think this was due to the positive vibe amongst the community. Our teachers were so accommodating and flexible, as were the children who loved being involved.

### Administration Block Refurbishment

We are very excited to let you know that our administration block will be receiving a major refurbishment in the coming months. To facilitate this work, we will be moving out of the office during next week into Room 14 on a temporary basis. Mrs Bridges, Mrs Nash, Mrs Ball, Miss Binns and I will be located in Room 14 and this will also be our sick bay area should you need to collect a child from school. Please bear with us during this transition, we think we have prepared for the move as well as possible but there is always the possibility of some 'technical difficulties' whilst we get settled.

### Mrs Ball's Farewell

On Thursday we will be gathering as a school to farewell our lovely Mrs Vivienne Ball acknowledging and celebrating her 26 years service to St John's School. While she does not leave us until the end of the year, we wanted to take the opportunity to gather together as a whole school before the hall is 'out of action' due to the administration upgrade. You are most welcome to join us for a special liturgy in the hall at 11:30am.

### *School End-of-Year Mass*

*and*

### *Year 6 Graduation Ceremony*

*Wednesday, 7th December  
at 11.00am*

*St. John's Church*

### End of Year Mass

You are all welcome to attend this special Mass as we celebrate the year and thank God for the many blessings we have received.

We also farewell our Year 6 children and wish them well for the next stage of their school life to Year 7 and beyond.

God bless, Viki Trainor – *Principal*

### TERM DATES FOR 2023

**Term 1** – Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2** – Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3** – Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**Term 4** – Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October to Date TBC

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

Our School Athletics Sports take place **TOMORROW** 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.

We will be starting our programme at 9:20am prior to the whole school's 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 the 800m race, please taken them directly to the stadium where they are to report to Mrs Dorrington.***

**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
<b>9:20am</b>	800m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
<b>9:50am</b>	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays
<b>10:20am</b>	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus
<b>10:50am</b>	Quoit Sling	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump
<b>11:20am</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>					
<b>11.50am</b>	400m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
<b>12:10pm</b>	High Jump	Quoit Sling	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump
<b>12:40pm</b>	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints
<b>1:10pm</b>	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays	Shot Put
<b>1:55pm</b>	4x100m 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.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Director of Religious Studies Conference

Last week, I spent two days at the DRS conference at Vaughn Park in Long Bay. All the DRS' from the Auckland and Northland regions were invited to gather together for further Faith and professional development. We learnt further about the new RE curriculum that is slowly being rolled out over the next four years. The curriculum has been completed and the resources are currently being developed. You can find the new curriculum [here](#).



We celebrated Mass with Fr. Martin Wu who spoke of the challenges that educators and families have endured over the last few years with the pandemic.

We met with Christine Smith (Review and development officer-Auckland diocese), Phillip Mahoney (Catholic Education services manager) and Catherine Ryan (vicar for Education). We discussed the new internal Special Catholic Character Internal Evaluations that our kura presents to the Bishop each year.



It was also special to enjoy some reflection time with a session led by Judith Courtney. This poem really stood out for me by John O'Donohue Benedictus, 'For Presence'.

*May you awaken to the mystery of being here*

*And enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.*

*May you have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.*

*May you receive great encouragement when new frontiers beckon.*

*May you respond to the call of your gift And find the courage to follow its path.*

*May the flame of anger free you from falsity.*

*May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame and anxiety never linger about you.*

*May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of soul.*

*May you take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek no attention.*

*May you be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul. May you experience each day as a sacred gift, Woven around the heart of wonder.*

If you would like to know more about any of the items above, please email me at [laurab@simb.school.nz](mailto:laurab@simb.school.nz) or pop in and see me.

Laura Baddeley – DRS



Gala 2022! What a day! The fun of the fair was back at St John's after a two year break and didn't we make the most of it? So many games to play, treasures to purchase, talents on show and some beautiful food to enjoy. Most of all, the day was a real celebration of the diversity and spirit that is the St John's community. Thank you to all of you for your many donations and for braving the weather to be a part of the day. The biggest thanks go to all of the stall holders, teachers, staff, helpers and the amazing PTFA team who have given their time and skills to make the Gala possible. Final totals are still being added up but we're on track to make around \$15,000 for our school which is just fantastic!



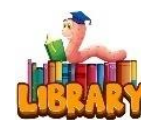
We'll be debriefing on the Gala next Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm in Room 5 for our final PTFA meeting this year, please come along and join in or pass any feedback to your CLP.







# LIBRARY NEWS



Congratulations on such a successful Gala. I hope that a few of you were able to stop by the book stall and pick up some new and interesting books.

Books are no longer being issued from the school library as we prepare for the annual stocktake. **All books need to be returned to the school library by NEXT Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November.** We have had a steady stream of books being returned and the library shelves are filling up. It has been a joy to see the library busy with readers during the lunchtimes as now is the time to read the books that have been out all year.



While the school library is closed for issuing, this should not stop you reading. Remember to visit your local library to stock up on reading material. Also, our wonderful Auckland libraries have Libby to help with reading or listening to digital books, even magazines. The great thing about using digital books is not worrying about overdue.



## Libby App

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I highly recommend finding the preferences and choosing your preferred language as well as juvenile fiction. This is all available free and does not cost anything.

And lastly here is [a blog of National Libraries favourite](#) children's books from 2022 should you be looking for new books.

Ngā mihi, Chantelle Dunn - Library Manager  
[Library@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:Library@sjmb.school.nz)

As a school we always strive to offer opportunities for the children to experience extra curricula activities that enrich and enhance their learning. We also source resources and materials that we feel best suit the needs of our tamariki in their educational journey. Across the whole school there is currently a significant number of charges on Kindo accounts yet to be paid this year.

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We, therefore, kindly request that you login to your Kindo account [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) at the earliest opportunity to make payment for any outstanding items. **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 should have received 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.

**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.



## 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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## BASKETBALL FEES

Mrs Karen Dorrington will be reviewing and reconciling outstanding basketball league fees for 2021 / 2022 seasons following our school athletics day. These will be charged to Kindo accounts as soon as the reconciliation has been completed and we would appreciate payment prior to the end of the school year.

This has been a complicated process due to all the disruption to the league in previous years due to the Covid pandemic. We would appreciate your ongoing patience as we are aware this has been a lengthy and drawn-out process due to circumstances beyond our control.

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## CONGRATULATIONS



Well done to **Kaylie Lo**, who competed in The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition in Term 3 and received a Bronze Award.

Kaylie wrote her essay about her mum's childhood in Hong Kong and how she helped solve problems in her community.

**Isaac Reade** – PoD Touch (great side step and fast running)

**Isaac Reade** – PoD Basketball (good all round play)

**Madeleine Meurant** – Guitar, Outstanding Potential

**Sadie Meurant** – PoD Netball (Great defence)

**Pippa Allen** – PoD Netball

**Arlo McGregor** – Coaches Award Netball

**Year 4 Netball – Daffodils** *Another win (7-1), this time against the Westminster Opals. This takes the wins for the season to 3 from 4. Another cohesive effort by the ladies enabling the ball to regularly be delivered to Marika to score all of the goals for the team on the day. For this reason, Marika was named player of the day. Well done Daffodils!*

Report from Clifton Madgwick

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## FOUND

- A small, pink, child's purse was found on Friday by the school gate on Penzance Road. It has a distinct pattern on it and a sum of money inside. Please come to the office with details of the pattern and amount of money to claim it.
  - Westfield gift voucher found on the school grounds yesterday. Please come to the office to claim it if you believe it might be yours.
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## RECENT SCHOOL ACTIVITY

### Room 2 descriptive poems about animals

Last week, Room 2 enjoyed poetry writing. They chose similes or metaphors to describe characteristics of different parts of animals: - the body, voice or movement.

Please enjoy reading a small selection of them below.

#### *Lion began*

##### *Lion Began*

*He took the softness of a bunny rabbit  
He took the golden colour of a cheetah  
And make his skin*

##### *For his movement*

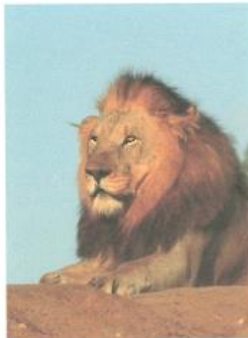
*He took the speed of a motorbike  
He took the quietness of a Tesla*

*He took the muscles of a bodybuilder  
He took the power of a dagger  
To make his strength*

##### *Finally for his teeth*

*He took the sharpness of a dagger  
He took the smoothness of polished wood  
And Lion was made*

*Jackson Smith*



### OWL BEGAN

OWL BEGAN

SHE TOOK THE COLOUR OF A BLACKHOLE,  
SHE TOOK THE COLDNESS OF SNOW  
AND MADE HER EYES

FOR HER BEAM  
SHE TOOK THE POINTINESS OF A SPIKE  
SHE TOOK THE SHARPNESS OF A NEEDLE

SHE TOOK THE SOFTNESS OF A PILLOW  
SHE TOOK THE PATTERN OF CRUSHED DIAMONDS  
TO MAKE HER BODY

FINALLY FOR HER VOICE  
SHE TOOK THE SCREECH OF A RAVEN  
SHE TOOK THE LOUD HOOT OF A HORN  
AND OWL WAS MADE

BY MEESOL

## Jaguar Began



##### Jaguar began

She took the blackness of night  
She took the shiniest jewels  
And made her coat.

##### For her movement

She took the sneakiness of a ninja  
She took the speed of a lightning bolt

She took the sharpness of a knife  
She took the colour of snow  
And made her teeth.

Finally for her eyes  
She took blackest ash  
She took the scariest stare  
And jaguar was made

By Alisha Solomon

## Koala began

By Isla McQueen

##### Koala began

She took the croak of a frog,  
She took the loudness of a train,  
She took the deepness of the sea waves  
And she made her voice.

##### For her movement,

She took the slowness of a snail,  
She took the laziness of a sloth,  
She took the crawl of a baby.

She took the grayness of a cloud,  
She took the hardness of a rock,  
She took the fluffiness of a feather,  
She took the whiteness of a white marshmallow,  
She took the coziness of cotton wool  
And made her skin.

##### Finally for her eyes,

She took the beediness of a hawk's eye,  
She took the darkness of the night sky,  
She took the shininess of a star  
and koala was made.

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## PARISH NEWS

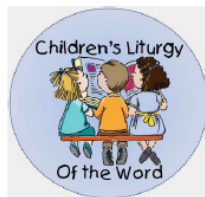
**Tuesday Morning CATCH-UP:** Join us at the White Flower Café, Browns Bay on Tuesday between 9.30 & 11.00am. If anyone would like to join us. This is an opportunity just to meet socially & chat.



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

**VACANCY: Operations Manager.** The Catholic Parishes Of St Heliers & Glendowie, Auckland The Catholic Parishes of St Heliers and Glendowie are entering a co-operative phase under the leadership of one Parish Priest. The Parishes are looking to appoint an Operations Manager. Confidential inquiries and applications to Karla, [office@glendowiecatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@glendowiecatholic.org.nz) Tel: 09 575 9296. Applications close 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**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**

### **Candle Project**

Fr Alejandro would like to prepare candles for our parishioners again.



You can support this project by donating towards the material in a special koha during Masses on the weekend of 26/27 November. Koha boxes will be displayed in the churches.

You can also donate to the parish account with your pledge number and the reference "Candles":

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### 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