



Week 8, Term 4
06 December 2022



Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoāni

The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau

This is our last newsletter for 2022, and my last newsletter as Principal of St John's School. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the St John's community over the last 6 years. I thank you all for your support, caring and commitment to our school, and to me personally.

I would like to thank our incredible staff who have worked so hard for the children and the community over the year. It has been lovely to be able to be back onsite this year and return to a more normalised version of school. Our children have continued to amaze me with their ability to adapt and bounce back from the last few years of uncertainty and I would like to congratulate them, and our teaching staff, on the outstanding academic results they have achieved.

I do hope that we all able to take some time to be with family and friends this festive season, whether that be at home or abroad. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year. Be happy, be safe and I wish you all the very best in the year ahead.

END OF YEAR MASS

Tomorrow, we gather to celebrate the end of another successful year with our traditional End of Year Mass and our Year 6 Graduation. This year we will also be taking this opportunity to farewell Mrs Trainor. You are welcome to join us at 11am, Wednesday 7th December in the Church.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR 2022 on Wednesday, 14th December at 12:00 noon

School buses will not be running, please make arrangements for your child/ren to be collected promptly at midday.

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 1 – Tuesday, 31st January – Thursday, 6th April

Term 2 – Monday, 24th April – Friday, 30th June

Term 3 – Monday, 17th July – Friday, 22nd September

Term 4 – Monday, 9th October to Date TBC

END OF YEAR REPORTS

These will be coming home with the children on the last day of school. Please look out for the envelope in your child's bag. If, for any reason, your child is not at school on the last day, these will be posted to your home address. Included in the report is information specifying what room your child will be in for 2023.

God bless,
Viki Trainor – *Principal*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Advent Prayer

This week, we light the second candle of our advent wreaths. This candle symbolises peace.

*Dear Jesus,
you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace.
This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of
ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace.
Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter,
especially those who need it most.
Amen.*

Liturgical dance clothing sewer required

Looking ahead to 2023, we require a couple of parents who would kindly help sew up some liturgical dance skirts and possibly other items. Please contact laurab@simb.school.nz if you would be happy to support Mrs Baddeley this next year.

Laura Baddeley - DRS

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE

You are offered a family key to take advantage of the pool for family swimming after school and over the Summer holidays. 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.

LOST PROPERTY

If you have lost any items over the term, please take a moment to have a look in the lost property bin located in R14. **At the end of the term any items that are unnamed and not claimed will either be donated for sale in our second Hand Uniform sales or to a suitable charity.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Orlaith Burns – PoD Touch (scored two tries)

Isla McQueen – PoD Netball

6th place Individual overall – Gymnastics.

1st Team - Gymnastics.

Lucy McQueen – 4th place Individual overall – Gymnastics.

3rd place Individual Vault – Gymnastics.

Yr4 Netball – Daffodils: This week we played against the Torbay Suns, a team of very tall players to whom we lost heavily against during the winter comp. This time, however, we drew 3 all and would have won if it was not for a last minute goal by Torbay. Nevertheless, it felt like a win given how much team has progressed. Isla was instrumental during the game at being in the right place at the right the time to ensure we maintained territorial and procession dominance and for this, she was named player of the day. Well done Isla!!

2023 BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY



Back to school stationery – order now!

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes — plus, you'll get a FREE A4 Magnetic Whiteboard Family Organiser*.

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You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Laybuy* is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments and still get your order right away. Plus you'll be helping our school earn school rewards* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1.

So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today and give them the best start possible.

* Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.

If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Anneliese Bridges in the office, email: office@sjmb.school.nz (this email address will also be checked sporadically over the summer holidays) or speak directly to the helpful team at Officemax.

For New Entrant children joining St John's between Term 2 and 4 and **for additional stationery items** needed throughout the year for all year levels, these will still be available to purchase from the school office.

SCHOOL LEAVERS 2022

School Leavers

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.



If your new school is NOT on the list, use the 'close account' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to St John's or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

FROM THE BEGINNING OF 2023 Please ensure you login to your Kindo account regularly to make payments for Back to School expenses, Trip permission forms, Sports Registrations etc. **Termly School Fees will continue to be dealt with separately** by Mrs Michele Nash, michelen@sjmb.school.nz

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Once again we are welcoming the opportunity to use EZ Covers. EZ Covers are a simple and unique way to cover school exercise books. They are reusable, non toxic, PVC free and made right here in NZ. You can order your covers in a few easy steps

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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: **De Paul House: Experienced Social Worker or Community Worker.** De Paul House have provided housing and family support services for those most vulnerable in our community for over 36 years. We are looking for a caring & experienced social worker or community support worker with a passion for people. Bachelor or Master's degree in social work or psychotherapy, occupational therapy or other related mental health field with at least 3 years social work experience and/or appropriate community worker experience. Registered social worker with SWRB NZ or registered health professional under the HPCA Act **Full details on** <https://www.depaulhouse.org.nz/work-with-us> Please submit your CV and cover letter to admin@depaulhouse.org.nz Applications close 11 December 2022. De Paul House, 92 Onewa Road, Northcote.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:

PARENTS WANTING THEIR FIRST CHILD

BAPTISED. held at St John's Church;

Tuesday December 6th; 7:15pm.

Attendance is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their 1st child baptised. Email liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz

ECB CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022


Dec. 24: 5.30pm Children's Mass; St. Francis

Dec.24: 8.15pm Carols & Mass; St. John's

NO MIDNIGHT MASS this year

Dec. 25: 7.30am Mass; St. Francis

Dec. 25: 9.00am Mass; St. John's



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2022

- Our Tree is now in the church foyer.
- Please choose an angel from the tree.
- Buy a suitable gift for a boy or girl in the age range described on the back of the angel.
- Place the gift in a gift bag either under the tree or drop it into the parish office **before Sunday 10th December.**
- the gifts will go to children in poorer parishes / whose parents can't afford gifts.

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16 - 25 year olds

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www.nsym.org.nz

Basketball Holiday Camp

When:
Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 Dec 2022
Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 Jan 2023

Age Groups:
School Year 3-4 (mornings): 9-11.45am
School Year 5-6 (afternoons): 12.30-3.15pm
(limited numbers so book in quickly)

Cost:
\$30 for morning session
\$30 afternoon session

Where:
Westlake Girls High School Gym 3
(entrance from Smales Farm)

Adults will be on site to supervise the young coaches.



Hi, I am EK, 15 years old and in year 10. I am off to Guam in November to represent NZ.

Hi, I am Amy, 16 years old and in year 11. I have represented NZ in Jordan and Hungary this year.

Amy and EK are Westlake students who are fundraising for a basketball trip to Melbourne in late January and are running basketball camps for school years 3-6 (boys and girls) in these summer holidays. Both are NZ selected players, and recently won a national title with their Westlake Premier Team, first time in the school's history.

For more information and to book a slot please email: basketballcampnz@gmail.com