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2023

NEWSLETTER

Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoāni

The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau

It has been a wonderful last few weeks at school and there has been so much happening. Of particular note were Pink Shirt Day, where we focussed as a whole school on the importance of showing kindness to each other, our school Fun Run and our very first Whānau Evening Mass. It is lovely to be able to come together as a community to celebrate in different ways as well as enriching the curriculum for the children. We have many other exciting events coming up in the next few weeks as well.



If you have been onsite over the last couple of days you may have seen that our contractors have returned to restart work on our Administration Block. There is some remedial work to be done on the exterior including a brand new roof going over the whole block. We have been informed that we should be blessing the building by the end of November.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Tayler McGregor, who has been appointed as our New Entrant teacher for Room 10 when it opens next term and Mrs Katrina Little, who will be teaching full time in Room 7 for the remainder of the year.

Thank You!



With Winter sports well underway, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our fabulous co-ordinators, coaches and managers who have volunteered and give up their precious time to support our teams. From the early morning trainings, WhatsApp groups, managing the rosters to the side line support... you are amazing.

Without your generosity our children would not be able to participate in the multitude of sports that they do. On behalf of the children, their whānau, the school and myself... THANK YOU!

Just a friendly reminder to check your Kindo account as there are a number of items outstanding, some from last year. If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding your school account, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office. They will be able to provide you with the necessary information and guidance.

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PROGRESS UPDATES AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Written progress updates will be coming home on Friday 16th June. These will be followed up with Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday 21st June. To provide the opportunity for all parent who wish to attend a conference to do so, **school will be finishing at 12:30pm on Wednesday 21st June.** Bookings for the conferences will be open next week. Please keep an eye out in your emails for the link.

HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL CARPARKS

A couple of reminders to make sure our tamariki remain safe... We ask that **all drivers keep speed down to 5km/hr** when entering and exiting the school carparks as there are many children around and cars entering and exiting parking spots.

I also stress the importance of **using the pathways provided** rather than walking through the middle of the turning circle. We ask that you **do not call your children to you across the carpark**, but rather collect them using the paths as we try to reinforce safe practices around vehicles. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PTFA FUN RUN



On a gloriously sunny day, we had our amazing Fun Run fundraiser on the school grounds last Friday. The children had been raising funds with online Raise It accounts. We are so excited to announce that as a school they raised \$14 278. Thank you to the 180 students who created fundraising accounts and to all the students who had lots of fun.

The participation levels were high across the school as the children ran around (and around...and around) the school over, under and through various obstacles. Many children ran for the whole hour, others took a break between circuits in the dance circle and all children celebrated with a lollipop at the end, courtesy of the PTFA, to replenish their energy. It was a lovely time for the senior and junior buddies to be together, having fun.

The House that raised the most money was Liston House. They will enjoy a non-uniform day this Friday, 2nd June and some extra playtime.

Two students raised more than \$400 each and have won a portable Bluetooth speaker each in recognition of their efforts.

Thank you to the staff team for their contribution in organising and setting up the obstacle course. I would also like to thank all the whānau supporters who came and cheered the children on.



KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

Next Term the school will be taking part in the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme. This is a personal safety programme, designed by New Zealand Police- Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa which aims to:

- teach students a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with other people, both online and face to face
- teach students how to recognise the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and encourage students who have been or are being abused to seek help
- prevent abuse by making parents and teachers more aware of their responsibilities to help students avoid abuse.

We invite parents to a meeting with our school Community Officer to find out more about Keeping Ourselves Safe.

The meeting will be held in the School Hall on Wednesday, June 14th at 2:00pm.

More information about the programme can also be found on the [NZ Police website](https://www.nzpolice.co.nz/keeping-ourselves-safe).



SCHOOL DUES

Following recent changes to the Operations Manual from the Diocese, and for St. John's School to be compliant, you will see on your Term 3 statement that both Term 3 and Term 4 Attendance Dues have been added to your accounts.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FEES HAVE NOT INCREASED AND ONLY THE FEES MARKED IN THE TERM THAT IS CURRENT ARE DUE FOR PAYMENT BY THE DUE DATE SHOWN ON THE INVOICE/STATEMENT

\$355 per term broken down as:

Attendance Dues	\$122.00
Parent Contribution Donation	\$178.50
Special Character Contribution Donation	\$12.50
School Development Contribution Donation	\$10.50
Local Schools Fixtures and Fittings Contribution Donation	\$31.50

Totalling \$355.00 per term. For families that have prepaid Term 3 and 4 and it is fully paid, you will not receive a statement. For families that have in part pre-paid Term 3, Attendance Dues are already showing and Term 4 will show but it is not due until Term 4. If you have any queries, please email my PA, michelen@sjmb.school.nz.

God bless,

Marina Binns.
Tumuaki – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CARITAS 'STOP IT' RICE CHALLENGE AND YCC NON-UNIFORM DAY



On Thursday, 29th June, we will be participating in the Caritas 'Stop it' Challenge. For this challenge we will be having a rice only lunch. The idea is for children to experience what it is like for many who are suffering in our world for one small moment. On this day, children do not need to bring their lunch to school. Instead, plain rice will be provided for each child. To help us be sustainable, it would be helpful if each child could please bring a container and spoon for their rice. We will have extras if they forget.

Preferential protection of the poor and vulnerable is a basic principle of Catholic social teaching: the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable must be put first. This Challenge reminds us that we are all one human family and are responsible for one another wherever in the world we may be. The Stop It Challenge represents an act of solidarity with those who live in poverty. All students will participate in a session led by Justine from Caritas on this day.



Friday, June 30, is Caritas YCC Day for all Catholic schools across Aotearoa NZ. We will be helping Oecusse School in Timor-Leste by having a non-uniform day for a gold coin. Our Bishops are excited about the event and about us all joining in solidarity with the school, which Caritas supports. Your gold coin will help provide working toilets for Oecusse School, which has more than 800 students and no working toilets. It's in great need of support to repair and replace broken, unsanitary toilet bowls; repair handwashing stations in the toilet facilities; and fix water pipes for supplying water to different areas in the school.

For further information please check out this [YouTube message from the Bishops](#) asking you to join Caritas YCC Day and the [Caritas YCC page](#).



Ngā mihi,
Laura Baddeley
Director of Religious Studies

GARDEN TO TABLE

It's been a wet start to the term in the garden. The children have been busy pulling out the last of our summer crops and preparing the beds for our winter vegetables.

We were lucky enough to win 100 free seedlings for the school. So at the moment we are busy filling the garden with lettuces, cabbage, cauliflower, silverbeet, broccoli and beetroot.

The children have been learning about composting, dividing material into groups of carbon, nitrogen, water and air. In the classroom we have our "Compost in a Jar".

In the kitchen the children have been making vegetable muffins, pesto from our winter greens, flatbreads, salads and citrus drinks.

Ange Moore



INCIDENTAL STATIONERY NEEDS

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In the past if a child has needed a new item of stationery during the school day these have been supplied by the school office and a note sent home to the child's caregiver requesting payment.

To avoid these messages and/or payments being missed these items will now be charged to your Kindo account.

As always, we appreciate, prompt payment for these and any other charges outstanding on your Kindo account.

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LIBRARY NEWS



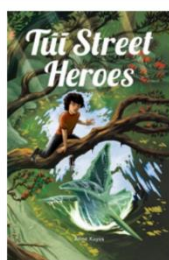
Author Anne Kayes

Yr 4-6 Visit
Thurs 15 June

Book Sale & Signing
Friday 16 June
12:30 pm Library



\$18.00



\$20.00



\$22.95

Term 2 Mystery Reader
Mr Mountjoy!



Calling All Book Lovers!

Thank you to all our awesome volunteers who help us out in the library. Our School Library relies on our team of volunteers to cover our collection of books, and we would appreciate your help if you are keen to join them. With 100s of new books being added to the library each year this will be an ongoing task. If you have a talent for book covering, we especially encourage you to join us. You can take the books and supplies home to complete the task or do it in the library. Bonus your family gets first eyes on the new books and can read them before returning. Please email Mrs Dunn in the library at Library@sjmb.school.nz to get

started.

We are also looking for a new volunteer to help with the Scholastic Lucky Book club orders. Please email: Library@sjmb.school.nz if you would like more information as to what this entails. However, FULL TRAINING will be provided.

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

SJMB BOOK BATTLE

Term two marked the start of the Year 5 & 6's Book Battle. This is optional for all students in Years 5 and 6.

There are 7 required books (2 copies of each will be in the school library).

The children may need adult assistance to find alternative copies (perhaps at local libraries or borrowing from friends) as these books will be in high demand this term. Please support your tamariki's knowledge of nursery rhymes and traditional stories.

All children will have access to the Google Classroom which is filled with digital escape rooms, Kahoots and quizzes that you might like to do as a family.

There will be small prizes for the children who make up the top 20 as decided by a quiz in the final week of term 2.

From this challenge, the top 10 will form two teams (two teams of four plus two reserves) who will represent St John's School at the North Shore Book Battle which takes place at Northcross Intermediate in August.



Looking for an easy and accessible way to stay up-to-date on all things sports related?

Look no further than our online registration and information hub, St John's Sports!

Our site offers a user-friendly platform for

- registering your child for upcoming sports leagues or interschool competitions
- links to league draws and results
- important information and dates about the sports we offer

Head to the Sports page on our school website

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL DISCO AND PARENT'S CASINO EVENING

The children's Disco is coming soon... Please diary Friday 21st July for this exciting event. Keep an eye out for an email before the end of term with details, including times and instructions on how to purchase tickets.

As mentioned at the end of last term, the Parents and Friends of the school have not been overlooked. We will be holding a social function for the "grown ups" – Casino Night on Saturday 22nd July (first weekend in Term 3.) The blackjack tables and roulette wheels are back for a fun night at the Casino. It was well supported and THE Parent Event of the Year in 2021 – don't be the one who misses out this time around!

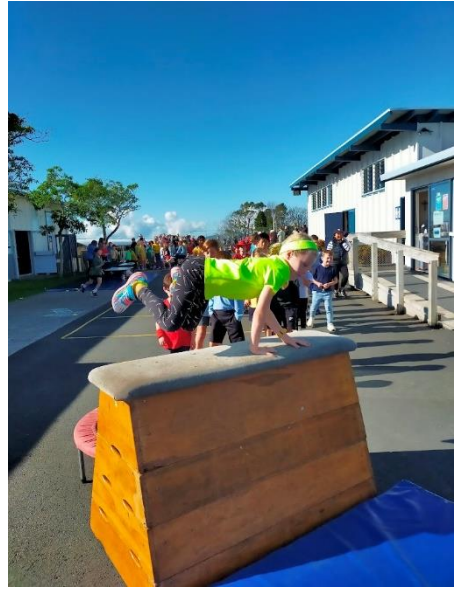
We would like to offer local businesses sponsorship opportunities at this fantastic Casino event. If you would like to sponsor a table please email ptfa@sjmb.school.nz

There will be the opportunity for you to emblazon a table with your company's logo and your brochures. Your logo will appear on all promotional material and communications. If you wish to supply the croupier with branded merchandise they will happily wear it. Pick your table and may luck be a lady tonight!

- Blackjack Table: \$400 (3 available)
- Roulette Table: \$300 (2 available)
- Crown and Anchor: \$200 (1 available)
- Mini Dice or Money Wheel (to be confirmed): \$200 (1 available)

SCHOOL FUN RUN







A TRIP TO THE MARITIME MUSEUM- YEAR 4

On Wednesday 17th May, we went to the Maritime Museum with Rooms Two and Three. We waited a long time for the bus, then finally it came and took us to the Maritime Museum.

When we got there, we had morning tea and then a teacher called Leichelle told us we were going on a boat. The boat was named Ted Ashby. Luca and some other people pulled up the sail. We saw some specially made disabled boats for disabled people. Then we went under the Harbour Bridge. We saw some bungee jumpers jumping off the Harbour Bridge. It was scary!

When we got back to the Maritime Museum, we took our life jackets off and gave them to Room Three. We went back inside and learnt the Te Reo Māori names for north, south, east and west. We learned about the different ways that people could get to New Zealand- like the wind and the currents. Then we played a game that we play every Wednesday with Room Three.

After the game, we ran outside to see the cannon. It was very loud and instead of a bomb, it was paper. The paper burned up into pieces and I saw some black stuff inside the paper. After the cannon, we walked back into the classroom area and the teacher showed us a video of the educator workshop. We went into a room that was dedicated to Captain Cook and saw some maps that he had made. Next, we walked back into a room that was like a boat and moved. It made me feel sick. I liked heading under the New Zealand racing boat called Black Magic. It was cool! We headed back to the classroom area finally and we walked out of the Maritime Museum to go back on the bus.

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Year 4- Room 2



On the 17th May (last Wednesday), I travelled with Room Three and Room Two to the Maritime Museum. I was very excited. First, Mrs Baddeley put us into groups. I was with Evelyn, Hugo and Noel. Then we hopped on a very long bus. After what seemed like hours, we finally arrived at the Maritime Museum.

A woman named Leichelle welcomed us, she spoke in English and Te Reo Māori. After that, we had morning tea in the museum. I had chips, apple and rice.

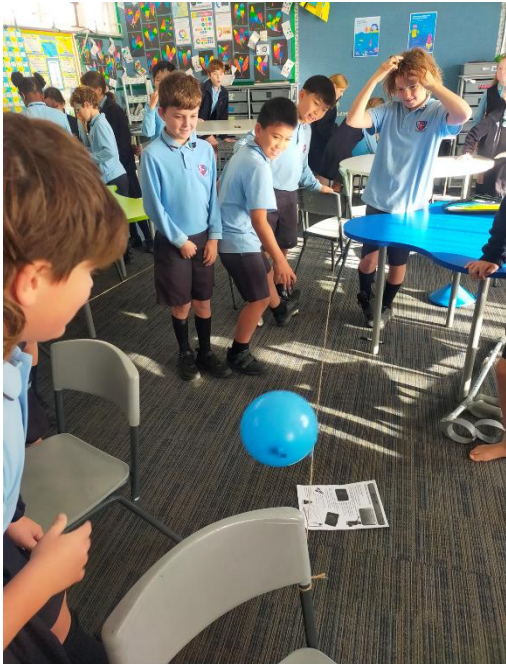
Next, we went on a boat called the Ted Ashby and this was my favourite part. We had to put on lifejackets, so if we fell off the boat then we wouldn't drown. The boat was wobbly and I was scared. On the boat, we helped pull up the sail. I also got to stand at the front of the boat. We went under the Harbour Bridge and saw people bungee jumping off it! Silvia (my friend) said that she wants to jump off the bridge too. After that, we had lunch and mine was very yummy.

Next, we learned how people used to navigate a long time ago when there weren't compasses. We also learned some Māori words. Then, we went to hear the cannon and it was so loud that I nearly jumped. We also went to see the rest of the galleries. There was a room that shook like the inside of a boat and a room about whaling. It was amazing! Finally, it was time to go back to school. I almost fell asleep on the bumpy bus. Have you ever been to the Maritime Museum? Did you like it?

Jingyi
Year 4- Room 2



BALLOON ROCKETS SCIENCE IN R6



PINK SHIRT DAY





