



Week 6, Term 4
22 November 2022



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

Kia ora whānau

Please excuse the brevity of this week's newsletter, today has been hectic in the extreme as we moved out of the administration block and into Room 14 and the hall.

You can now find us in the following locations in Room 14 which is located opposite the hall:

- The school office (Mrs Bridges) in the room up the wooden ramp.
- Mrs Nash and Mrs Ball in the room up the two wooden steps.
- Miss Binns and I in the room facing the back court and turning circle.
- Sick bay in the room behind the new school office space adjoining Mrs Bridges.

School End-of-Year Mass

and

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday, 7th December
at 11.00am

St. John's Church

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*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADVENT



Sunday, 27th November marks the beginning of Advent, a time for preparing for the coming of Christ. Each class has an Advent wreath and on Friday at 11.00am at St John's Church they will be blessed by Fr. Alejandro. It is a special part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The Advent wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with four candles, three purple and one rose. The candles symbolise the light of Christ coming into the world. Each candle is first lit on the appropriate Sunday of Advent, and then the candles may be lit each

day as a part of the individual's or family's daily prayers.

The candles have been given various names:

Candle 1. Hope [purple] Candle 2. Peace [purple] Candle 3. Joy [rose] Candle 4. Love [purple]

Taken from <http://www.churchyear.net/adventwreath.html>

Laura Baddeley – DRS

Thanks to the great growing conditions our Garden to Table programme is producing lots of lovely vegetables, in fact, much more than we can use during the children's classes.

We will therefore be having a sale of the excess produce

tomorrow (Wednesday, 22nd November) at the end of the school day (approx. 2.30 – 3.15pm) outside the school office block next to Room 4.

Please bring cash!



Many thanks to those families who have recently signed into their Kindo accounts www.mykindo.co.nz and finalised payments for 2022.



There are still various items outstanding across the school and we would greatly appreciate your attention to these as soon as possible so that end of year accounts can be reconciled.

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE

The pool is now open for swimming – THANK YOU Mr Dixon!

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.

ATHLETICS DAY

St John's School Athletics day by Billy Hogan, Auckland Millennium Stadium

On November 16th St John's School had their annual Athletics day at the Millennium Stadium.

Under the blazing hot sun, the kids were throwing, jumping, running, and cheering as all of the parents came to watch. The students are very grateful for this event to go ahead because in recent years it has been cancelled due to the weather.

Claire Taylor, one of the teachers at St John's School, exclaimed, "It was awesome to see the event going again after a two-year pause, the weather was a bonus too". Isaac O'Brien, one of the students at St John's School, said

"It was a very fun way to go out and do some exercise."

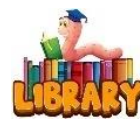
Overall, the day was a complete success, and the kids loved competing for their house groups.

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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LIBRARY NEWS



Congratulations to our very first **GOLD Student Librarians!**



Their diligence to achieve their gold badge has been consistent.

They, and all the Year 6 Student Librarians this year have been absolute stars and I thank them for their hard work and assistance.

REMINDER that the library will be closed from 23/11/22 and **ALL** books are expected to be returned. An email is required for any lost books.



Thanks to the hard work of Fran Gilchrist and her daughter Lila, all classes received their Scholastic Lucky Book Club orders on Monday. If anyone has not received their order yet, please firstly check with your child and in their classroom and then email Chantelle Dunn at Library@simb.school.nz with details of what is missing.

Year One Author Visit

We were lucky to be chosen for a Storylines author again this year. We were blessed to receive Laura Shallcrass author and an award-winning illustrator. Creator of the beautiful Hare and Ruru. Laura has two other books that complete this picture book trilogy, with one released two days ago. Laura read a couple of her books to the children, had them sitting listening to silence, and drawing their peaceful place.



CONGRATULATIONS

On 23rd October, Ella Lester was included in the Land Rover Mascots Program during the Women's Rugby World Cup. Ella was given the opportunity to lead the England Women's team onto the pitch with the England Captain prior to their match against South Africa.

Year 4 Netball, The Daffodils: *The ladies played another superb game on Saturday. A player down for a good part of the game along with playing against a testosterone advantaged team, the Daffodils went on to win 7-2. This was certainly in part to Martina's strong leadership on the court constantly dominating through ball snatching, intercepting, and playing physically resulting in the Daffodils maintaining territory and ball procession for the win. As a result, **Martina Mena was named player of the day.** Well done Daffodils!!*
Report from Clifton Madgwick.



Annabelle Zeng – PoD Netball



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, are looking to appoint an Operations Manager. Confidential inquiries and applications to Karla, office@glendowiecatholic.org.nz tel 09-575 9296 . Applications close Dec 15th

Candle Project:

Fr Alejandro would like to prepare candles for our parish 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":

East Coast Bays Parish, Account: 02-0100-0120958-018 (BNZ)



ADVENT RECONCILIATION:

East Coast Bays parish; Tuesday 29th November; 7pm at St. John's Church

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 Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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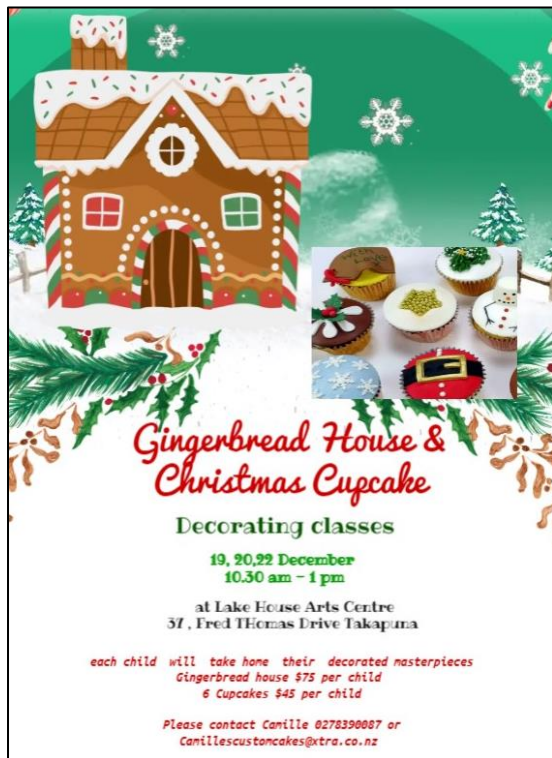
When: Weekdays after school or Saturday mornings. **Where:** Murrays Bay Intermediate School. **Start date:** 11th February 2023. **Cost:** \$150 - \$250 for the whole year (this includes book hire but NOT instrument hire).

Age: Group lessons are open to 6 - 12 year olds but there are [age requirements](#) for some instruments.

Instruments offered: Bass, Guitar, Ukulele, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard, Trumpet, Recorder, Flute, and Cello. Drums, Violin, and Viola classes TBC. Click [here](#) to find more about each instrument.

Enrolments for 2023 will open on the 1st of December and need to be completed through Kindo. If you haven't already, make sure you have an account. **Spaces are limited and some of our instruments have sold out within the first 48 hours! So avoid disappointment and get in quick!**

Any troubleshooting solutions will be online at www.mbmusic.org or email mbmusic@mbi.school.nz with any questions. Please check our [website](#) for more information.



Gingerbread House & Christmas Cupcake
Decorating classes
19, 20, 22 December
10.30 am - 1 pm
at Lake House Arts Centre
37, Fred Thomas Drive Takapuna

each child will take home their decorated masterpieces
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MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES 2023
TIME 3pm to 4.30pm WHERE Milford (Waterwise Bldg)
COST \$179 term WHEN Start Feb 13th

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